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Good morning

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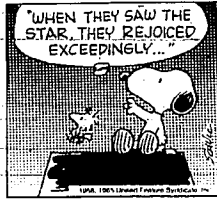
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The Electoral College met Monday, as the Constitution dictates, and cast its official votes for Bill Clinton. This time it was a landslide.
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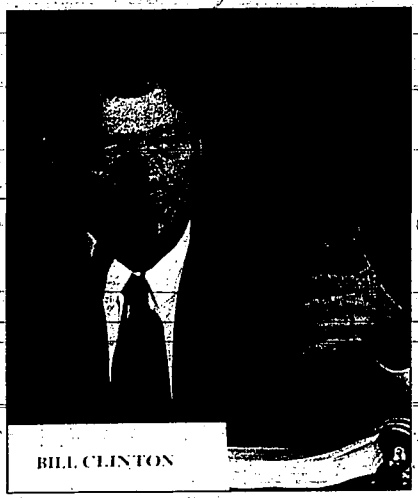
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Seminar aims to make Clinton's case



President-elect Bill Clinton addresses participants at his economic conference in Little Rock, Ark.

By Martin Crousinger
The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Americans who tuned in Monday to Bill Clinton's conference were treated to what amounted to a graduate-level electronic chalk talk by some of the country's top economic thinkers.

In five-minute snatches, they laid out the broad outlines for what is likely to become the economic game plan of the next administration. They weren't making a case to Clinton, but making Clinton's case to America.

During the opening day, there were no surprises. The broad themes had a familiar ring: Increase investment in roads and other public works projects, and promptly attack income inequality, reform the health care system, don't forget the poor.

All were components of Clinton's presidential platform.

But instead of being delivered in the hurly-burly of a political campaign, there was notable unanimity among the 329 invited conference participants.

Watching the session, one could not help but think that Clinton will have no problem getting Congress to enact his program in record time.

However, the key word is "invited." The participants were

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handpicked. Supply-side economists need not apply.

The economists who made presentations supported Clinton during the campaign. Even John White, the architect of Ross Perot's budget austerity plan, switched in the closing weeks of the campaign and became a Clinton supporter.

Members of Congress, the people who will have to enact Clinton's program were not on the guest list. The Clinton people planned it that way.

While they insisted that the conference would be used to help Clinton's team make the final decisions in crafting his program, the real goal of these sessions was to build support in the heartland for the changes Clinton has already decided to make.

Thus, the nationally broadcast sessions should be viewed more as a national teach-in on Clinton's economic program than a brainstorming session to come up with new solutions.

Robert Solow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology struck a down-home note when he began his discussions by saying the current

situation reminded him of what he once heard about an Army officer — Lieutenant X. He knows a lot but he don't realize nothing."

Solow said it was time for the country to "start realizing."

He and others said the country is in the fix it's in because it has been unable to boost productivity — the number of hamburgers, cars and medical services Americans produce per hour of work.

The answer, according to the speakers, was the Clinton campaign song — step up investments in infrastructure and worker training.

Alicia Haydock Munnell, an expert on investment at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, offered her theory about why productivity growth is on the slide: because the government has not invested enough in such key areas as roads, bridges and airports. More music to Clinton's ears.

Listening to the various speakers, it sounded so simple: Adopt the Clinton program and stand back and watch the economy spring to life. But one cautionary note was sounded by Princeton economist Alan Blinder.

Quoting Albert Einstein, Blinder said, "Everything should be made as simple as possible, but not more so."

Rural residents vote today on fire districts

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — County residents can vote in the rural fire district elections from noon to 8 p.m. today, said Twin Falls County Clerk Bob Fort.

Residents of the unincorporated county and the cities of Murtaugh, Hollister and Rogerson can vote in the elections. Residents of the cities of Buhl, Filer, Kimberly, Hansen and Twin Falls cannot vote in the elections, Fort said.

People who are not sure which proposed fire district they live in can call the county clerk's office at 736-4004, or check at the polling places, Fort said.

If you call the clerk's office, you need to know your grid system address coordinates, he said. Voters also should know their grid address so election clerks can make sure they are voting in the correct district election, Fort said.

Residents can vote at the following places:

- Buhl Rural Fire Protection District - Buhl Grange Hall.
- Filer Rural Fire Protection District - Filer High School.
- ROGERS Creek Rural Fire Protection District - Hansen City Hall.
- Salmon Tract Rural Fire Protection District - Hollister Grange Hall.
- Twin Falls Rural Fire Protection District annexation - the Twin Falls City Fire Department Substation No. 3 on South Washington Street.

Each polling place will have a map of the proposed fire district and a printout from the assessor's office listing properties in the proposed district, Fort said.

Voters must be 18 U.S. citizens and residents of the proposed fire district for at least 30 days. You need not be a registered voter to vote in the fire district elections.

Kimberly schools reach tentative contract terms

By Julie Fanslow
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — If all goes well, Kimberly teachers will begin Christmas break knowing they have a brand-new, first-ever master contract.

The contract apparently won't mean much of a raise, for Kimberly's instructional staff among the state's lowest paid.

But one provision ensures that if the district gets an increase in state funding, most extra dollars will go to boost teacher salaries.

The district's 72 teachers will meet early Wednesday to discuss and vote on a tentative agreement reached by school administrators and representatives of the Kimberly Education Association.

It happens. OK, the pact, it will go before the School Board for a vote on Thursday. The board will meet at 6 p.m. in the Kimberly High School library.

Both sides expressed satisfaction with the apparent resolution of contract talks, which started during the summer and ended in a final five-hour bargaining session last Wednesday.

"It's been very amicable," Superintendent John Garner said Monday. "Nobody yelled and screamed at each other. They got a little annoyed at times, but that's part of the process, and there were handshakes and hugs all around the table after we were finished."

"The teachers have copies and are looking it over right now," said Paul Rosenberg, a middle school teacher and president of the Kimberly teachers' union. "I was real happy we were able to meet and keep talking."

Details of the contract were not available pending the teachers' vote.

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Last-minute looters busy as Baidoa awaits Marines

Knight-Ridder News Service

BAIDOA, Somalia — The last of the big armed Toyotas in evidence is squatting on the main road into town like a toad, its occupants gesturing almost pathetically for food or loose Somali currency.

The Marines are coming. Everyone here in the heart of the Somali famine zone knows it.

Maybe today, maybe Wednesday — the military is not saying for sure. But there were signs of activity on the road between Mogadishu and Baidoa on Monday that suggested it would be sooner rather than later.

In town, the people cheered wildly at any vehicle containing outsiders ("They think you are Marines," one local aid worker remarked), and children clap and surround anyone who ventures into one of this desperate city's squalid refugee camps.

"We have been waiting since the last two weeks," said Abduallah Amin Sheikh, 32, a worker at one of the city's bustling orphanages. "The eyes go up as soon as the jets fly over."

Reconnaissance planes were flying over the city most of Monday afternoon, as they had been for several days. In the markets, in the feeding centers, along virtually every one of Baidoa's rubble-filled streets, the people would stop and gaze into the sky at the sound of a jet, staring up long after the sound had receded into the distance.

The armed thugs are staying off the city streets these days, coming in only late in the afternoon to attack various aid compounds — bursting in and strafing them with automatic weapons fire — in a last-ditch attempt to gather loot before the Marines hit town and put them



Marine MP Jason Smith catches a Somali attempting to steal a bag of relief grain in the port area of Mogadishu on Monday. The man was ejected from the area.

Along the road to Baidoa - D7

out of business.

Several reports have come out of Baidoa in recent days indicating that the security situation had deteriorated, that shootings and attacks were on the rise. In fact, according to the director of the town's only hospital, the opposite is true.

"The number of gunshot has gone down," said Abduallah Sheikh, Hussein Sanka. "And I hope also when the Marines arrive, it will be the end of it."

and again we doctors can be treating the diseases and not the bullets.

If the number of gunshot wounds has gone down, why has there been such an outcry in recent days about the security problems posed by the delay in the Marines' arrival? Perhaps because now these being attacked are foreign workers.

"These bandits are eager to get as much as they can out of the aid agencies, and also settle a few old scores, before something like this, and order returns," said Lockton Morrissey, 34, CARE's director.

Loynd drops bid to unseat successor as prosecutor



The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Lincoln County Prosecutor Lyon Loynd has decided not to continue a lawsuit that sought to disqualify the woman who defeated him in November's general election, a 5th District judge said Monday.

Judge Daniel Meehl said Loynd appeared in Meehl's court Monday afternoon and said he would not attempt to legally prevent

Jennifer Brown from becoming county prosecuting attorney next month.

Loynd, a 55-year-old Republican from Richfield, lost to Brown, a write-in candidate and a newcomer to the county, by about 500 votes.

The judge said Loynd told the court Monday he didn't want to cause problems for Brown by continuing the legal action, which he filed late last month.

Neither Loynd, Lincoln County's chief

lawyer since 1987, nor his lawyer, William Hoffield of Twin Falls, could be reached for comment Monday. Meehl said he would dismiss the suit after Hoffield files a motion.

In his complaint, Loynd contended Brown had not lived in Lincoln County long enough before the election to qualify to take office in January.

Brown, a 38-year-old 5th District Court

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The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 15.

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Electoral college performs job with expected Clinton landslide

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's real voters cast their ballots Monday in a presidential contest with zero suspense.

A Bill Clinton landslide was as inevitable as grumbling about the cumbersome Electoral College system.

Clinton and running mate Al Gore were to receive 370 of 538 electoral votes from electors who participated in ceremonies Monday in 50 state capitals and the District of Columbia.

There were no reports of voting discrepancies, but the outcome does not become official until the results are formally presented to a joint session of Congress on Jan. 6. And then, finally, Clinton will be the official president-elect.

Four states — Arkansas, California, Ohio and Colorado — didn't certify their popular vote totals until Monday. With the last figures in, election expert Curtis Gans put overall turnout at 55.23 percent of the voting-age population — the highest since 1968.

Many consider the Electoral College an outdated practice from when the elite kept a firm grip on the nation's political life and the country would be better off if presidents were elected directly.

The Electoral College events ranged from perfunctory document-signing to elaborate meals, with electors generally paid mileage and a small fee to show up. New York and Missouri staged fancy lunches. In South Dakota, voters were limited to commemorative pens and framed photographs.

"I would have provided a sack lunch except for the fact that I've got to catch a plane in 12 minutes," joked South Dakota Gov. George Mickelson, one of the state's three Republican electors. The other two lunched in the Capitol's basement cafeteria.

Arkansas staged an equally modest but nonetheless emotional event for the official crowning of its native son. Its six electors cast their votes for the Clinton-Gore ticket during a 14-minute ceremony in the Old State Supreme Court Room of the Capitol. Harold Jinks of Piggot called it "one of the proudest moments of my life." He is nearly 87.

In New Hampshire, where Clinton salvaged his candidacy with a second-place primary finish, state Democratic chairman Chris Sprou

also got emotional. "Who would believe that a shepherd boy from Bethlehem of Greece would be voting for the leader of the free world?" asked Sprou, a naturalized citizen.

Some Democrats couldn't help exulting at a victory they considered long overdue. "To think what 25 years we waited for a day like this," said Helena Degnan, 86, of Providence, R.I. "This was a real letter day in my life."

There were, of course, many smiles where Republican electors were voting for a defeated candidate.

Some joked about it.

"I've ridden some dead horses into battle, but this may be the dearest," said Jerry Lammers, where Republican electors were voting for a defeated candidate.

Emily Phillips of Columbia, S.C., showed up for her ceremony wearing a sweatshirt that read: "Don't blame me, I voted for Bush." But one of her fellow electors, Charles Appleby of Florence, said that "this is a depressing time for us."

No Electoral College voting day would be complete without complaints about the system, ordained by the Constitution.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — Snow was reported in some areas in western Idaho Monday afternoon, the Idaho Department of Transportation said.

Idaho Highway 21 remained closed between Lowman and Banner Summit due to avalanche danger. Road conditions:

U.S. 95 — Riggin-Whitebird Hill, dry; Grangeville-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Moscow, wet, rain; Weiser-Lewiston, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, wet, icy spots, snowing; Lookout Pass, wet, broken snow floor, rain, snowing.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, wet, rain; Kooskia-Lowell, icy spots, snowing; Lowell-Lolo Pass, icy spots, snow floor, snowing.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, wet.

Interstate 20 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, icy spots; Donnelly-New Meadows, broken snow floor.

Idaho 2 — Boise-Tullock City, dry, icy spots; Boise-Home-Fairfield, icy spots; Fairfield-Carey, dry; Carey-Ashton, icy spots, fog; Ashton-Montana line, icy spots, snow floor, broken snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, snow floor, icy spots, broken snow floor; Blackfoot-Arco, broken snow floor.

Idaho 51 — Icy spots, drifting.

U.S. 93 — Nevada Line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, icy spots; Lost Trail Pass, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, snow floor.

Interstate 86 — Dry.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, dry, icy spots; Dubois-Paice, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor.

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, icy spots; Soda Springs-Wyoming line, icy spots, wet, drifting.

U.S. 91 — Dry.

Interstate 20 — Icy spots.

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3060; Boise, 334-3731; Pocatello 232-1426; Idaho Falls 522-5141; Utah 801-964-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Elders to become surgeon general

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — President-elect Clinton has asked Arkansas Health Director Joycelyn Elders to become U.S. surgeon general, and she has accepted, two Democrats said Monday.

Elders, a liberal in member of

Clinton's state Cabinet since 1987, was offered the position over the weekend.

Elders, 59, a Little Rock pediatrician, would replace Dr. Antonia Novello as head of the government's Public Health Service.

IDAHO Weather

Tuesday, Dec. 15
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

COOR D'Alene 29
Lewiston 35
Boise 29
Idaho Falls 23
Twin Falls 32
Pocatello 25

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Temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	34	22	0.00
Atlanta	41	31	0.00
Boston	50	40	0.00
Chicago	32	26	0.00
Dallas	44	41	2.45
Denver	33	5	0.04
Dos Moines	36	33	0.73
Detroit	45	31	0.00
Honolulu	84	63	0.00
Houston	69	47	0.89
Indianapolis	40	31	0.00
Knoxville	41	38	0.89
Las Vegas	49	35	0.00
Los Angeles	67	43	0.00
Memphis	62	41	0.00
Miami Beach	73	64	0.00
Milwaukee	37	31	0.00
Minneapolis	34	23	0.04
New Orleans	71	57	0.30
New York	42	34	0.00
Oklahoma City	36	32	0.83
Omaha	32	27	0.19
Phoenix	58	39	0.00
Pittsburgh	48	25	0.00
Portland, Me.	35	26	0.00
Portland, Ore.	49	42	0.29
Reno	41	19	0.00
St. Louis	49	31	0.00

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Sunset today 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:02 a.m.
Lunar phases: Last quarter
Dec. 16; new Dec. 23; first quarter Dec. 31; new Jan. 8.

Twin Falls

Yesterday 28 14
Last year 34 17
Normal 41 22

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Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	32	27	0.00
Burley	27	17	0.00
Hagerman	28	18	0.00
Idaho Falls	19	16	0.00
Lewiston	44	32	0.02
McCall	28	3	0.00
Pocatello	24	14	0.00
Salmon	27	14	0.00
Sun Valley	20	3	0.00

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Today breezy. Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of snow. Highs in the lower 30s. Westerly winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight partly cloudy. Lows 9 above to the teens. Wednesday fair. Highs near 30.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Today cloudy. Snow likely. Accumulation 1 to 2 inches. Highs in the mid-20s. Tonight partly cloudy. A chance of snow. Lows 3 below to 3 above. Wednesday partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-20s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho — Thursday cloudy. Snow likely west. A good chance of snow east. Lows mostly teens east and 20s west. Highs in the mid-20s and 30s. Friday mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers. Lows in the lower teens to lower 20s. Highs mid-20s and 30s. Saturday mostly cloudy. Scattered snow showers. Lows in the single digits to around 20. Highs 20 to 30.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah — Today mostly cloudy with occasional snow during the morning. Highs upper 20s to low 30s. Occasional northerly winds 10-20 mph. Tonight and Wednesday partly cloudy and cold with a few snow flurries near the mountains. Highs in 20s. Lows in 8-15. Occasional northerly winds 10-20 mph.

Elko County — Today mostly cloudy east with a chance of light snow mainly over the mountains. Mostly sunny west. Highs upper 20s to lower 40s. Tonight cold. Fair skies west and partly cloudy skies east. Lows from near zero to the mid-teens. Wednesday partly cloudy west and mostly sunny east. Cooler with highs from the mid-20s to the mid-30s.

Weather summary

A cold front continued to move southward from northern Idaho Monday, creating some rain and snow showers in the Lewiston area around mid-day, the National Weather Service said.

Southeast Idaho was receiving light snow during the morning hours from the low clouds in that part of the state. Light rain and snow will continue in areas of the Gem State as the cold front passes southward.

More substantial precipitation was expected to reach northern and central Idaho over night as another Pacific storm system moved into the area.

The warmest temperature in the state Monday was 47 degrees at Emmett. St. Anthony reported the coldest at 19 degrees below zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the highest temperature was 78 degrees at Fort Myers, Hollywood and Naples, Fla. The lowest was 20 degrees below zero at Alamosa, Colo.

Visible planets

Evening: Venus, Saturn
Morning: Jupiter, Mars, Mercury

Heavy snow swirls across Plains; rain brings flood watches

The Associated Press

Storms hit the Midwest on Monday, dumping up to 10 inches of snow on some parts of the southern Plains.

Schools were closed in northeast Texas and flights were canceled at Lubbock International Airport, where more than 5 inches of snow fell. Freezing rain and snow closed some schools and roads in east-central Nebraska.

Snow fell on western Kansas, the Oklahoma and Texas Panhandles and northern New Mexico. Up to 10 inches fell in midday in the Alpine-Ft. Davis area of Texas.

Freezing rain fell from southwest Oklahoma through north-central Kansas, Nebraska, and parts of Iowa, southern Minnesota and the northern Pacific Coast. Showers were centered over the northern Rockies.

Rain and thundershowers reached from the Mississippi Valley into the eastern portion of the southern Plains.

In some areas, the rain fell on already drenched ground, raising the risk of flooding. Flash flood watches were posted for Monday night for much of Missouri, eastern Kansas, parts of Oklahoma and much of Texas.

Heavier rainfall during the six hours ending at 11 a.m. MST included about an inch at Chanute, Kan., and Sedalia, Mo.

Snowfall during the same period included 4 inches at Garden City, Kan., and 2 inches at Clovis, N.M. and Gage, Okla.

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Economic conference attendees make number of points



Hillary Clinton prepares a note for her husband before passing it to Mickey Kantor, a transition aide, during the economic conference in Little Rock, Ark., Monday.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — Key points by some of the participants on the opening day of President-elect Clinton's economy conference:

CLINTON: "A thriving economy is the floor on which every citizen stands. A thriving economy is the legacy left by our parents and an endorsement we must leave to our children. It is the precondition for all Americans having a real shot at the American dream."

ROBERT SOLOW, Nobel Prize-winning MIT economist: "Private employment has not gained an inch in the past 18 months. American industry is not creating jobs because it's not selling goods. Major companies are still laying off workers and downsizing."

"The November (unemployment) figure ... showed that there had been a gain of about 100,000 jobs in the whole U.S. economy. A hundred thousand jobs in a month is 1.2 million in a year, and that's not enough to reduce the number of unemployed workers. We add more than 1.2 million workers in a year to the American labor force."

JOHN SCULLERY, chairman and CEO, Apple Computer: "In the old economy, America had a real advantage because we were rich with natural resources. We had a large domestic marketplace, and this gave us the basis for economies of scale. In this new economy, the strategic resources are no longer just the ones that come out of the ground: like oil and wheat and coal, but they are ideas and information that come out of our mind."

ALAN BLINDER, Princeton University economist: "Albert Einstein, among other clever things he said, once said that everything should be made as simple as possible, but not more so. And so I want to sound a very simple theme ... which is that inadequate investment in our people, in the quality of our work force, has been a big part of the problem we've been hearing about, and that correcting that should be a big part of the solution."

MARIAN WRIGHT EDELMAN, president, Children's Defense Fund: "Let me suggest two things that I know this great country can do in

1993 ... The first ... is to make sure that every one of our children is born healthy and is immunized against preventable diseases. It is a scandal that fewer than 60 percent of our preschool children are fully immunized in most of our states. In China, one of the 20 poorest nations in the world, can immunize 95 percent of its children, surely America can do as well ..."

"The other thing that I know that this country can do ... is to see that every child gets ready for school. And a down payment on that is to see that every one of our children gets a head start by fully funding Head Start, making it full-day, full-year, taking it down to earlertages."

ALICIA HAYDOCK MUNNELL, director of research, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston: "We should recall ... that America's great public works ... the Erie Canal, the transcontinental railway, the interstate highway system, and the dams and water systems of the West —

required great cooperation and sometimes a leap of faith. ... Great public works still demand large investment and broad vision."

JOHN WHITE, Harvard School of Government and budget expert: "Unfortunately, President-elect Clinton and Vice President-elect Gore, I have to report to you today that the more recent forecasts show a significant deterioration of this (deficit) situation. The new forecasts erase the deficit declines in the '90s and add about \$300 billion in new debt over this period (the middle 90s). ... The deficit problem is growing worse."

MICHAEL PORTER, Harvard business professor: "Our policies are too erratic. We keep changing the tax code. We keep changing the rules. And that instability causes companies to waiver, to hold back from investment. We've got to change these things."

White House rejects Somalia disarm plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush praised the U.S. military relief operation in Somalia as "first class," and the White House said that disarming fractious clans was still not part of the mission.

Bush drove to the Pentagon for an hour-long briefing on the U.S.-led mission to feed the starving people in Somalia, where famine and disease have claimed 350,000 lives. He assured his military commanders "that our mission had not changed, and that he was pleased that the military was carrying it out exactly as it had been planned," spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

Bush's special envoy, Robert Oakley, will visit Baidoa on Tuesday and U.S. troops will "be going very soon" to the beleaguered city 120 miles northwest of Mogadishu, Fitzwater said.

"Aid workers have complained that gunmen are still playing havoc with relief work in the country's interior and that the Marines have been slow to move out from the capital of Mogadishu. The United States has also been pressured by U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali to disarm the Somali factions and bandits before leaving the country to U.N. peacekeepers. Disarming Somalia's warlords and gangs has "never been a part of our mission, and that has not changed," Fitzwater said.

"Our mission has always been that we would collect arms as they became available, as we encountered them, but disarmament was not a stated part of our mission, and that has not changed," he said.

Bush commented to reporters as he left the Pentagon, "They're doing a first-class job."

His top military advisers, including Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and the entire Joint Chiefs of Staff, joined the president at the briefing.

Lt. Gen. M.L. Brandtner told Bush there are now more than 11,000 U.S. troops involved in the Somalia operation, including 4,000 in the famine-stricken East African country.

MIAMI (AP) — Manuel Noriega defied Panamanian authorities Monday to extradite him from the United States to stand trial on murder and human rights charges in his homeland.

The ousted military leader appeared in federal court to hear questions about his bloody suppression of an October 1989 coup attempt and the 1985 torture-slaying of a leading dissident.

He refused to respond, chiding the government that replaced him after the December 1989 U.S. invasion for refusing to extradite him immediately.

"They want to continue toying with a political case, because the government imposed by the invasion needs to give the Panamanian people — who are starving bread and clothes in the press," he said.

Two federal prosecutors acting as representatives of Panama attempted to pose 74 written questions from judges and prosecutors there. The session was recorded on videotape to be turned over to Panamanian courts. Panama has asked for Noriega's extradition, but only after he completes his 40-year U.S. drug and racketeering sentence.

Some of the questions Noriega failed to answer covered the summary executions of rebel officers after the failure of the 1989 coup. Noriega doesn't yet face charges in that case.

Dressed in his military uniform, Noriega took note of his newly reaffirmed status as a prisoner of war, saying he had only to give his name, rank and serial number. He would answer fully, he said, but only before a court in Panama.

"All the details I have are so fundamental, I do not even know how to disclose them at this time," he said. "I shall tell everything down there."

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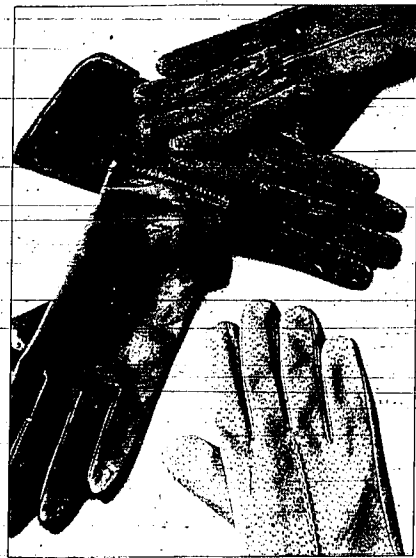
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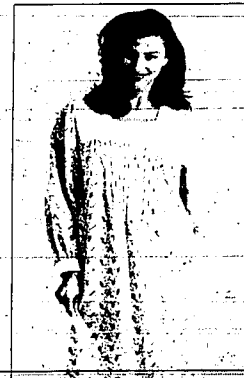
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Newcomb's compromise offers hope for audits

State Rep. Bruce Newcomb, the Legislature's point man on performance audits, doesn't just have one good idea — he has two.

Performance audits are one of the tedious, bookkeeperish concepts that draw little public attention but can have enormous impact on government's effectiveness. The basic idea is to create an oversight office that would report to the Legislature on how well state agencies are doing their jobs.

Such audits would let lawmakers know whether the money they appropriate is being spent wisely. That's especially important when one party controls the executive branch and the other party controls the Legislature — Idaho's chronic condition.

But that same chronic condition doomed performance audit bills in the past two legislative sessions. Democrats who rule the executive branch (especially Gov. Cecil Andrus) didn't want Republican Sen. Andrus to veto the 1991 bill, and the evenly split Senate blocked the 1992 version.

The first of Newcomb's two good ideas is a way around that blockade. He proposes to put the audits under control of a committee evenly divided between Democrats and

Republicans. This idea is so inherently fair and so guilelessly non-partisan that it creates a devilish trap for the Democrats. They can't easily turn it down without confirming what a lot of conservatives already suspect — that the Democrats' real reason for opposing performance audits is that they'd rather go on wasting tax money.

If the Democrats turn down Newcomb's compromise offer, they'll look petty, partisan and hopelessly devoted to status-quo spending.

Newcomb's second good idea is a veiled threat to Andrus. "Before this Legislature votes for any more tax increases, you're going to see (performance audits) required," he said last week. Splendid! Andrus is likely to seek a tax increase this winter. Linking it to creation of performance audits not only puts pressure on the Democratic administration, but it also would comfort taxpayers when those new tax bills fall due.

"Yes, we're taking a little more money from you," the Legislature would say, "but we're going to make damned sure we spend it wisely."

Newcomb is on the right track. He should press ahead.



HIV infection among problems of allowing homosexuals in military

Guess who isn't deploying to Somalia? Any service member whose last blood test revealed infection by human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV. This is the virus that attacks the body's immune system, weakening it over time and leading to AIDS, the last stage of the fatal disease.

While Gregory King of the Human Rights Campaign Fund, the nation's largest homosexual activist group, maintains that "a person's private sex conduct is not a matter for military inquiry," it is clear that some private sexual activity has consequences the military must confront.

Whether gay or straight, sexual conduct becomes a matter of national concern if it affects a servicemember's fitness for unrestricted service at sea and in the field. Under current Defense Department policy, HIV-infected personnel are barred from deployment overseas on the grounds that places such as Somalia are hotbeds for the kinds of opportunistic infections that can plague a person with an already weakened immune system.

These personnel are transferred out of deployable units and are kept stateside near supporting military medical facilities for monitoring and treatment. That's the policy, which currently applies to about 1,700 HIV-infected U.S. military personnel.

We can dispense with Myth No. 1, that the military's ban on gays is an invasion-of-privacy issue. Private conduct in this case has a public consequence: an impact on unit readiness. A person infected with HIV becomes non-deployable, for his or her own protection. Others have to take up the slack.

Also dispensable is Myth No. 2 — expressed to this writer recently by retired Lt. Col. Chuck Magness, who declared his homosexuality after

leaving the Army — that HIV infection is no longer primarily an affliction of the gay community.

Yes, it is. From the October issue of the HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, published quarterly by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, the data show that HIV infections are overwhelmingly a problem in the gay community.

Of 238,000 total cases of HIV infection in the U.S. reported since 1981, more than 130,000 — or about 55 percent — have resulted from men having sex with men. If we include multiple modes of exposure, such as sodomy and intravenous drug use — both of which violate military regulations — more than 60 percent of the reported cases are in the gay community.

In contrast, only 6 percent of the HIV infections reported to date have come from heterosexual contacts.

According to Al Schlossberg of the Jewish War Veterans, one of the many veterans organizations opposing president-elect Bill Clinton's campaign promise to open the military to declared gays, the armed forces spend about \$200,000 caring for each HIV-infected servicemember. High-risk activity leads to high medical costs. Once again, the private act has a public consequence.

Myth No. 3 from the gay community is that homosexuality was rampant in the armies of ancient Greece and Alexander the Great, so if it was OK by the revered ancients, it should be OK by us.

Col. Ron Ray, a Marine Corps reserve officer and lawyer who supports the current ban on avowed gays in the military, said flatly that it

"does not follow that if homosexuality might have been good for the army of Alexander the Great, it might be good for the army of Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf."

Besides, Ray noted, "The Greeks were fit from unanimous in their acceptance of homosexuality." Nor were the Greeks faced with AIDS.

Moreover, Ray added, "Homosexuality among the ancient Greeks may be seen in its historical context... the development of Greek philosophy was a response to growing spiritual enervation and social disorder."

Clinton's promise to open the military to avowed gays is seen by many as symptomatic of a similar decay in American mores.

Indeed, his action could lead to some stinging outcomes. For example, if the military's ban is lifted, homosexual conduct would still be punishable by court-martial unless Congress voted to change the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Gay activists opposed to sodomy laws could be expected to lobby for such action. As King said, "We're opposed to sodomy laws."

Now we could have a real paradox, since the Supreme Court has upheld the military regulation against wearing religious garb with the uniform, such as the Jewish skullie, at least on the grounds that the armed forces are different from civil society and therefore are empowered to enforce standards unique to the service.

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Letters

How much does ODDM cost?

After watching the Twin Falls School Board meeting on television the other night, I had some questions regarding the cost of this ODDM program that our School Board has adopted.

During the discussion, Dr. Donicht indicated that he was unable to give information regarding the cost of the program because the accounting system was not set up to provide that information. I have no problem accepting that explanation, but I do have a problem buying that he cannot give any estimate of the costs which our school system is going to incur in implementing ODDM.

I regularly work with business people in the valley and I understand the planning process. Successful business people always know what they are spending and are planning to spend on any sort of program that they are implementing. That is the whole idea of planning.

If you are buying a box of paper clips, the planning and budgeting process are unnecessary. ODDM is a districtwide program which not only represents a total make-over of the teaching process, but a commitment of at least five to seven years before we can even measure its success or failure.

If Dr. Donicht does not know what ODDM is going to cost, why doesn't he? It would seem to be part of his job. And if he doesn't know what ODDM will cost, why was I told by one of our state legislators that he does? Because Dr. Donicht has been lobbying for additional funding to cover the cost of ODDM? Is it that expensive that we cannot afford it under our current funding level? Are our taxes going to increase to cover ODDM?

What is it that Dr. Donicht is trying to hide? Is it that ODDM is an extremely

expensive program? Or does it go deeper than that? Is it maybe that ODDM is a bad program?

We parents, taxpayers, and voters need some answers and not more bureaucratic tap dancing.

THOMAS TREANOR, CPA
Twin Falls

Drive underway for more seats

As you all may know, the school bond issue, which was passed in May 1992, provides approximately \$1.8 million towards the construction of an auditorium to be located at Twin Falls High School. It is anticipated that with this money we will be able to construct a quality facility with up to 1,000 seats.

It has always been acknowledged that a 1,000-seat auditorium will not accommodate the total student body of Twin Falls High School. However, the board's commitment to stay within certain fiscal parameters prevented asking for or allocating additional money for a larger auditorium.

During the bond issue campaign, many individuals in our community questioned whether it might be possible to expand the planned high school auditorium so that it can seat the entire student body. There is now under way in this community a fund drive for such an auditorium expansion.

It is the board's understanding that they are well on their way to achieving this goal. Because the auditorium plan must be finalized in early 1993, the board has determined that it needs to know the amount of additional funds available no later than Feb. 5, 1993. By this date we will have to inform the architect as to whether expansion is financially possible.

The fund drive committee has selected as their slogan, "Every Student Needs A Good

Seat." We on the board of trustees support this effort for a larger auditorium which will ensure that every student has a seat at schoolwide assemblies. Please contact the district office if you would like the names of those individuals serving on the auditorium fund drive committee.

STEVEN K. TOLMAN
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As I complete my term as U.S. representative, I want to thank the citizens of Idaho for the privilege of serving in Congress for the past eight years.

During my tenure, I have done my best to represent my state with dignity and effectiveness. Working with Idahoans and with the other members of the congressional delegation, a great deal has been accomplished. I have especially appreciated the active participation of so many citizens as

we faced the difficult issues and worked together toward solutions.

I leave office confident that our state has benefited from the representation I provided. I hope to be able to continue to offer my experience and knowledge to the good citizens of Idaho.

Again I want to express my sincere thanks for the opportunity I have had to represent our state.

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REP. RICHARD H. STALLINGS
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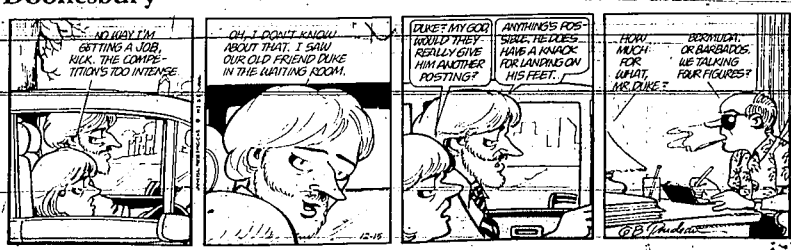
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Court will rule on state hate crime laws

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court said Monday it will decide whether states violate free-speech rights when they enact "hate crime" laws that impose longer prison terms for bias-motivated crimes.

The court agreed to review a Wisconsin court ruling that struck down that state's hate crime law.

A black man whose sentence for beating a white youth was doubled challenged the law as an unconstitutional "punishment of bigoted speech and association."

At least 20 other states have similar laws authorizing longer sentences for crimes motivated by race or other bias, and nearly every state has some type of hate crime law.

A decision is expected by July.

In other action Monday, the court:

- Made it easier to challenge the federal government's seizure of property bought with profits from illegal drug trafficking. The justices reinstated a Florida bank's effort to collect the \$80,000 mortgage it held on a home seized in a drug investigation.

- Ruled that people who win a symbolic \$1 for a violation of their civil rights generally can not collect attorneys' fees from those they sue.

- Agreed to decide whether television and ra-

dio stations based in states that ban lotteries may be barred from airing commercials promoting a neighboring state's lottery.

• Agreed to use a Nevada "death-row case" to define when defendants may be judged competent to waive their constitutional rights to a lawyer and a trial.

• Said it will decide in an Oregon case whether nationally chartered banks located in small towns may continue selling insurance.

• The "Wisconsin hate crime" law authorized longer prison terms for defendants who chose their victims because of race, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

Last June, the Supreme Court unanimously struck down a St. Paul, Minn., ordinance that banned cross-burnings, swastika displays and other expressions of racial bias. The court said the ordinance violated the Constitution's free-speech protection because it sought to ban some viewpoints.

But that decision did not say whether states may require "extra punishment" for other crimes when the defendant acted because of racial or other bias.

In the Wisconsin case, Todd Mitchell was convicted of aggravated battery in the October 1989 beating of a 14-year-old white youth in Kenosha.

Mitchell's prison term was doubled to four years under the hate crime law after a jury found he chose his victim because of the youth's race.

Mitchell, then 19, had been with a group of black youths who were discussing a scene from the movie "Mississippi Burning," in which a white man beat a young black boy who was praying.

"Do you all feel hyped up to move on some white people?" Mitchell asked them. The youths spotted Gregory Riddick walking nearby and Mitchell said, "There goes a white boy; go get him."

Mitchell challenged the enhanced-sentence law, saying it violated the Constitution's First Amendment by punishing speech. In striking down the law earlier this year, the Wisconsin Supreme Court agreed.

In the appeal acted on Monday, lawyers for Wisconsin said the state law is valid because it seeks to punish conduct, not thought. Judges routinely consider motive in imposing sentences in criminal cases, the state's appeal said.

"Nothing in the Constitution requires governmental apathy toward the special harms of bias-motivated action," Wisconsin's lawyers said.

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Judge acquits abducted Mexican doctor in slaying of drug agent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A Mexican doctor kidnapped from Guadalajara to stand trial in a drug agent's murder was found innocent Monday by a judge who ruled the government never had sufficient evidence to try him.

"There has to be stronger evidence than you have offered to find that a man is guilty of kidnapping, murder and torture," U.S. District Judge Edward Rafeedie told prosecutors. "This does not rise to the level required to get this case to the jury."

He accused prosecutors of presenting "the wildest speculation" in his efforts to convict Dr. Humberto Alvarez Machain of the

1985 death of U.S. drug agent Enrique Camarena.

"The jury, in my opinion, could not find that this defendant is guilty of any of these crimes ... that is simply not sufficient evidence in an American court to submit this to a jury."

Prosecutors had argued that when Camarena was kidnapped and tortured to death by Mexico's drug lords, the kingpins had their favorite doctor, Alvarez, inject the agent with drugs to keep him alive for further torture.

But in the current trial — the third resulting from the Camarena killing — defense at-

torney Alan Rubin said there were no puncture marks or drug residue in the body to prove Camarena was injected. Nor were there fingerprints to link a syringe found at the torture house to Alvarez, he said.

Alvarez grew red-faced as the judge announced his decision. His eyes filled with tears and he stood up as Rubin leaped to his feet and embraced the doctor.

Seven people have been convicted in U.S. courts in the Camarena killing and more than two dozen were convicted in Mexico.

Rafeedie had already refused to grant a judgment of acquittal for Alvarez's co-defendant, Ruben Zuno Arce, a brother-in-law

of former Mexican President Luis Echeverria.

Government informants placed Zuno at meetings in which Camarena's killing was planned.

The informants, who are being paid thousands of dollars and are protected by the U.S. government, portrayed Alvarez as doctor to the drug barons, making regular house calls to treat them for cocaine overdoses and injecting them with a "youth potion" of vitamins.

The only physical evidence that Alvarez visited the house where Camarena was tortured was a set of his fingerprints on a plas-

tic dry cleaning bag stuffed in a closet. Rubin notes there is no evidence of when the prints might have been made.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration maintains that Alvarez's kidnapping from his Guadalajara office by bounty hunters in April 1990 was legal and justified. The Mexican government angrily protested that it violated Mexican sovereignty and repeatedly demanded Alvarez's return.

Rafeedie had ruled that the kidnapping violated U.S.-Mexico extradition treaties and that U.S. courts did not have jurisdiction to try Alvarez.

Russian loan defaults top \$31 million

WASHINGTON (AP) — Russia failed to make \$4.5 million in payments on U.S.-guaranteed bank loans over the weekend, pushing the amount now in arrears to \$31.8 million, the Agriculture Department said Monday.

Russia also was in jeopardy of defaulting on \$12.6 million due Monday. USDA spokesman Doug Adair said the department may not confirm until Tuesday whether the banks owed that money received payment.

Russia's troubles repaying its USDA-guaranteed grain loans began in late November and have mounted since then. It is now missing payments almost daily.

"We continue to maintain a dialogue with Russia and continue to work toward the resolution of this problem," Adair said Monday. "We are confident that the problem will be resolved."

No banks holding any of the defaulted payments have asked USDA to cover the sour loans, Adair said.

Because Russia has failed to pay on schedule, it remains suspended from a government export credit program that allowed Russia, and the former Soviet Union before its breakup, to borrow nearly \$5 billion from private banks to buy U.S. grain and other farm products since January 1991.

Russia was first suspended from the credit guarantee program in late November, but was able to bring its payments up to date and was quickly reinstated. It then drew down its line of credit from \$171 million to \$111 million before it began defaulting on additional payments and the current suspension took effect. USDA officials said.

Russia cannot use the \$111 million in credits to buy U.S. farm products until it covers the overdue payments. Another \$275 million is supposed to be released in January, and a USDA official has said those credits could still be used if Russia catches up with its payments.

U.S. allows business links with Vietnam

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration on Monday announced it will reward Hanoi for its efforts toward an accounting of missing Americans by allowing U.S. firms to sign contracts to do future business in Vietnam. However, a 17-year-old trade embargo remains in effect.

The United States will also allow a liberal licensing policy allowing U.S. companies to open offices in Vietnam; hire staff; and carry out preliminary feasibility studies and technical surveys, the White House said.

In October, when Vietnam agreed to turn over all its material on POWs and MIAs — including 4,000 photographs — to President Bush indicated that normalized relations were not far off.

"It is in keeping with the established roadmap policy of a step-by-step process for normalizing relations with Vietnam," said a spokesman by press secretary Marlin Fitzwater on Monday.

He noted that Hanoi recently called upon its citizens to turn in any remains they may possess.

Fitzwater said the latest steps implement agreements that Bush's special emissary for POW-MIA affairs, retired Gen. John Vessey, reached with Hanoi.

Iraq paying for aid

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have drawn on frozen Iraqi funds to contribute a combined total of \$100 million to humanitarian and other programs in Iraq, the State Department said Monday.

The funds were deposited in a United Nations escrow account. The U.S. contribution was \$50 million, matching the total Saudi and Kuwaiti donation, press officer Joe Snyder said.

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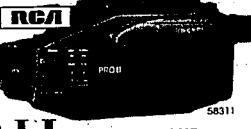
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BLM to reseed land burned by Ro Fire

By Michael Hofferber
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVUE — The throbbing beat of helicopter blades and the heavy rumble of trucks will reverberate through Bellevue and Hailey this week as the Bureau of Land Management begins reseeding public lands destroyed by last summer's Ro Fire.

"The seeding will be conducted by helicopters and the pilots will have to make numerous low passes and landings to resupply with seed," said the BLM's Rick Vander Voet.

A similar aerial seeding project was conducted over 2,800 acres of private land by the Blaine Soil Conservation Service last month. A mixture of pubescent wheatgrass and small burner was planted.

The BLM aerial effort will cover 4,350 acres of the most erodible public lands on hillsides west of Hailey and Bellevue. A seed mix of wheatgrass and forbs will be broadcast over most of the rangeland at a rate of 15 pounds per acre. A slightly different mix is being applied to riparian areas.

"Because of the steep terrain and the

Nevada wildlife department plants vegetation in Jarbidge area

The Associated Press
and The Times-News

RENO, Nev. — The state has seeded about 2,000 acres of fire-scarred land near Jarbidge to grow food for deer and other wildlife in the area, the Department of Wildlife said on Monday.

The Coffeepot Creek Fire, sparked by lightning, charred some 38,000 acres of U.S. Forest Service lands and a portion of state property in August, burning to within one-half mile of Jarbidge and prompting evacuation of the town.

"Within the extensive burned area, immense acreage of the area, the only way to do the seeding is from the air," Vander Voet explained.

1,800 acres were identified as crucial to wildlife, mainly deer," said Duane Erickson, a habitat specialist with the Nevada Department of Wildlife.

The reseeding project was completed late last month. "A combination of fast- and slow-growing plant species were seeded by helicopter in an effort to provide food for the deer as early as next winter," Erickson said.

"One of the primary species we reseeded was sagebrush to re-establish the natural component of deer food."

Erickson said Idaho alfalfa and alfalfa hay will be planted.

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BLM delayed its aerial seeding this fall until a layer of snow covered the 25,000-acre burn.

The foot or more of snow, now carpeting the hillsides is expected to hold the seed in place and provide needed moisture for growth next spring.

On 1,100 acres of the burn identified as critical wildlife habitat, BLM helicopter crews will be dropping sagebrush seeds this week as well. And next spring some 6,000 bitterbrush seedlings will be planted by hand.

Most of the Ro Fire burned over areas of good quality native rangeland that is expected to recover naturally, Vander Voet pointed out.

But in those areas where spring runoff is likely to cause erosion BLM crews have built about 1,100 check dams to capture silt and control the flow of streams.

BLM employees have set up research plots on the burn to aid in monitoring the success of restoration efforts and to measure how much sediment is being deposited into waterways.

The burn area remains closed to all vehicles, including snowmobiles, for the remainder of the winter.

Around the valley

Teen-agers escape injury in car collision

BUHL — Four Buhl-area teen-agers escaped serious injury Monday afternoon in a near-head-on collision in River Road West near its intersection with Lower Melon Valley Road.

The mishap occurred after one vehicle crossed the center line and struck a second car, according to Twin Falls County Deputy Sheriff Bill McDaniel.

The four were treated and released at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, McDaniel said. The driver of the first car, a 17-year-old from Buhl, was cited for speeding. McDaniel said. The second driver, Nathan L. Sullivan, 19, of Buhl, was cited for failure to wear seat belts.

The two passengers, both juveniles, were also cited for failed to wear seat belts.

McDaniel estimated damage to the two vehicles at \$6,000.

Minico High displays 'Gift of Green' project Wednesday

RUPERT — A public display and tour of Minico High School's "A Gift of Green" project, designed to provide Christmas for needy families, will be held Wednesday from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the school's library.

Christmas trees decorated by various student organizations will be on display, and refreshments will be served.

Student Council adviser Lori Kerbs said the students have named the project "The Hawker Memorial Gift of Green" in memory of Nettie and Tina Hawker who died Dec. 12, 1991, in a traffic accident while on their way to school.

The girls' parents, Steve and Clara Hawker, will be special guests at the Wednesday open house.

Evidence ruling delays judge from deciding cause of '88 fire

BOISE — A district judge can't decide who caused a 1988 fire that destroyed the building of Gooding County optometrist Edward G. Ryan until the judge rules on the admissibility of testimony from an expert witness, the Idaho Court of Appeals says.

Electrician Karl Beisner was accused in lawsuits of negligence causing a fire Oct. 7, 1988, that destroyed Ryan's office building. Beisner installed a track lighting system in the building the day of the fire.

An expert witness hired by an insurance company couldn't say it was caused by Beisner's work but offered two possibilities on how it might have occurred.

District Judge James May granted Beisner's motion for summary judgment, holding that the theories offered by the expert witness were not enough to support the damage claim.

The Court of Appeals on Monday sent the case back to district court. Until the judge rules whether that witness' testimony was admissible, he can't rule on the motion to dismiss, the court said.

Hearing on Highway 93-30 interchange set for Thursday

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Transportation Department will hold a public hearing Thursday on a proposed new interchange on U.S. Highway 30 and 93 and on plans to widen and improve about five miles of the highway between Filer and Twin Falls.

The hearing will be held on an open-house format, with public invited to stop by any time between 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the Weston Plaza Hotel, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd.

An informational videotape, aerial photographs, a scale model of the interchange and other exhibits about the project will be available. In addition, department staff will answer questions about location, design, right-of-way, traffic and environmental issues.

The project would be built in three phases, beginning next year and ending in 1995. Estimated price tag: \$14.5 million.

Testimony will be taken on a continuous basis during the hearing. The testimony will be used by the Idaho Transportation Board to determine final design plans.

The department will take written testimony until Dec. 21. Comments will be taken at the Public Hearing Office, Idaho Transportation Department, P.O. Box 7129, Boise 83707.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

City to tap Blue Lakes Spring

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The City Council Monday agreed to change the point at which it diverts water from the Snake River, in the hope of saving millions of dollars by avoiding federal filtration requirements.

In a special meeting, the council unanimously approved three agreements that will allow the city to change the source of its water supply from Alpheus Spring to Blue Lakes Spring.

The same water flows through both springs. However, Alpheus Spring is a surface water source, and new federal rules would have required the city to install expensive filtering equipment by next June.

Instead, the city plans to divert its water from Blue Lakes Spring, before the water rises above ground. That will convert the city's water source to groundwater, and thus escape the filtering requirements.

The city plans to build an access road to the spring site, a diversion structure and pumping station at the site, and a pipeline from the spring to the existing water works at Alpheus Spring. All that will cost between \$1.5 million and \$2 million, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

However, complying with the federal filtration requirement would cost anywhere from \$20 million to \$30 million, Courtney said. An alternate plan, involving taking several steps to protect the Alpheus Spring watershed, would have cost \$4 million to \$5 million, he said.

"We felt this (switching springs) was clearly the best option," he said.

The plan must be OK'd by the federal Environmental Protection Agency, as well as the state Department of Water Resources and the Division of Environmental Quality. But Courtney said he expects approval from those agencies.

One agreement, with Blue Lakes County

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Teddy bear patrol?



Loaded down with more than a few stuffed bears, Twin Falls police officer Dennis Pullin sets them back on a patrol car Monday afternoon.

Teddy bears: Valuable police tools?

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A whole bunch of teddy bears once destined for a local discount store's toy shelves never made it, but store employees and the police department will make sure the stuffed critters find good homes.

Twin Falls police officers keep teddy bears with them to hand out to youngsters who need something soft to hold onto, Lt. Bill Stonemets said.

Officers find frightened kids at car

accidents, domestic violence situations and drug busts. Handing the child a stuffed toy makes a scary experience a little easier, Stonemets said.

When a shipment of stuffed teddy bears arrived at ShopKo recently, employees found they had been slightly damaged by water, and the manufacturer didn't want them back.

Rather than throw the 32 bears away, ShopKo employee Gwen Teramoto decided to give the furry toys a second chance.

After Stonemets told her there are

never enough stuffed bears for all the children who need them, Teramoto knew she had found the right place for her store's homeless teddies.

She asked other employees to take the bears home and clean them up.

On Monday, a cartload of teddy bears was delivered to the police station, where Stonemets said he and the other men in blue will pit them to good use.

Unfortunately, there are more children who need a teddy bear than there are bears to hand out, so Monday's donation will really help, Stonemets said.

Hospital alliance 1st step toward regional network

By Drew DeSilver
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An alliance between Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and Minidoka Memorial Hospital would be the first step toward creating a regional health-care network, Minidoka Memorial's administrator says.

But just what shape that alliance may take is still up in the air.

The Magic Valley Regional Board voted Monday night to pursue a formal alliance with Minidoka Memorial. Trustees of the Rupert facility have already voted to open talks with the Twin Falls hospital.

"I don't know where it will lead, but I think it will be beneficial to both communities," Magic Valley Regional Administrator John Bingham told board members.

A joint committee, with representatives from both hospitals' boards, medical staff and administrative staff, likely will be formed to discuss the alliance, Minidoka Memorial Administrator Randall Holom said earlier Monday.

Twin Falls and Minidoka county commissioners likely

Other board action

- Approved the purchase of a new ambulance. Cost: \$48,000.
- Agreed to build a new medical office building close to and affiliated with the hospital. Magic Valley Family Physicians had requested such a building, citing lack of space.
- Voted to proceed with plans for a transitional care unit within the hospital. Such a unit would serve older patients who didn't need full hospital care but either weren't ready for a nursing home or didn't want to go to one.

will also be involved in the talks, since both hospitals are county-owned.

The degree of affiliation between the two hospitals could be anything from coordination of services to full merger, Holom said.

"We're looking at the future of health care, and one of the things we see as being a major part of most proposals for health-care reform is the formation of community or

regional networks," he said.

Other area hospitals, such as Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital and Cassia Memorial Hospital in Burley, eventually could ask, or be asked, to join such a network.

Holom said he expects Minidoka Memorial to continue its focus on primary care, but also to add some medical specialties that aren't currently available in the Rupert area. He declined to be more specific.

Support from Magic Valley Regional, in the form of colleagues and facilities, would make it easier to attract specialists to Rupert, he said. "It's hard to recruit one of anything."

Cassia Memorial Administrator Richard Packer said he couldn't say what the impact of a Magic Valley Regional-Minidoka Memorial alliance would be until he knows what form the alliance will take.

"Is (Minidoka Memorial) going to be financially tied to Magic Valley?" he asked. "Are they going to be a subordinate hospital or a branch of Magic Valley? I don't know, and until I do I won't know what it means for us."

Answers probably won't be available for a year or so, Holom said, although a final agreement could take less time or as long as two years.

Cassia school officials alarmed at rising absence rate

By Marvin McCure
Mini-Cassia News Service

BURLEY — Burley High School assistant principal Steve Jensen says too many kids are missing classes, so the district has come up with a way to encourage better attendance.

Jensen said a computer call list, which calls parents if their children are absent, is up to 100-120 calls per day. It was 70 calls a day last year.

Part of the reason is that the Legislature rescinded the 90 percent attendance rule last winter and allowed local school districts to set their own attendance policies.

Jensen presented a new policy for the board's consideration that would:

- Allow students to miss only five days per semester if they're to receive credit for their classes.
- Exempt student-activity absences from total absences.
- Allow students to make up two days of absences by

coming in on their own time, but an appeal-process committee could waive the missed days.

Not permit truant students to make up school work, but those with excused absences would be allowed to make up homework.

Instead of forcing them to attend classes, many parents are allowing their children to do other things such as ski or work, members of the board said. The policy will be considered at the next meeting for the now-semester.

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Commissioners say proposed water quality ordinance unclear

By N.S. Nokkented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners Monday tabled a proposal to unite with three other counties in a cooperative plan that would allow them to share the cost of water quality control over water quality problems in the Middle Snake River.

The Middle Snake Regional Water Resource Commission is outlined in the Coordinated Water Resource Management Plan for the Middle Snake.

Magic Valley water resources, it would be governed by an executive committee made up of commissioners from each of the four counties. It would have no authority not granted by the counties.

Those who developed the ordinance "were not wild-eyed environmentalists like myself," Chisholm said, but ordinary local citizens.

ability to hire a lawyer and a number of vague statements in the ordinance. They fear the new commission would be redundant and expensive.

Other expressed concerns that the good intention spoken by Gooding County Commissioner Bob Muffley, co-chairman of the Mid-Snake group, were not found in the words of the ordinance.

Gem woman wins recognition for environmental curriculum

KETCHUM (AP) — A pilot environmental curriculum developed in Ketchum will give junior high and high school students hands-on experience in solving environmental problems that exist in their own schools.

The program, called EarthTime, already has received national recognition. JB Burrell, the program's co-author, recently was selected by Tambrams as the 1993 Environmental Woman of Action for Idaho for her role in developing the curriculum.

investigate and develop their own ideas about how to research the topic. What's more, implementing student's recommendations can save schools money, Burrell said.

Police on alert in LA after disturbance

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police went on alert citywide Monday evening after rocks and bottles were thrown from a crowd at an intersection that was a flashpoint of the spring riots.

about 250 officers in riot gear were patrolling the area Monday night. They included officers kept on from the day shift. Dunkin said police were dispersing any crowds that gathered.

"I think the police overreacted to the situation," Duran said. "People were just exercising their rights."

Death notices

Frank Povey — RUPERT — Frank Povey, 87, of Rupert, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1992, at the Logan, Utah, Regional Medical Center.

White Mortuary — The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Bishop Mike Elison conducting. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Bill Harding — JEROME — Bill Harding, 81, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1992, at his home of a short illness.

Services

Abraham Clyde Hutchinson, of Burley, noon today, Burley LDS 2nd Ward chapel, 515 E. 16th St. (McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley).

Mike Norris, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Marguerite Bedke Robinson, of Oakley, 1 p.m. Friday, Oakley LDS Church. (McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley).

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER — Admitted: Jessica Jameson and Charles Sloum, both of Jackpot, Nev.; and Nico Cantone of Jerome.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL — Admitted: Jerry Udy of Malta.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL — Admitted: Paul Fries, Reau Lane, Veronika Rodriguez and Mason Davis, all of Rupert.

Obituaries

Mina Conyers — WENDELL — Mine Conyers, 88, of Wendell, died Friday, Dec. 11, 1992, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls.

Ella J. Aklund — Buhl — Ella J. Aklund, 80, of Buhl, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1992, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

5 members of judiciary apply for high court

BOISE (AP) — Five current members of the Idaho judiciary are among the 14 applicants for the vacancy to be created on the state Supreme Court when Chief Justice Robert Bakes retires Feb. 1.

for previous vacancies. Bakes announced earlier this fall that he would step down from the high court after 20 years.

Glmore, chief attorney for the Public Utilities Commission; Mack Redford, a Boise attorney and former deputy attorney general in the mid 1970s; Lloyd Welch, a Twin Falls attorney who has twice made the final panel of nominees for a high court opening; Don Lejek, a Boise attorney who has run unsuccessfully twice as a Democrat for state; Linda Judd, a Post Falls attorney whose spouse is 1st District Judge James Judd of Coeur d'Alene; Idaho Falls attorney Richard St. Clair; and Boise attorneys Charles Clark, Amy Howe and Kathryn Stiecken.

Nevada

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Bluebunch wheatgrass seed was added to the mixture to help retard the growth of cheat grass.

Sagebrush seed costs \$36 per pound, and alfalfa \$1.10. Erickson said the Forest Service donated seed of other shrubs which cost up to \$10 per pound.

The Reno Chapter of the Nevada Bighorns Unlimited donated \$15,000 for seed, and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation contributed \$10,000, Erickson said.

Spring

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Club, gives the city an easement for the new works on Blue Lakes Spring. In return, the city will improve Blue Lakes. Grade and pay 80 percent of the cost of the work, estimated to be \$168,640.

of the cost of maintaining the road, up from 6 percent now. A second agreement, with Gerald Martens, transfers the lease Martens holds on land near Blue Lakes to the city.

Department of Lands, assigns Martens' lease to the city for the nine years remaining on it.

Let us know about military in Somalia

TWIN FALLS — If you know someone from the Magic Valley who's part of the American military force in Somalia, please let The Times-News know.

The paper is interested in hearing from friends and loved ones of local residents who are part of military units participating in the United Nations operation to open up food distribution in the embattled African nation.

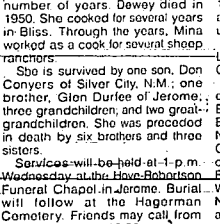
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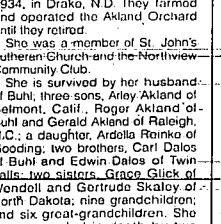
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Ella J. Aklund — Buhl — Ella J. Aklund, 80, of Buhl, died Sunday, Dec. 13, 1992, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.



Bill Harding — JEROME — Bill Harding, 81, of Jerome, died Monday, Dec. 14, 1992, at his home of a short illness.

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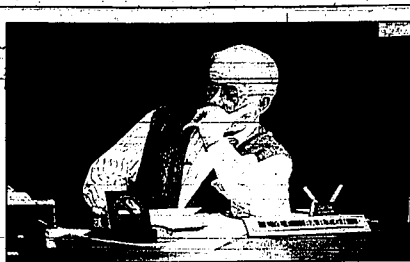
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Minidoka County Commissioner Lyle Barton mulls over some papers at Monday's meeting.

Minidoka opens landfill closure bids

Mini-Cassia News Service

RUPERT — Minidoka County commissioners have unsealed nine bids from companies offering to cover the county landfill with 97,000 cubic yards of dirt.

However, they put off awarding a contract until they could open the 10th.

The apparent low bidder was Nedger Contracting Co. of Milwaukie, Ore., with a bid of \$21,390.

The other bids opened were: \$24,360, Ralph Thornton Construction Inc., Burley; \$29,450, R&S Construction, Rexburg; \$32,000, B&B Construction Co. Inc., Idaho Falls; \$36,800, Bannock Paving Co. Inc., \$38,000, Hunziker Construction Co., Pocatello; \$38,440, Arrow-head Sand Inc., Roberts; \$40,913, Kiteper Inc., Paul, and Hoffbuhr Excavating Co. Inc., Burley \$51,150.

Commissioners learned that Sky West, a Nevada-based company, submitted a bid package that was being held at the Twin Falls-Sun Valley Regional Airport. They decided to delay awarding the contract until the Sky West package could be retrieved and opened.

The landfill will be closed in October 1993. The county must seal the dump in accordance with Environmental Protection Agency standards and is doing so in phases.

Who will be county's special prosecutor?

By James Prichard
Mini-Cassia News Service

RUPERT — Who will prosecute cases for Minidoka County when prosecutor-elect Gary Newman is prohibited because of a conflict of interest?

That will be for a judge — or perhaps two — to decide. On Monday, county Prosecutor David Haley told county commissioners that Minidoka County Magistrate Larry R. Duff contacted 3rd District Judge William Hart about the issue.

In a court document Haley brought to the commissioners' meeting, Duff asked Hart to appoint a judge from outside the county. That judge would decide who will serve as prosecutor when a conflict of interest prevents Newman from doing so. She will take office in January.

Newman, who has served as the county's public defender since 1986, defeated Haley in the Nov. 3 prosecutor race. Because the county will invariably try some of the clients she has represented, other attorneys will have to act as special prosecutor in those cases.

Haley said the county will have to address at least 700 such conflict

of interest cases and even more when probation violations are involved.

It will be at least five years before the conflict of interest problem goes away, Haley said, because of the large number of defendants Newman has counseled. Haley said the appointed judge could be:

• Direct the county to contract with one attorney or law firm to serve as a special prosecutor, when needed.

• Direct the county to maintain a list of suitable special prosecutors to call on as needed basis.

• Allow Newman to choose a lawyer or law firm to serve as special prosecutor.

Hart said he had not looked over Duff's petition and declined comment on the process.

Haley said Duff asked him and Assistant Prosecutor Rick Bollar if each would consider serving as special prosecutor. Both attorneys said they would do it, Haley said.

The county's high-profile murder trial of Jerry Fino, scheduled to begin in February, will be prosecuted by the Idaho attorney general's office because of Newman's relationship with the Fino while she was public defender.

Former ISP officer faces 3 more criminal charges

Mini-Cassia News Service

RUPERT — The Minidoka county prosecutor's office has filed three more charges against a former Idaho State Police officer who was previously charged with fondling a 12-year-old girl.

Robert A. Connor, 52, 1150 N. Meridian Road, was charged Dec. 11 with two counts of lewd conduct with a minor child, under 16 years, according to an amended criminal complaint filed in 5th District Magistrate Court.

A girl claimed Connor had sexual intercourse with her on two separate occasions between Aug. 1 and Oct. 1, 1991, according to the complaint.

In October, Connor was charged with sexual abuse of a child under the age of 16 years when the same girl claimed he fondled her breasts between August 1990 and June 1991.

Connor was also charged Dec. 11 with battery after a 24-year-old woman claimed that he touched her breasts without the woman's consent between June 1 and July 31, 1991, court records show.

The prosecutor's office is trying to schedule a preliminary hearing for the additional charges on Friday.

Assistant Prosecutor Rick Bollar said his office will ask the Magistrate Court to set bond for Connor at \$25,000.

Briefly in Mini-Cassia

Former deputy becomes interpreter

RUPERT — Robert Nevarez, who retired two months ago as chief deputy of the Minidoka County sheriff's department, has been hired as an English-Spanish interpreter in 5th District Magistrate Court.

Nevarez, who for more than 20 years served as an interpreter for the court while a deputy, started working for the court on Dec. 1 in a part-time capacity.

He worked briefly in the sporting goods department at Wal-Mart after leaving the department, but quit that job when he went to work for the court.

Commissioners praise Fair Board

BURLEY — Cassia County commissioners say the county Fair Board is doing a nice job of keeping the county fair one of the best in Idaho, and the board is still putting on an effort to improve the annual event.

"We think you have a super fair and rodeo," Commissioner John Adams told board members at the commissioners' Monday meeting.

Gross income from the fairgrounds this year amounted to \$143,000, reported fair manager Dean Draper. Income includes money earned from renting out the fairgrounds, he said. Other income is paid by people who rent equipment on the fairgrounds, he said.

Twenty-eight thousand dollars worth of volunteer man-hours ring, she told deputies.

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12-year-old claims man tried to rape her

BURLEY — A 12-year-old girl told police a man forced his way into a house Friday and tried to rape her.

According to the Cassia County Sheriff's Department, the girl said a man entered her house on 16th Street at about dusk asking for her grandfather. The girl said the man then forced his way in the front door, grabbed her and attempting to rip off her clothing.

The girl said the man was 5 feet, 11 inches, 160 pounds, and had a dark complexion. The man also had short, straight dark brown or black hair.

The girl, who suffered some scratches during the attack, said she was left after she kicked him several times and a telephone began to ring, she told deputies.

Woman to chair disabilities council

BOISE (AP) — Nancy Bush of Driggs will serve as new chairman of the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities.

The governor's office announced the appointment. Bush succeeds Roseanne Steen, Idaho Falls, whose term expired.

Other appointments by Gov. Cecil Andrus:

Marvin Doty, Boise, State Electrical Board, replacing Dale Williams, Boise.

Dr. Brian Howard, Nampa, State Board of Dentistry, replacing Anthony Wolff, Nampa.

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IHA has \$25 million for home mortgages

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Housing Agency has another \$25 million available to finance low-interest home mortgages, but it might be the last money available in a program that has helped 22,006 Idaho families in the last 20 years.

The agency will provide mortgage money at 7.08 percent interest to qualifying low and moderate-income families. The program is financed through the issuing of tax-exempt bonds. But the law allowing Mortgage Revenue Bonds has expired.

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Idaho PUC accepts written comment

BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission will accept written comments through Dec. 23 on a Washington Water Power Co. request to pass through to its customers about \$400,000 in increases in the cost of natural gas the utility buys from its suppliers.

The "tracker" adjustment would increase residential rates about 4.8 percent, adding about \$3.40 to the monthly winter gas bill of an average household. The annual bill for an average household would increase about \$20.

The effect of the adjustment on contract and transportation customers would vary. The new rates would become effective Jan. 1, 1993.

"Tracker" adjustments pass on to customers the net total of accumulated credits and charges deferred during the previous year.

County, ACLU reach compromise

POCATELLO — Bannock County and the American Civil Liberties Union have reached a compromise that officials say will head off a courtroom confrontation over the constitutionality of the Ten Commandments monument on the courthouse lawn.

Officials announced Monday the Idaho State University student who challenged the monument had agreed to allow it to remain as long as the county erects a second monument that bears a message on religious freedom from Thomas Jefferson.

Bernard Zaleha, the Boise attorney handling the case for the ACLU and student Andrew Albanese, declined to call the resolution a great compromise.

OSHA cites post office for violations

BOISE — The government's Occupational Safety and Health Administration has cited the U.S. Postal Service in Boise for willful violations of federal safety standards.

The citation, based on an inspection prompted by an employee complaint, charges that the agency failed to develop, implement or maintain a written hazard communication program.

That resulted in a lack of safety information from a roofing contractor and no employee notification, information or training on the hazards roofing chemicals could create in their work areas.

North Carolina man named to post

BLACKFOOT — A court official from North Carolina has been named as the new administrator for the 7th Judicial District in eastern Idaho.

Burton Butler, who has been the trial court administrator for the 28th Judicial District in Asheville, N.C., is the new administrator for the district that includes Bingham, Bonneville, Butte, Clark, Custer, Fremont, Jefferson, Lemhi, Madison and Teton counties.

Butler will be responsible for the administration of the trial courts under the supervision of Administrative Judge James Herndon.

Limeburg arraignment set for Jan. 11

SANDPOINT — Howard Limeburg Jr., 36, Oldtown, is scheduled to be arraigned in 1st District Court Jan. 11 on a first-degree murder charge that alleges he shot the jealous husband of the woman he was dating.

After a preliminary hearing last week, Magistrate Debra Heise ordered Limeburg held in the Bannock County Jail under \$100,000 bond. Limeburg was arrested Nov. 29 in the death of Eddy Lee Hollowell, 35, also Oldtown. Limeburg is accused of shooting Hollowell in the chest with a .357 caliber handgun. His attorney argued at the preliminary hearing that Limeburg didn't intend to kill Hollowell.

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4 GOP members cast state's 4 votes for Bush

BOISE (AP) — When 202,645 Monday's nationwide electoral college balloting, Clinton and running mate Al Gore will receive 370 of the 538 electoral votes.

Former lieutenant governor David Leroy of Boise, GOP National Committeeman Blake Hall of Idaho Falls, former national committeewoman Janet Miller of Boise and Kootenai County GOP leader Ruthie Johnson of Coeur d'Alene cast ballots for Bush and Vice President Dan Quayle.

Cenarrusa said there are those who think the electoral college is an anachronism that should be abolished.

For a small state such as Idaho, with just two members of the House of Representatives, it's a good deal, he said.

"We are advantaged by the electoral college," Cenarrusa said.

Those four Republicans met at the Statehouse Monday and when results of the Nov. 3 election were certified, declaring Bush the winner in Idaho, they cast Idaho's four electoral votes for the president.

"It will go against us (Democrats) but the results nationwide I like," Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus quipped before the votes were cast.

Bush won a big Idaho victory over President-elect Clinton, who got 137,013 votes.

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BURLEY — Thomas W. Priest and Cara K. Peterson, both of Burley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Charlotte Priest, to Billy Ray Baker, son of Willie and Letta Baker, also of Burley.

Priest is a graduate of Burley High School and attended Boise State University and modeling school in Salt Lake City. She is employed at the Bon Marche in Twin Falls.

Baker is also a graduate of BHS and attended the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed by Payless Drug in Salt Lake.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.

Keep latchkey pets happy

By Vicki Croke
Boston Globe

Where there's a working person and a pet, there's a guilt. It's hard to think about your poor devoted companion sitting in a quiet house all day, waiting for the sound of the key in the lock. (Or maybe even tougher to think of your dear companion pulling the blinds for a snack or swinging on the curtains.) But according to the experts, life really isn't so bad for latchkey cats and dogs.

In general, dogs are very adaptable," said dog trainer Kathy de Natale, of Wallham, Mass. "They are comfortable with a set routine and it's actually more stressful for them to have the routine broken." She says dogs sleep 12 to 18 hours a day on average, so a quiet home is perfect for these industrial-strength nappers.

And it's especially easy with a cat, because you can leave out enough food and they have a litter box indoors.

"What's important," de Natale says, "is to give your dog 'good quality time' when you are with him or her. Some guidelines for dogs:

- Most experts agree that 10 hours is the cutoff time. A dog is usually fine for eight or nine hours, but if you are routinely away from home for 10 hours or longer, you should think twice about leaving a dog.

- Give the dog a chance to exercise her legs as well as her organs of elimination before you leave.

- Consider leaving the radio or TV on. For some pets, especially young ones, the noise can be comforting.

- Pet-sitting services. There are lots of good, reliable pet sitters out there who can break up your dog's day and ease the bladder crisis.

- Place a piece of cheese in the hollow center of a sterilized beef bone and leave it with your dog. It takes a lot of time and concentration to get the cheese out.

- Don't make a dramatic departure. "Oh! My poor darling! Mummy is leaving you!" — but sort of kidding. See good-bye as a matter of fact way.

- And from Brian Kilecommons, author of "Good Owners, Great Dogs," (he's a cat guy too) some guidelines for cats:

- Get a second cat. And let them entertain each other while you're out.

- A colleague suggests placing chairs near the window, and Kilecommons says you can buy ready-made platforms so your cat can check out the action outdoors, and lie in the sun (a favorite pastime).

- Find some great cat toys and scratching posts.

- And, as with dogs, spend some time with your cats when you are home. Groom or play with them. Kilecommons recommends a fishing pole toy, which, he says, cats love and keeps you safe from claws.

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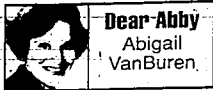
DEAR ABBY: Help! I am a teenager with an identical twin sister. The problem is our relatives. While growing up, we were around our relatives a lot — visits to our grandparents' homes once a week, and get-togethers two or three times a month.

Jane and I do look alike, but we have our differences. Our friends can tell us apart; it's the relatives who can't. We are treated like a package deal. They call me by each other's names and don't even try to get it right. They say, "Whichever one you are, will you do this or that?"

This really makes us mad. I wish they would understand that we are two unique people with different personalities and should never be treated like one person with one name and one set of feelings.

Our other sister is getting married soon, and I need your advice on how to handle these relatives. Since you're a twin, you should know.

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your twin sister, my twin and I enjoyed the attention we drew because we were identical twins.

Our mother dressed us alike until the day we were married (at a double wedding) and we loved it. We never wanted to be "individuals," because due to our "twinhood," we stood out from the crowd. Fortunately, in retrospect, we thrived, in spite of being a "package deal."

However, I would not recommend it if I had twins. I would encourage individuality. As "identical" as my womb-mate and I were, those who knew us well could easily tell us apart. And the men whom we eventually married agreed that from the moment they laid eyes on us, they had no trouble telling us apart; to them, we were one-of-a-kind

individuals.

As for you and Jane: Since it's not possible to change other people, I suggest you change your attitude. Don't get "mad" when your relatives confuse you; it goes with the territory. Ask any twin who has been blessed with twinhood.

DEAR ABBY: I have this ongoing feud with my daughter, so please give me your opinion.

I have been a widow for 20 years, and I have a gentleman friend with whom I have been close for 10 years. Every time a party or important occasion comes up, my daughter sends me an invitation and adds my friend's name to it. I feel that since we do not live together and he has a separate address, he should have the courtesy of his own invitation. My friend is very adamant about this, and will not accept an invitation unless he receives his own. (I agree with him.)

My daughter and I have discussed this every time, and she insists she is right and that there is no necessity to send him a separate invitation. What

do you think?

MARJORIE IN WEST PALM BEACH

DEAR MARJORIE: I agree with you and your friend. And if your daughter persists in "adding" his name to your invitation, knowing that he will not accept the invitation, it is abundantly clear that she doesn't much care what her mother's gentleman friend thinks.

DEAR ABBY: I have a male friend I think the world of, but I can't for the life of me understand why he goes around with nose hairs and ear hairs that are so noticeable that it detracts from his good looks.

He dresses well and is otherwise very well-groomed. He has a thatch of thick black hair on his head, but the hair growing out of his nose and ears is so noticeable, it spoils his appearance.

I haven't got the nerve to tell him. What should I do?

— A GOOD FRIEND

DEAR FRIEND: You could be even a better friend if you clipped this and mailed it to him.

President-elect is a page turner

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The CIA. It is rumored: has something that Bill Clinton wants to get his hands on.

This precious cache — reportedly gathered over decades, through Republican and Democratic administrations alike — has been the subject of high-level discussions in the Clinton camp for several months.

"We have been told," a source close to Clinton said recently, "that the CIA has a copy of every spy thriller and mystery novel ever published. If it's true, we want access to those books."

Books: The president-elect loves them, with one of those outsize appetites of his; he loves them like fraters. He jokes about creating a federal Office of Detective Fiction. To the extent that obsequious Washington tries to emulate the president, we are about to embark on four very good years for the eyeglass industry, the publishing houses, the makers of reading lamps and perhaps the editors of major book reviews. Look for a new series of CIA. Notes geared to busy Georgetown housewives.

"I envy him," said Betsey Wright, a close aide to Clinton for many years in Arkansas and now an official in the transition. "I wish I could read as fast as he does. I wish I could remember it all as he does. It is a survival technique for him."

Clinton reads to relax, friends

say, and to sharpen his thinking. He reads for ammo to feed his now-famous barbs of talk.

And Clinton reads — even when he is reading only detective novels — to further his grand designs on history. Right now, for example, he has his hands on Martin Cruz Smith's latest mystery, "Red Square," which was recommended not just as a page turner but as background on today's corrupt, post-Communist Moscow.

Derek Shearer, another recommended a lot of books on international trade and competitiveness, like Lester Thurow's "Head to Head." Donald Barlett and James Steele's bestseller "America: What Went Wrong?" Roy Marsh and Mafe Tucker's "At Work: The Future Wealth of the Nation" and others.

When Paul Tsongas and then Ross Perot began to make the budget deficit a central issue of the campaign, Clinton turned to Robert Heilbroner and Peter Bernstein's slim volume, "The Debt and the Deficit," which argues deficit spending is not such a bad thing if it invests in growth.

Kids craft class begins Thursday

JEROME — Stephanie Taylor will be the instructor for a Christmas crafts class for kids, third through sixth grade from 3:15 to 4:45 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Recreation Center.

Class will be limited to 10 participants. Several unique

Christmas ornaments will be created by each child to take home. The fee is \$2.50 plus \$5 for materials. For more information or to register, call the Jerome Recreation District at 324-3389 or stop by the office at 2444 S. Lincoln.

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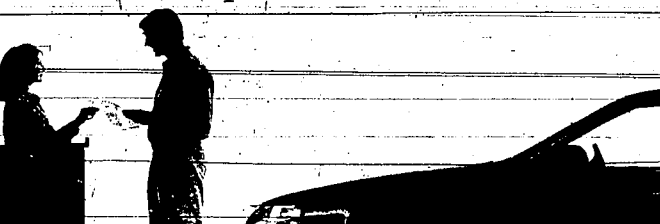
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Comics

Peanuts

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CHRISTMAS IS COMING. I SHOULD START DOING MY SHOPPING.

LAST YEAR I EXCHANGED GIFTS WITH A ROCK. I THINK HE LIKED WHAT I BOUGHT HIM...

HE'S STILL WEARING IT.

For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston

MOM, SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU. I THINK I'D LIKE TO BUY SOME CHRISTMAS GIFTS. BRINGING THEM TO YOU.

THIS IS AWESOME! YEAH! I'M GONNA HAVE ANOTHER KID!

GRANDMA - WHY DO THEY (MOM AND DAD) CALL THIS "SHORTCUTS"?

... BECAUSE IT DOESN'T LAST LONG!

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Watterson

DAD, I'D LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE TALK.

UM, OK... AS THE WAGE EARNER HERE, IT'S YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SHOW SOME CONSUMER CONFIDENCE AND START BUYING THINGS THAT WILL GET THE ECONOMY GOING AND CREATE PROFITS AND EMPLOYMENT.

HERE'S A LIST OF SOME BIG TICKET ITEMS I'D LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS. I HOPE I CAN TRUST YOU TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY.

I'VE GOT TO STOP LEAVING THE WALL STREET JOURNAL AROUND.

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

YOU DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO DARN THAT PAIR OF SOCKS?

WHAT DOES DARNING SOCKS MEAN?

The Far Side

By Gary Larson

"Abdu, my old friend! Come in, come in! Have you traveled far?"

B.C.

By Johnny Hart

OK... NOT A WORD OF THIS TO ANYBODY! GOT IT?

... GOT IT

AND KEEP A LOW PROFILE...

TO DO THAT THEY'D HAVE TO IRON ME.

Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

IN THE OLD DAYS WHEN A WIFE IN A SOCK YOU COULD COVER IT OVER THE HOLE AND NEVER WEARING IT.

HEY, COOL!!

Garfield

By Jim Davis

WE'RE LOOKING FOR CHRISTMAS TREES.

HOW ABOUT AN ARTIFICIAL ONE?

WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO WATER AN ARTIFICIAL TREE.

SO?

WE DON'T WATER THE REAL ONES ANYWAY.

Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

"DON'T WORRY, WHATEVER YOU DON'T BRING ME, I'LL GET FOR MY BIRTHDAY."

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane

"Do I say 'Dear Santa Claus' or should I just call him by his first name — Santa?"

Hi and Lois

By Chance Brown

YOU'VE GOT IT ALL, LOIS... A GREAT HUSBAND, GUTE KIDS, A NICE HOUSE, A REWARDING JOB...

WHAT MORE CAN YOU ASK FOR?

HOW ABOUT JUST LITTLE TIME AWAY FROM IT ALL?

"DON'T WORRY, WHATEVER YOU DON'T BRING ME, I'LL GET FOR MY BIRTHDAY."

The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HOW ARE THE NICOTINE PATCHES WORKING?

... NOT SO HOT.

WHAT'S WRONG?

... IF YOU KOLL EM UP TOO TIGHT THEY WON'T STAY LIT.

ACROSS

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Sydny Omarr's Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are musical - you have musical voice, appreciate drama, are loyal to family. You are attracted to times of splurging on an object, luxury items. Social activities accelerate during December, holiday festivities will suit you just fine. In 1993, you'll undergo success of heading down for ultimate purpose of rebuilding on more solid structure.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Events transpire to bring you closer to ultimate goal. What begins as routine undergoes metamorphosis, being transformed into excitement, adventure. Favorable individuals will be exposed as charlatans.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Barrier comes down - relationship is restored, friends, legitimate representation or financial discovery. Scenario highlights personality, physical attraction.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Check Taurus messages. Unlike innate talent for writing, expressing ideas in articulate, entertaining manner. Major domestic adjustment occurs.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Attention revolves around real estate, ability to perfect techniques. Inquisitive relative should be treated politely but not taken seriously. You'll learn something during special meeting. Discretion!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Scenario revolves around investments, money, payments, legitimate representation or financial package. You'll be rewarded for over time, for special efforts, for ability to organize. Capricorn involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Long-standing assignment will be completed. Face yourself from obligation that was foolish to accept in first place. Focus on how to meet audience, individual appeal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What appeared to be dark, deserted, will receive benefit of greater light. Don't be discouraged by those who lack talent, faith, inspiration. Attention revolves around career, promotion, production.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You get along events which represent what others might regard as "frills." Virgo Moon coincides with speculation, pleasure, ability to win friends and influence people by those who lack talent, faith, inspiration. Attention revolves around career, promotion, production.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Those who radiate your aspirations will have faces will be smiling or glowing. Virgo Moon coincides with speculation, pleasure, ability to win friends and influence people by those who lack talent, faith, inspiration, coinciding with achievement.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Details unraveled in connection with professional, business, education. Virgo Moon highlights education, spirituality, ability to reach wider audience.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You'll learn more about individual attention handling your financial affairs. Attention revolves around possible investment, limited partnership. You'll be dealing in the world of "high finance."

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Emphasis on legal affairs, credibility, public relations, how you look to the world. You'll receive gift representing token of affection, esteem.

Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Brown

HI, FAST EDDIE!

HI, GORK... IT'S LUCKY EDDIE! IT WAS MY FATHER'S NAME...

WOW... WHAT ARE THE CHANCES OF THAT HAPPENING...

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker

WELL, I'M OFF ON FURLOUGH... GOODBYE, MR. CHIPS

THAT'S SWEET... DO YOU CALL HIM THAT BECAUSE HE'S BEEN SUCH A WONDERFUL TEACHER?

NO...

... YOU'RE NOT EVEN CLOSE.

Sugar makes newborns smile

Researchers know a newborn baby will smile when they put sugar on a baby's tongue, but they still don't know why.

Q. What was the purpose, if any, of the oddtime bustle women once wore?

A. Cunning camouflage. Over-emphasis on many tended to standardize this relieved some.

Q. I've heard that grocery and meat stores do this mean reindeer are carnivorous?

A. No, they've been seen to gobble a female reindeer, but also the lemming migrations, but that's just because the furry-footed little rodents sometimes stampede into the wrong place at the wrong time.

Q. The German poet Heinrich Heine bequeathed his entire estate to his widow on the condition she renounce "to at least one other man... will regret my death."

A. Add "computer stores" to that list of the ill-fall businesses most likely to fail. According to an association of analysts, still on that roster include: Laundries and dry cleaners, florists, used car dealerships, gas stations, trucking firms, restaurants, instant pudding, pasta, bakeries, and grocery and meat stores.

You're right when you say Egypt is in Africa. But it's also in Asia.

It was the classic old Romans who invented napkins. But the classic old Greeks. The Greeks wiped their hands on bread, threw that to the dogs, then dipped their fingers into scented water. Not the Romans. They brought their own napkins. And carried off leftovers in them. Also, they were another of the many who thought it complimentary to the cook to belch at the table.

Q. What kind of cars did TV's Batman and Robin actually drive as "Batmobiles"?

A. Stretched Ford Futuras with Thunderbolt 428-inch V-8 engines.

L.M. Boyd What's what?

68 Basketball
49 Little bit
50 Clue

51 Anchor
52 Opposing one
53 — tido
56 Baseball stat.

Frank and Ernest

By Bob Thaves

DAILY NEWS HEADLINE DEPT.

THE SPORTS SECTION SAYS A FOOLISH BOXER WAS BITTEN BY A MONKEY IN AN EXHIBITION MATCH...

"CHIMP CHOMPS 'CHUMP CHAMP'."

The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip

GOOD NEWS! I HAVE DECIDED TO GIVE YOU A CHRISTMAS BONUS!

GOLLY NEDS, CHIEF! GEE, YOU REALLY SHOULDN'T HAVE!

ON SECOND THOUGHT, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT!

Idaho

Hansen associate remains hopeful, optimistic he'll be vindicated

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — John Scoresby, convicted of bank fraud last week along with former congressman George Hansen, says he's still hopeful because people know of his reputation for integrity.

Scoresby, who faces up to 30 years in prison when he's sentenced March 1, said it's been a lean two years since Hansen declared bankruptcy, throwing him out of a job. Later, a federal grand jury indicted the pair on 49 counts of bank fraud.

After a two-week trial, they were convicted on 45 of the 47 remaining counts Friday afternoon.

"It's been a tough two years. Not many people want to take on someone in my position," Scoresby said Saturday. "But something will come along, because a lot of people know me and know my integrity."

As he and Hansen awaited the verdict, Scoresby, 45, remained optimistic they'd be vindicated. "I have desires to be involved in public service," he said, when asked if he planned any future political campaigns.

But that's out the window, unless his conviction is overturned. As a convicted felon, he can't own a firearm, vote or hold public office.

Two years ago, Scoresby ran for the Idaho Legislature but lost in the primary. Until June, he was regional chairman of the Idaho Republican Party. During Hansen's congressional service, he was Hansen's field representative for eastern Idaho.

He said the troubles started when Hansen had to declare bankruptcy, acknowledging more than \$19 million in debts to more than 180 individuals and organizations.

Hansen argued throughout the trial that he was being prosecuted in retaliation for his many years of crusades against federal agencies.

Some of the people who loaned Hansen money still believe the two men have been railroaded for their political beliefs. Others say Hansen exploited his anti-government crusader image to obtain money.

The verdict was painful for many Republicans and a vindication for Democrats who had long criticized Hansen's dealings.

Sheila Olsen, a long-time friend of Hansen's, said she felt sorry for his family. "I have sadness for them personally, because I certainly hold them both as friends," she said. "There are few people in

public life who have given as much of themselves as George has."

But Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings, who in 1984 won Hansen's seat in the U.S. House after Hansen was convicted of lying on federal financial disclosure forms, reserved his sympathy for Scoresby. "John was another one caught up in the George Hansen mystique," Stallings said. "I think people were watching the trial closely because George has always been such colorful character in Idaho politics. George played to a very basic human instinct greed."

GED age limit may drop to 16

BOISE (AP) — Nearly 1,700 Idaho high school students left school last year without a diploma.

Recognizing the problem isn't going to go away, the state wants to make it easier for dropouts to get a high-school-equivalency certificate.

State Department-of-Education officials have proposed lowering the age requirement for the General Education Development test to 16. The State Board of Education will hold a hearing on the proposal Jan. 19.

"We think we need to offer this option to allow students who have dropped out of school a way to get on with their lives," state Superintendent Jerry Evans said.

Students who pass the GED exam receive certificates that employers have traditionally viewed as equal to a high school diploma.

Nearly 10 percent of the 16,800 Idaho students enrolled in high school last year dropped out, state figures show. Now, most dropouts must be 18 or older to take the test. The only exception is for 17-year-olds entering the military.

Lowering the age requirement would help high school dropouts get into technical schools or qualify for more jobs at an earlier age, Evans said.

Under the proposal, 16- and 17-year-old dropouts who live at home would have to get permission from their parents to take the test.

School officials also would have to give permission to 16- and 17-year-olds who wish to take the exam. School officials could consider such factors as whether the student is behind in credits or a teen parent in determining whether to grant permission.

Carolyn Rupp, a Capital High School counselor and assistant principal for Boise Night School opposes the change.

"It would be an enticement for kids to drop out of school," she said.

Meridian High School student Rylee Bentley agrees. "If students knew they could take the test at an earlier age, they may go ahead and drop out."

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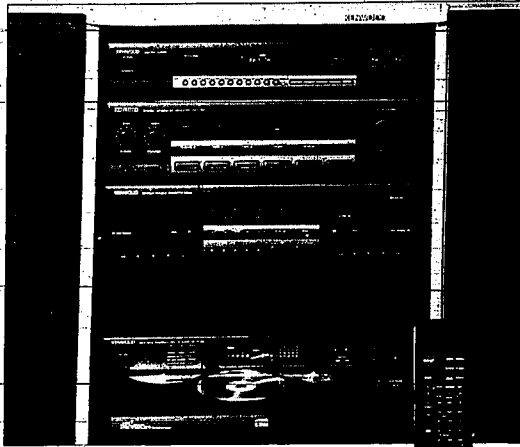
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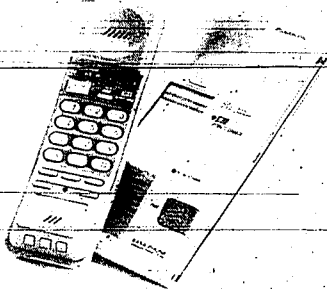
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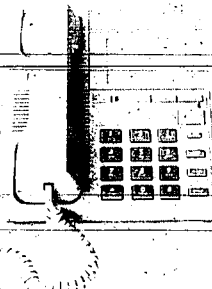
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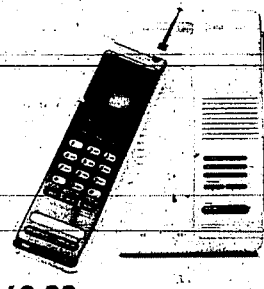
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Environmentalists/Classified

Council lists 8 worst polluters

Stocks end lower in lackluster trading

Journal of Commerce

The Council on Economic Priorities, a widely respected New York-based research group, cited eight companies as the worst U.S. corporate environmental offenders in the respective industries. The council used a wide range of criteria to assess the environmental records of nearly 100 companies before naming the top eight offenders, said John Weiss, project director of the group's corporate environmental data clearing house. Cited are Cargill Inc., Minnetonka, Minn., for food processing; E.I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del., for chemicals; General Electric Co., Fairfield, Conn., for electrical equipment; General Motors Corp., Detroit, for automobiles; Georgia-Pacific Corp., Atlanta, for paper; Maxxim Inc., Houston, for timber;

Rockwell International Corp., Seal Beach, Calif., for aerospace; and USX Corp., Pittsburgh, for steel.

"No single company was selected as a ninth industry, the oil sector, because all of the companies under evaluation had poor records," he said. "They were all egregious."

The list was officially released Monday after company executives were notified last week.

"Other groups" have done lists of Top 100 polluters based on certain facts, such as toxic releases or fines," Weiss said. "But this is the first qualitative and quantitative. Part of the mission of the council is to publish the records of corporations."

The council, a 23-year-old nonprofit research group, reviews the social records of companies on a variety of issues, including the

environment, the hiring of women and minorities and policies on issues such as family leave.

Weiss said he did not know if the council's list was the first to assess the environmental records of various industries.

A team of 10 judges, including scientists, academics and business executives, "were given lengthy evaluation reports on each company, which had been prepared by the council. The reports, ranging from 30 to 75 pages, included information on air pollution, a company's number of hazardous waste sites, its violations of workplace safety regulations and its general environmental practices, such as importing lumber from tropical rain forests."

Each company was also assigned a "greenex," a rating that assessed the environmental voting records of politicians whose campaigns the

companies are funding, Weiss said.

The judges examined the reports and used other information they had before naming the top eight offenders.

"Weiss said the council's access to new information persuaded it to produce the list. "This was the first time that government disclosure requirements increased our access to obtain corporate information," Weiss said. "We also were able to get information on computers."

Ross Stevens, environmental affairs manager at Du Pont, said he could not comment because he had not seen the methodology the council used. Spokesmen for Cargill and General Motors also said they had not seen the report and were unable to comment.

Weiss said the report was sent last week to each company's chief executive officer and a media contact

curtailed stock market activity.

Computer-triggered buy programs quickly kicked in, sending equities into positive territory for a while before they

settled. The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks fell 18.88 points to end the day at 3,207.22.

Declining issues outnumbered gaining ones by about 9 to 8 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume on the floor of the Big Board came to 183.52 million shares as of 4 p.m., up from 164.45 million in the previous session. Prices opened lower as trading got back to normal after the surprise stop that ripped through the New York area on Friday and

many investors have been selling stocks to cash in on profits before the increase capital gains tax that is expected under the Clinton administration.

Trading was generally lackluster.

Markets

Dow Jones

Stock	High	Low	Change
DOW JONES	3207.9	3200.4	-7.5
S&P 500	237.9	237.3	-.6
NASDAQ	378.8	377.2	-.6
DAX	3397.8	3388.8	-9.0
HONG KONG	1191.7	1200.0	8.3
NIKKEI 225	11821.0	11860.0	39.0
OSAKA	256.0	256.0	0.0
TOYO	1869.0	1869.0	0.0
NIKKEI 225	7.09	7.09	0.00
NIKKEI 225	5.87	5.87	0.00
NIKKEI 225	24,113.00	24,113.00	0.00

New York

Stock	High	Low	Change
IBM	251.00	250.00	-.00
Microsoft	44.00	44.00	0.00
Apple	227.80	227.80	0.00
Oracle	182.00	182.00	0.00
Intel	138.30	138.30	0.00
Amgen	188.40	188.40	0.00
Novartis	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Glaxo	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
Merck	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
Roche	1,265.00	1,265.00	0.00
Novartis	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00

Local interest

Stock	High	Low	Change
Albermarle	32.00	32.00	0.00
Boji	29.00	29.00	0.00
Coca Cola	10.00	10.00	0.00
Eastman	32.00	32.00	0.00
First Bancorp	27.00	27.00	0.00
Farm Bureau	14.00	14.00	0.00
GenCorp	42.00	42.00	0.00
Key Corp	3.00	3.00	0.00
Ling	17.00	17.00	0.00
Long Beach	21.00	21.00	0.00
MGM	12.00	12.00	0.00
Medco	14.00	14.00	0.00
Park	14.00	14.00	0.00
Pharmacia	31.00	31.00	0.00
Shojo Inc	15.00	15.00	0.00
Trans World	1.00	1.00	0.00
TV International	32.00	32.00	0.00
World Medical	32.00	32.00	0.00
Wright	48.00	48.00	0.00
West One Bancorp	4.00	4.00	0.00

Closing values

Market	Value	Change
Month	70.85	-0.85
Year	70.85	-0.85
Feb. issue	70.85	-0.85
Jan. issue	70.85	-0.85
Dec. issue	70.85	-0.85

Beans

Bean	High	Low	Change
Dec. soybeans	3.75	3.75	0.00
Dec. soybean meal	263.00	263.00	0.00
Jan. soybeans	3.71	3.71	0.00
Jan. soybean meal	263.00	263.00	0.00
Mar. soybeans	3.71	3.71	0.00
Mar. soybean meal	263.00	263.00	0.00

Grains

Grain	High	Low	Change
Dec. wheat	3.10	3.10	0.00
Jan. wheat	3.08	3.08	0.00
Mar. wheat	3.08	3.08	0.00
Dec. corn	3.75	3.75	0.00
Jan. corn	3.73	3.73	0.00
Mar. corn	3.73	3.73	0.00

Potatoes, onions

Commodity	High	Low	Change
Onions	150.00	150.00	0.00
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Sugar

Sugar	High	Low	Change
Domestic	32.00	32.00	0.00
Foreign	32.00	32.00	0.00
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Foreign	32.00	32.00	0.00

Livestock

Livestock	High	Low	Change
Cattle	90.00	90.00	0.00
Hog	80.00	80.00	0.00
Sheep	70.00	70.00	0.00
Poultry	60.00	60.00	0.00

Metals

Metal	High	Low	Change
Gold	350.00	350.00	0.00
Silver	250.00	250.00	0.00
Copper	150.00	150.00	0.00
Aluminum	100.00	100.00	0.00

Fossil fuels

Fossil Fuel	High	Low	Change
Oil	20.00	20.00	0.00
Natural Gas	10.00	10.00	0.00
Coal	50.00	50.00	0.00
Gasoline	1.00	1.00	0.00

Stock listings

New York

Stock	High	Low	Change
IBM	251.00	250.00	-.00
Microsoft	44.00	44.00	0.00
Apple	227.80	227.80	0.00
Oracle	182.00	182.00	0.00
Intel	138.30	138.30	0.00
Amgen	188.40	188.40	0.00
Novartis	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Glaxo	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
Merck	1,450.00	1,450.00	0.00
Roche	1,265.00	1,265.00	0.00

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100 ANNOUNCEMENTS, 300 FINANCIAL, 600 REAL ESTATE/RENT, 800 MISCELLANEOUS, 900 RECREATIONAL, 1000 TRANSPORTATION, 700 FARMERS MARKET.

LEGAL NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID: Sealed Proposals will be received by the Idaho-Military Council for CONSTRUCTION OF PROJECT HOPE, Farm Labor Housing at 914 Burn, Idaho Architect Project No. 81-01-0000.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

101- LOST-FOUND: \$150 Reward Missing Company Laptop at Hwy 200, Boise, ID. 104 MEET YOUR MATCH: Ad cost: \$101 week.

104 MEET YOUR MATCH

DWM, 40, attractive, self-employed. White male, early 40s, 5'7-1/2 lbs, non-smoker, would like to meet an attractive lady in the 1F area, 25-38 yrs of age.

104 MEET YOUR MATCH

Rural RV, DWM, 49, 5'7-1/2"; short hair and beard, fit, employed, educated, open, honest, optimistic, non-violent, romantic.

104 MEET YOUR MATCH

W/M, mid-30's, non-smoker, light drinker would like to meet SWF who likes to talk, Sunday drives, movies, football and lots of TLC.

106 PERSONALS

Divorcee, 30, 112 Min, Gooding, Idaho 83437. Lady 50 to meet man 50+, looking to have a nice man under my tree for Christmas. Call Jo 324-1250.

107 SPECIAL NOTICES

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Call 733-8200. HOTLINE: 733-0122. A problem is not a problem when shared.

TWIN FALLS ROUTE-AVAILABLE

Block of real estate listings for Route 707 and Route 742, including addresses like Addison Ave, Shoup Ave, and Tyler.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID: Proposals will be received by the Idaho Council on Developmental Disabilities at the Council Office, 280 N. Eighth Street, Suite 208, Boise, ID 83720.

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Place your ad in the classified Holiday Shopping Guide! Every Monday Starting Dec. 7. Times News 733-0931 press 2

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Form for submitting a 'Meet Your Match' ad, including fields for Name, Address, City, State, Zip Code, and Phone.

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Announcements-Employment

199 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
Interior & exterior painting...
BANKRUPTCY
Stipulations, suits, garnishments...

RETAIL MANAGEMENT
A leading retailer is looking for exceptional managers for its store in Twin Falls...

210 SALES
Aven wants individuals interested in earning \$6-\$10/hr. No door-to-door...

210 SALES
SALES MANAGER. Experience required. prefer corporate or government background...

211 TECHNICAL
Programmer needed for field data recording applications. Experience preferred in Microsoft C++...

212 TRADE
MILL OPERATOR. Must have CDL license. Will train. Call 324-8606.

212 TRADE
PFSI 48 state carrier based in Boise, looking for qualified owner operators of flat bed equipment...

213 MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES
EXPANDING
If you have previous experience in the printing business...

143 CHILD CARE SERVICES
We have places for kids things to do. Drop-ins, kids take care drop-ins, extended hours...

207 OFFICE/CLERICAL
General Office Clerk. Experience necessary, familiarity with transportation...

209 RESTAURANT/LOUNGE
Waitress. Apply in person. Man-Fri, 2-5. No phone calls please...

210 SALES
ACCOUNT REPRESENTATIVE. Idaho Correctional Industries, a manufacturing and services agency...

211 TECHNICAL
Accepting applications for electrician position only. Prefer state licensed journeyman...

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Experienced flatbed drivers to drive for Dave B. Grant Trucking in Ogden, Utah...

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1-3 days \$3.10 per line
4-7 days \$4.75 per line
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lines x \$/line = Subtotal
Total
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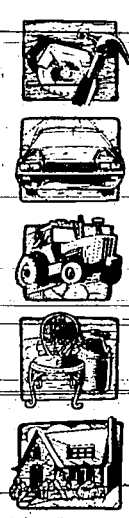
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Employment-Financial-Instruction 213-615

213 MISCELLANEOUS OPPORTUNITIES

Kimberly School District #414 has a permanent full-time position for a custodian... Application available at the District Office, 141-Century St., W. Kimberly, ID 83401... 400 INSTRUCTION

PT experienced cook needed for long term care facility... Experience in facility setting a plus... 500 REAL ESTATE/SALE

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BROADSTREET MORTGAGE, INC. Financing. • New Loans - Low Rates • Non-Owner Occupied • Commercial Loans Available... 303 CONTRACTS AND MORTGAGES

CONTRACTS, TRUST DEEDS purchased, whole or part. West One Bank 383-7610 or 383-7653 or 1-800-772-4666.

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2111 Rusty Court (Subdivision on corner of Filer & Eastland) 3 bedroom, 2 bath highly efficient all electric home... The Price - \$99,900 The Financing Conventional 30 year variable at 6.875% The Monthly Payment *628* which includes principal, interest, taxes and interest based on 80% loan to value.

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MOVE RIGHT INTO this 3 bedroom 2 bath home... 400 INSTRUCTION

JUST THE RIGHT SIZE for starting out or for empty nesters... 500 REAL ESTATE/SALE

302 HOMES FOR SALE For Sale by owner remodeled 2 1/2 bedroom house on 3 city lots with shed... 503 BUHL/FILER HOMES

Best Buy in BUHL Beautiful home on corner lot 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 1593 sq ft... 504 REALTY

Available now! 3 bedroom new homes in new subdivision... 505 GOODING/WENDEL HOMES

By owner: New 3 br 2 bath, all electric good sense home... 508 KIMBERLY/HANSEN HOMES

LOVELY 3 bdrm on large lot, garage, covered deck, fully finished basement... 512 FARMS/RANCHES AND DAIRIES

CUTE & SHARP! Very well maintained two bedroom home... 515 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

1/8 page, \$50 includes 1 FREE listing... 518 MOBILE HOMES

10x52 mobile 2 bdrm, full shape, approx. \$3,900... 602 UNFURNISHED HOUSES

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1 & 2 bdrm apt. utilities paid... 605 UNFURNISHED ROOMMATES

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Construction worker needs to rent room with bathroom & kitchen facilities... 607 OFFICE AND RETAIL SPACE

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

There is only one success - to be able to spend your life in your own way. - Christopher Marlowe

The most exciting personality to arrive on the contemporary international bridge scene is Zia Mahmood of Pakistan. Winner of countless championships, Zia is known for his flamboyant style of play. Highly successful in U.S. tournaments, Zia led the recent \$200,000 Atlantic City Individual to his bag of trophies. Today's hand is from his book about his winning tactics, "Bridge My Way."

Zia held the East cards at a critical point of the Individual Championship. He needed a good score to stay in contention, so he doubled the spade game with the East cards. The situation was ideal. The opponents had not bid confidently, and Zia knew that his partner would play the spades. It was a good time to make an "outside double."

West (Charlie Coon of Boston) led the club to Zia's ace, and Zia shifted to a diamond. South winning the trick. Placing the spades with East, South crossed to dummy's heart king to lead a spade to his king; but West continued the deception with a smooth duck. South cashed the club king and ruffed a club in dummy to lead another spade, and calamity struck. West won the spade trick, cashed another spade and led the club queen to force South's last trump while West kept control with his trump. The partner was at the points (down two), and Zia's imaginative double earned him a top score.

Zia's book, a collection of very interesting hands, describes the tactics needed to play a winner with the spades. It is available for \$22 (1-800-367-9667), and I give it my highest recommendation.

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: East
The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 NT Pass 2
Pass 2 Pass 3
Pass 4 Pass 3
Dbl. Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Club seven
11-10-B

ANSWER: Pass. A part-score should be the limit, and there's no reason to look any further.

Send bridge questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 1523, Dallas, Texas 75223, with self-addressed, stamped envelope for reply.

802 - APPLIANCES
Whirlpool portable dishwasher without hoses & filters. \$150.00. Make your own choice. Both excellent. Call 324-5822 ext. 3.

804 - BUILDING MATERIALS
PIT RUN GRAVEL for sale. \$6 & up per yard. Call 733-3551

808 COMMUNICATION DEVICES
Motorola MTX 1800 radio phone. \$190.00. Vehicle phone radio & charges. 420-5618 or 324-4591.

809 COMPUTERS
\$150 Howard Missing Computer Laptop computer. No questions asked. 734-1845. Marilyn or Kathleen.

810 FURNITURE AND CARPETS
AA1 floorboard delivered. Also sliprugs. 734-3587.

811 FURNITURE AND CARPETS
100 yards of Berber carpet & 200 yards of old, worn, brown bedroom carpet with 6' x 6' tile. 734-4739.

812 HEATING & AIR CONDITIONING
Brookview pellet stove, nice looking, great condition. \$1,200.00. For info, call 324-5822.

817 MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE
Game Boy & games for sale. Call 324-3068.

820 PETS AND SUPPLIES
Pot bellied pig, just in time for Christmas. 8-6 weeks old. \$100. Call 678-2004.

821 STEREOS/RADIOCAS
Rockford Foresta PUNCH 75. \$169. Call 736-8558 or 736-2723 leave message.

822 TOOLS AND MACHINERY
Miller portable welder, #950. Call 324-3972.

824 VIDEO
26" console color T.V. very nice. \$200.00. Call 734-9401.

825 WANTED TO BUY
10 gauge shot gun. Call 733-2394.

825 WANTED TO BUY
Anyone with good condition piano, willing to donate or sell for under \$100. Call 734-7795.

825 WANTED TO BUY
Baby food jars, call 934-4688.

825 WANTED TO BUY
Baby guinea pig & cage for Christmas present.

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RAINBOW VACUUM cleaner. \$239.75. Call 733-7625.

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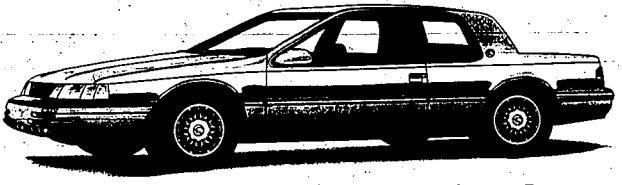
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Sports

Bowe trashes WBC

Heavyweight champ dumps belt in garbage; Lewis shares title

The Associated Press

LONDON — Riddick Bowe gave up a third of his heavyweight boxing titles Monday and showed what he thought of the World Boxing Council.

He dumped the WBC belt in a trash can. Then the WBC dumped Bowe, stripping him of the title and declaring No. 1 British contender Lennox Lewis the new champ.

The action by WBC president Jose Sulaiman effectively split the heavyweight championship for the first time since 1987 when Mike Tyson unified the crown by stopping Tony Tucker.

The title had been split in 1978 when new champ Leon Spinks signed for a rematch with Muhammad Ali, defying a WBC order to fight No. 1 challenger Ken Norton. The WBC recognized Norton as champ and he was outpointed by Larry Holmes, who then ruled the division for 7 1/2

'If Lewis wants the belt, he has to get it out of the garbage. Then we will call him garbage picker.'

— Riddick Bowe

Newman said he never received official acceptance of his \$3 million offer to Lewis for Bowe's first defense.

Bowe, who was in Lewis' hometown to present an award, picked up the WBC belt, dropped it into a large black garbage can and put Lewis to the back of the line of challengers.

"The WBC is wrong and I will not be intimidated by them," he said. "I am the heavyweight champion of the world and today I withdraw my recognition of the WBC. I am stripping them."

"They have failed to meet the mandatory standards of fair play and true spirit. For as long as I am the champion, I will not recognize or defend or fight for their dishonored belt."

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years but never was recognized by all the governing bodies.

Sulaiman claimed Bowe and his manager Rock Newman had reneged on a written agreement to fight Lewis. "No statement can hide the fact that Bowe committed himself in writing to fight Lewis and reneged on it," Sulaiman said from his office in Mexico City. "No statement can hide the acceptance by Lewis only last week of Bowe's offer, which apparently was as false as his written commitment."



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Briefly

Catcher stays with A's, rejects Yankee offer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Oakland Athletics catcher Tony Steinbach agreed to a four-year, \$14 million deal with the team Monday, turning down a more lucrative offer from the New York Yankees.

Steinbach, 30, hit .279 last season, his best average since his rookie year, with 53 RBIs and 12 homers. His new contract, which pays him a \$2.8 million signing bonus and another \$2.1 million in 1993, gives him a slight raise over the \$2.05 million he made in 1992.

Drafted by Oakland in 1983, Steinbach said loyalty to the team made him say no to the Yankees, who were offering about \$3 million more. "Money has never been my major focus," he said.

Doctor optimistic after Byrd shows muscle contraction

NEW YORK — Dennis Byrd's neurological condition "has improved some" as he continues his rehabilitation program for a broken neck, his doctor said Monday.

Dr. Kristjan Ragnarsson, chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital, is overseeing Byrd's recovery. The New York Jets' defensive end is paralyzed below the waist, although he has had some movement in his feet and toes and in certain leg muscles. "His neurological condition has improved some and now there are scattered muscle contractions and active motion in both legs," Ragnarsson said. "The appearance of these motions ... allows us some optimism."

Big Sky Conference names Rose 'Player of the Week'

BOISE — Weber State University senior forward Stan Rose has been named the Big Sky Conference's basketball "Player of the Week."

Rose, a 6-7 native of Leeds, Ala., led Weber State to wins over instate rivals Brigham Young, 83-77 in overtime, and an 85-80 win over Utah State. He scored 31 points against BYU and 30 against Utah State. Rose connected on 22-of-34 field goal attempts and was 17-of-25 from the free throw line.

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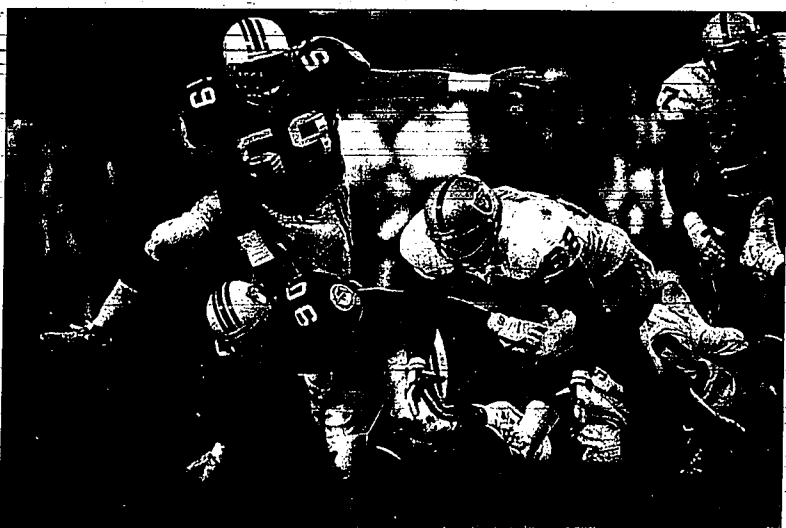
"I was so far in front, I felt that I was bullet-proof."

— Raymond Floyd, after winning the season-ending Senior Tour Championships at the Dorado Beach Resort in Puerto Rico by five strokes

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Loose ball



Los Angeles Raiders tackle Bruce Wilderson (68) lunges for a loose ball after Miami Dolphins' right end Marco Coleman (90) hit quarterback Jay Schroeder (10), forcing a fumble Monday in Miami. The Raiders recovered.

Dolphins down punchless Raiders, keep alive hopes for AFC East title

The Associated Press

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins' defense saved their season.

J.B. Brown scored on a 35-yard interception return and Miami limited the Los Angeles Raiders to 151 total yards in a 20-7 victory Monday night.

The win ended a skid for Miami (9-5), which had lost five of its past seven games and remains in contention for the AFC East title.

"We feel a lot better about our team now," coach Don Shula said. "With the way we had been playing, we felt we had to get back on track."

The result all but assured a playoff berth for Miami (9-5) and left Los Angeles (6-8) barely alive in the AFC wild-card race.

Miami's offense scored its first touchdown in nine quarters when Dan

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Marino hit Mark Duper on a 62-yard flea-flicker. But Marino gave that touchdown back when Eddie Anderson intercepted his pass and returned it 102 yards.

Anderson's return tied for the third longest in NFL history.

"That was the only play of the game we made on offense or defense," Raiders coach Art Shell said.

Aside from the interception, the Raiders failed to cross midfield until the final four minutes. Bryan Cox (two sacks) and Marco Coleman (one) led Miami's defense.

"Just fantastic," Shula said. "They were fired up and playing emotional."

Cox's enthusiastic play also led to several shoving matches with the Raiders.

"I was in a zone," the outside linebacker

said. "I was on a natural high. I was just playing football."

"We don't want to tone that down," Shula said. "The only thing we don't want is to have him get thrown out of a game."

Miami's first touchdown came when Brown stepped in front of intended receiver Willie Gault on a squareroo pattern, caught Jay Schroeder's pass in full stride and raced untouched down the sideline to the first touchdown of his four-year career.

"That was about as nice a move as I've seen a defensive back make," Shula said.

The play came 20 seconds after Pete Stoyanovich broke a scoreless tie with a 26-yard field goal. Stoyanovich added a 25-yarder in the fourth quarter.

Miami's offense ended its drought in the third period when Marino handed off to Mark Higgs, took a pitch back and threw

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Late chargers

After sluggish start, San Diego, Green Bay make runs toward post-season play

The Associated Press

For Green Bay and San Diego, the trouble with this NFL season is that it started about a month too soon.

Football in September? Come on. September in San Diego is an extension of summer when the surf is up and a cool breeze is wafting in off the Pacific. And Green Bay has never gotten serious about football until the first frost, when the thermometer begins its traditional free fall.

Now that winter is upon us and the season is serious, the Chargers and Packers are both riding five-game winning streaks and sharing furious dashes toward "get this — the playoffs."

The Chargers and Packers in the playoffs? Come on. The last time each of them made it to the postseason was a decade ago in the 1982 strike year when the NFL contrived the Super Bowl tournament,

welcoming just about everybody — even these two woebegone teams — into it.

San Diego is tied for first in the AFC West with Kansas City. Green Bay is a game behind first place — Minnesota in the NFC Central. This is heady stuff for this pair of perennial have-nots, especially after the way they began this year. Both were armed with new coaches and new quarterbacks and were getting the same old results.

Mike Holmgren's Pack opened 2-5, beaten an embarrassing 31-3 by the otherwise sorry Tampa Bay Bucs. The Chargers and Bobby Ross were 0-4, with a combined six points to show in losses to Pittsburgh and Houston.

Both teams were operating with new quarterbacks but Brett Favre in Green Bay and Stan Humphries in San Diego were fooling nobody. It looked like a

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Green Bay running back Darrell Thompson gains yards against the Houston Oilers Sunday in Houston.

49ers ready to bring on Montana

The Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Joe Montana's club is fine. Now it's the health of the San Francisco 49ers' offensive line, or lack of it, that may delay plans to activate Montana from injured reserve this week.

"We're going to try to bring Joe up," coach George Seifert said Monday. "But I want to first make sure that we're settled as far as the offensive line is concerned. Once I get that established, then it will be OK. Now, how does Joe get on the club?"

In order to activate Montana, the 49ers must use one of their two remaining moves. Seifert wants to make sure the team won't need either of those moves or the roster space to fill a more critical need.

The team is desperate for line help and a long snapper because of injuries over the past two weeks that sidelined right tackle Harris Barton and his replacement, guard-tackle Ralph Tamm, who doubled as the club's long snapper.

Under one possible scenario, tight end Wesley Walls could be activated from injured reserve because he also has experience as a long snapper. "There are different options but we're evaluating," Seifert said. "Obviously, Wesley Walls is a consideration and then players that we'll have in for workouts. There's any number of different combinations that could affect whether or not we're going to bring Joe into the mix or not."

Montana, a two-time league MVP who led the 49ers to four Super Bowl wins in the 1980s, has been sidelined since tearing his right elbow tendon in August 1991. He has undergone three operations, including major surgery to reattach the tendon in October 1991, during a problem-plagued rehabilitation that only recently began showing positive signs.

Should he be activated for Saturday's game against Tampa Bay, he would return as a backup to Steve Young, the NFL's top-ranked passer who has led San Francisco to a league-best 12-2 mark.

Seifert said there's no guarantee Montana would see any action Saturday. Players were given the day off Monday and were not available for comment.

But Seifert said Montana, who has worked as the club's scout-team quarterback for the past three weeks, "looks great."

"He's throwing the ball well in practice. He looks strong. His footwork's good. He feels good emotionally."

A win against Tampa Bay would allow the 49ers to clinch the NFC West title and give them home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs.

Forgotten Lion shows his Warewithall

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — The picture was in all the Sunday papers. A smiling Gino Torretta, his arms wrapped around the Heisman Trophy.

Andre Ware knew that feeling once. But he's been searching for such happiness ever since. Maybe, at long last, there is a chance he'll find it in Detroit.

Torretta, the Miami quarterback, was awarded the 1992 Heisman on national television Sunday night. Ware, who won the Heisman in 1989 at the University of Houston, was watching.

"I remember Dec. 2, 1989, as if it was yesterday," Ware said Sunday. "It was one of the finest days of my life, if not THE finest. I know how Gino Torretta feels, and I congratulate him for that."

This was only a few minutes after Ware had led the Detroit Lions to a surprising 24-14 victory Sunday over Cleveland, dashing the Browns' AFC wild-card playoff hopes.

Ware passed for 138 yards and two touchdowns. He also showed breathtaking speed on five runs that netted 68 more yards. "Since my arrival here, this is maybe the most fun I've had," Ware said. "It was a game you never want to end. You wish it could go on and on."

This is because it was his first start since the ninth game of the 1990 season. Ware was benched at halftime of that game, trailing



Detroit quarterback Andre Ware eludes Cleveland defensive back Everson Walls during a 31-yard run Sunday. He scrambled for 68 yards on the day.

Minnesota 7-0. He has been almost invisible ever since.

This is not the way it was supposed to be for a No. 1 draft

pick, Heisman Trophy winner, All-American hero. It has been a long and frustrating wait, to say the least.

"God does everything for a reason," Ware said. "It's made me a stronger person."

"A time Ware has said he wants out of Detroit. All that appeared to be washed away by the thrill of this victory. For now, "I don't want to get traded," Ware said. "I wouldn't mind if I stayed and played 10 or 12 years with the Detroit Lions. You say those things out of frustration."

Yet, the wait may not be over. Certainly not the frustrations. Lions' coach Wayne Fontes said Ware will start again Sunday, against the Chicago Bears. But he refused to say Ware has moved ahead of either Rodney Peete or Erik Kramer.

"Our quarterback did an excellent job of executing," Fontes said. "He's worked very hard, and he's gotten a lot of coaching. A lot of quarterbacks have had good games on occasion. Let's see where he goes from here."

"Rodney Peete is still my No. 1 quarterback, but I'll start Andre next week. I can't say Andre is No. 1 off one game. But he came into his own today."

Ware can accept that. What he has trouble accepting was being ignored. "All you want is the same opportunity as the other two guys are getting," he said.

Cowboy coach mum on talks with officials

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson talked to the NFL office three times on Monday about the officiating in Sunday's 20-17 loss to the Washington Redskins but said he was asked not to comment publicly on it.

"I had discussions with the league about the calls in question, but I'm unable to make comment except to clarify the rules," Johnson said.

Owner Jerry Jones and Johnson say they remain opposed to instant replay, even though it could have saved the Cowboys twice Sunday on a disputed play against the Washington Redskins.

"I'm still not for instant replay because I like the flow of the game the way it is," Johnson said. "But this loss was the hardest I've had since I've been coach of the Cowboys. This was as big as a playoff game."

With the Cowboys ahead 17-13 and 3:14 remaining Sunday, Troy Aikman tried to pass out of his end zone, but was hit by Redskins lineman Jason Buck. Aikman's arm appeared to be moving forward as the ball fell free.

Running back Emmitt Smith picked it up, then lost it. Washington safety Danny Copeland recovered in the end zone for the game-winning touchdown in a 20-17 victory.

Johnson said he didn't think instant replay — removed from the game this season after six years — would have mattered because the call was so close.



Washington's Jason Buck hits Troy Aikman's arm, forcing the ball out.

"It probably would have been ruled inconclusive," he said. "You couldn't tell for sure at which point Troy released the ball. The replay would have been clear enough for a positive call from the replay booth."

Johnson, who ranted and raved from the sidelines about the call, said he doesn't like instant replay "because it slows the game down. It does look like it was an incomplete pass, though."

Johnson said the NFL office told him that if a quarterback has his arm in motion forward and the ball comes out it is an incomplete pass.

NFC again assumes NFL power position

The Associated Press

It looks like another bad year for the people who hope the AFC losers of the last eight Super Bowls will win an NFL title.

For if parity in the AFC jumbled the playoff race even more on Sunday, the day's games also demonstrated the disparity between the conferences with just two weeks left in the regular season.

There was, for example a 49 NFC team on a six-game losing streak, Chicago, trampling Pittsburgh 30-6 after the Steelers entered the game with the AFC's best record at 10-4.

There was a marginal NFC contender, Green Bay, staying alive with a win at Houston, which entered the season as one of the AFC favorites.

And there was a marginal AFC contender, Cleveland, getting beaten soundly by Detroit, which entered the week 3-10.

How does the playoff picture shape up? Here's the rundown:

NFC

That's the number that gives the 49ers (12-2) the home field throughout the playoffs over Dallas (11-3) and the NFC West title over New Orleans (11-3).

That is, if San Francisco beats either Tampa Bay or Detroit at home they wrap up both. They get home field if the Cowboys lose to either Atlanta or Chicago and the division if the Saints lose to either Buffalo or the Jets.

To break things down to the simplest elements, there are four teams fighting for the final three playoff spots with the 49ers, Cowboys and Saints already in — Washington, Minnesota and Philadelphia (all 9-5) and Green Bay (8-6).

The magic number also is one in their case.

The Cowboys need one win at Falcons, Bears) to wrap up the East or one Philadelphia loss (Redskins, Giants, both at home). The Redskins can't win the division, but need one more win (at Philadelphia, Raiders) to

make it back to the playoffs to defend their NFL title. The Eagles need one win and a Green Bay loss.

The Central is intriguing. Minnesota (9-5) has yet to beat a good team but need just one win or a Green Bay loss to clinch the Central.

But — If the Vikings lose at Pittsburgh (10-4) next Sunday and the Packers beat the warm-weather Rams (5-9) on the frozen tundra at Lambeau Field — then the Packers go to Minnesota the final week with a chance to win the division and knock the Vikings out of the playoffs.

AFC

How do you make this simple? Make the number "10." As in the number of wins that ensure a playoff spot.

That is, Buffalo and Pittsburgh reach 10-4, are in — the Steelers with a division title, the Bills on the verge.

Three more teams can get to 10 wins next week — San Diego and Kansas City (9-5) and Miami (8-5) going into Monday night's game with

the Raiders, the Chiefs, play the Giants Saturday, the Chargers play the Raiders and the Dolphins play the Jets on Sunday.

That leaves Houston (8-6) with the sixth spot but a questionable schedule at Cleveland and Buffalo at home.

Denver, Indianapolis, Cleveland and the Raiders are still alive — the first three at 7-7, the Raiders at 6-7 going into Monday night.

The Broncos, 0-4 since John Elway went out with a bruised shoulder, may get Elway back next week, leaving a glimmer of hope — they get Seattle at home, then go to Kansas City, and close with a four-way tie in the AFC West.

The most interesting scenario — Kansas City loses once and San Diego beats the Seahawks and Raiders. That would give the Chargers an "IT" finish after an 0-4 start and give them the AFC West title for the first time since Dan Fouts and the guys did it in 1981.

Commissioner slates key labor talks next 2 days

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — By some time Wednesday, there could finally be labor peace in the NFL after five years of strikes, strife and court battles.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue will begin meeting with representatives of the players on Tuesday. Then, he will meet with the owners, in talks that may result in an agreement that would bring to the league a form of unrestricted free agency and its first salary cap.

The two sides, who have been without a contract since a 24-day strike in 1987, agreed last week on what they called "the framework" for an agreement.

It would include free agency after five years with a salary cap to

become effective when salaries represent two-thirds of the league's expenditures. It would also allow each team to protect a star player from free agency and re-establish a draft reduced from 12 rounds to seven.

However, details remain to be hammered out, including details on compensation for free agents with less than five years in the league and how to deal with compensatory draft picks.

Once those and other details are set, the seven-member committee of owners will vote to approve. A majority vote of those seven is needed rather than the 21 of 28 teams necessary for most major moves by the league.

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Vandal students eye Olympic bobsled teams

MOSCOW (AP) — Vandal University of Idaho graduate students are shooting for a spot in the 1994 Winter Olympics bobsled competition as representatives of the most talented of nations sunny and sunny.

The two-stall republican of Venezuela's Caribbean coast isn't known for ice and snow, but that hasn't stopped Gregory Sun and Jeff Collins.

They want to be in Norway in 1994, zipping downhill on a curved track with only a lightweight sled separating them from the hard ice.

Financed the way for unlikely contenders in 1988, when it became the first Caribbean nation to qualify an Olympic team for the bobsled.

Annaka played near the bottom and became the butt of jokes. But the team was good enough to qualify for the Winter Olympics in Albertville, France, earlier this year. "Yes, you get hark because you're from a tropical island," said Sun, who left his native land many years ago to come to Moscow. "It doesn't matter where you come from. You still have to drive the bobsled track to learn it."

Sun, 30, helped found the Trinidad and Tobago Bobsleigh Association this year to help find potential sponsors for the Olympics.

He was introduced to the sport last year by two bobsled athletes. "Chris Stokes, a member of the University of Idaho's auxiliary services, and Donald Knapp, a

UT alum and member of Norway's bobsled team.

Collins, a native Trinidadian who was a sprinter and long jumper on UT's track-and-field team, spent an entire summer in the Caribbean bobsled sled.

"The team is scrambling to get financial sponsors in time for the 1994 games. Sun acknowledges that at least five other groups are also looking for established bobsled teams.

"The new International Bobsledding Federation regulations are another barrier. To make the Olympics, teams must compete in at least five international races at three different tracks, and score a minimum of 20 points.

"The thing right now is to learn how to drive and learn what the sport's about," Sun said.

"The past practice pushing them training sleds on wheels around the U track, but have to travel if they want to try the real thing. Sun recently got a chance to attend a "boot" school at Calgary, Alberta, site of one of only two bobsled runs in North America.

"Sun paid \$20 a run to learn the basics of driving and braking. The instructor who took him on his first ride told him to hang on. "Man, I felt you. I got down to the bottom and I didn't see any landmarks," he said. "It was really fast."

He came away with a stiff neck after crashing in a curve, but received no serious injuries in the session. "Once you start pushing, you're going to finish whether it's on your head or on four-wheeled runners or two runners or no runners," Sun said.

Talk heats up as Chavez-Haugen fight nears

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Fighting undefeated super lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez is hard enough under the best circumstances. Fighting an angry Chavez in Mexico City won't make the task any easier for Greg Haugen.

Chavez set the tone Sunday night for his Feb. 20 title defense against Haugen by labeling the challenger a racist and promising to give him a "big mouth."

Haugen, meanwhile, was out of shape and bothered by the flu while struggling to a 10-round decision

'I'm going to knock his head off because he has a big mouth.'

— Julio Chavez, on Greg Haugen

over Mexico's Armando Campas. "It will be a different show Feb. 20," Chavez said. "I will earn a \$1 million payday for Chavez. "You can guarantee I'll be ready."

For Chavez, the fight is an opportunity to defend his title in his home country for the first time against a big name opponent.

He also promises to set up a planned huge money match for sometime next summer with Norris, the 154-pound champion.

"Everybody wants to see Terry Norris and me," Chavez said. "But first I'm going to fight Haugen, then I'll win a lot of money."

Norris will also be on the Feb. 20 card at the Arceca stadium, defending his WBC title against Maurice Blocker. The fight is one of four bouts scheduled for the

featured appearances by super welterweight champion Terry Norris and middleweight champion Julian Jackson.

Chavez toyed with club fighter Marty Jakubowski before putting him away with two big right hands 18 seconds into the sixth round to score his 72nd knockout and run his pro record to an incredible 84-0.

Haugen, meanwhile, was out of shape and bothered by the flu while struggling to a 10-round decision

pay-per-view event.

"I am the best fighter in the world," said Norris, who would meet Chavez at 147 pounds. "Chavez knows it, everyone knows it. I'm fast, I have power."

Norris showed that power against Pat Lawlor, knocking the journeyman down before finally battering him into submission at the end of the third round.

It was the first fight for Norris since he knocked Meldrick Taylor out in May. Norris had two fights scheduled in the interim against Simon Brown, but both were canceled because of Brown injuries.

"I just want to be known as the best in the world," Norris said. "I will destroy every opponent you put in front of me."

at home on Dec. 3, drawing only 10,899 — 190 less than capacity. The team had a 53-game home sellout streak before that night against the Whalers. Since then, the Sharks have failed to sell out one other home game.

Sharks president Art Savage downplayed the first under-capacity sale.

"I'm not that disappointed," Savage said. "Fifty-three was a pretty good streak."

It's not just this season, however. The Sharks have been in flux since before opening night 1992.

In June, then general manager Jack Ferreira resigned and was replaced by a trio of people — Kingston, Chuck Grillo (director of player personnel) and Dean Lombardi (director of hockey operations).

Then the Sharks were shuffled. Most of the veteran players gave way to a younger squad. Brian Mullen went to the Islanders. Ten-year NHL

Sharks spend their days at bottom of Smythe

DAILY CITY, Calif. (AP) — Maybe they should be called the San Jose Flounders.

Although the Sharks aren't the worst team in the NHL — it's the expansion Ottawa Senators are — they are ranked at the bottom of the Smythe Division (5-24-1) and have an eight-game losing streak.

It's a case of the Terrible Twos for the Sharks, who in their inaugural season were faring better at the 30-game mark with a 6-22 record.

Cough Kingston admits the team lacks a certain intensity it had in the first year. "The tough thing is that people might say, you know, you're not as good or you're not getting the kind of results that are expected," Kingston said. "People expected an awful lot more from us because we got 17 wins last year. We got five. We surprised some people."

The strain is showing at the Cow Palace, the team's temporary home. The Sharks had their first non-sellout

veterans Steve Bozek and Perry Anderson were released.

The eldest skater kept aboard was 35-year-old captain Doug Wilson.

"We're going to go with some different players," he said. "It's not going to be a steady upward and upward progression. We're going to have to regroup a little bit in order to make progress."

Kingston's dream for a contending team in four years might just come true. Some of those younger guys are showing sparks of promise.

Right wing Dan Falloon, who turned 20 in September and is the youngest Shark, led the team in scoring this season as a rookie with 59 points. He continues to produce with a Sharks' third-best 18 points.

Recently, Falloon was reunited with his pal and fellow teammate from the Western Hockey League, forward Ray Whitney. On their first outing together on Dec. 1, Falloon shot a pass to 20-year-old Whitney, who

tapped it into the net for his first NHL goal.

Defenseman Sandis Ozolins, also 20, ranks No. 1 among Sharks rookies in scoring with 15 points in 29 games. Fellow rookie Tom Pedersen has 9 points in 15 games.

Another hope for the Sharks could be Rob Gaudreau, who scored his first three NHL goals for the team's first-ever July 1st Dec. 3 against the Whalers. It was only his second NHL game in his first pro season after four successful years at Providence College.

He did it again in his sixth NHL game, handing the Sharks their second, but trick against Quebec this past Saturday.

"We want to get better, but we also know that for us to get better we're going to have to maybe take a Sundis Ozolins or a Doug Zmolek and allow them to grow into the position of the National Hockey League," said Kingston.

UCLA star athlete's seasons run together

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The beginning of the season's college basketball season, crashed into the back end of the NCAA volleyball tournament, leaving UCLA's Natalie Williams little time to pick up any loose pieces.

But that's what happens when you're the best player of numerous college sports; there just isn't much time. Busting from one season into another, Williams knows she must run out of her volleyball attire and into her basketball uniform without breaking a sweat.

The No. 1 ranked UCLA volleyball team (32-0) has advanced to the Final Four in Albuquerque, which means Williams will be unavailable to the basketball team until the tournament ends Sunday. She will then fly to Columbus, Ohio, that night to join her basketball teammates for their fifth game of the season, against Ohio State on Dec. 22.

"She's always had a week or two to go, but this time she's coming right in," said basketball coach Bill Moore. "She'll be on an emotional high if the volleyball team wins it all, or a downer if they're upset. But she wants to do it. When you have someone of that caliber and personality, you let them go ahead. She may be a little more tired."

Williams is a two-time Player of the Year in volleyball who led the Bruins to the 1990 and 1991 NCAA titles, averaged 23 points and 14 aces in basketball and helped the team reach the NCAA Sweet 16 last season.

She is a one-season All-American basketball selection, and she nearly led them to the national title last season despite a late start. "Physically I can deal with it, but mentally I get tired and sometimes wonder why I'm doing it," Williams said.

But those moments don't last very long, perhaps, because Williams excels in both sports. She has her sights set on the 1996 Olympics — in volleyball. But Moore says if anyone could be an Olympian in both volleyball and basketball, it's Williams.

"She has taken two sports to a whole different level, and I put her in the same category as the Olympic athletes and All-Americans I've coached," Moore said.

That's saying quite a bit considering the multi-sport athletes UCLA has produced. Moore coached former Olympians Ann Meyers (volleyball, basketball) and Denise Cordell (volleyball, basketball and badminton) in the 1970s, plus Jeanne Reeves (volleyball, basketball) from 1979 to 1981, Jackie Joyner-Kersey (basketball, track) followed from 1981 to 1985, taking a year off for the 1984 Olympics.

Williams' coaches, currently a member of the UCLA volleyball team, played basketball from 1989 to 1990.

"Of all those people, Natalie is the most physically talented," said UCLA volleyball coach Andy Banachowski. "And she's all in volleyball until our season ends. Even though basketball has started, I've never had the sense that she's anxious to leave her season over."

While Williams is restricted from practicing more than four hours a day for a maximum of 20 per week, she did play in an exhibition basketball game and a volleyball match on the same night at Bailey Pavilion this year. It was the first time a UCLA athlete had played games in two varsity sports on the same day.

Others have come close. Cordell, now an assistant volleyball coach at Stanford, once practiced with the volleyball team, flew that night to where the basketball team was playing and competed in badminton the next morning.

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — The beginning of the season's college basketball season, crashed into the back end of the NCAA volleyball tournament, leaving UCLA's Natalie Williams little time to pick up any loose pieces.

But that's what happens when you're the best player of numerous college sports; there just isn't much time. Busting from one season into another, Williams knows she must run out of her volleyball attire and into her basketball uniform without breaking a sweat.

The No. 1 ranked UCLA volleyball team (32-0) has advanced to the Final Four in Albuquerque, which means Williams will be unavailable to the basketball team until the tournament ends Sunday. She will then fly to Columbus, Ohio, that night to join her basketball teammates for their fifth game of the season, against Ohio State on Dec. 22.

"She's always had a week or two to go, but this time she's coming right in," said basketball coach Bill Moore. "She'll be on an emotional high if the volleyball team wins it all, or a downer if they're upset. But she wants to do it. When you have someone of that caliber and personality, you let them go ahead. She may be a little more tired."

Williams is a two-time Player of the Year in volleyball who led the Bruins to the 1990 and 1991 NCAA titles, averaged 23 points and 14 aces in basketball and helped the team reach the NCAA Sweet 16 last season.

She is a one-season All-American basketball selection, and she nearly led them to the national title last season despite a late start. "Physically I can deal with it, but mentally I get tired and sometimes wonder why I'm doing it," Williams said.

But those moments don't last very long, perhaps, because Williams excels in both sports. She has her sights set on the 1996 Olympics — in volleyball. But Moore says if anyone could be an Olympian in both volleyball and basketball, it's Williams.

"She has taken two sports to a whole different level, and I put her in the same category as the Olympic athletes and All-Americans I've coached," Moore said.

That's saying quite a bit considering the multi-sport athletes UCLA has produced. Moore coached former Olympians Ann Meyers (volleyball, basketball) and Denise Cordell (volleyball, basketball and badminton) in the 1970s, plus Jeanne Reeves (volleyball, basketball) from 1979 to 1981, Jackie Joyner-Kersey (basketball, track) followed from 1981 to 1985, taking a year off for the 1984 Olympics.

Williams' coaches, currently a member of the UCLA volleyball team, played basketball from 1989 to 1990.

"Of all those people, Natalie is the most physically talented," said UCLA volleyball coach Andy Banachowski. "And she's all in volleyball until our season ends. Even though basketball has started, I've never had the sense that she's anxious to leave her season over."

While Williams is restricted from practicing more than four hours a day for a maximum of 20 per week, she did play in an exhibition basketball game and a volleyball match on the same night at Bailey Pavilion this year. It was the first time a UCLA athlete had played games in two varsity sports on the same day.

Others have come close. Cordell, now an assistant volleyball coach at Stanford, once practiced with the volleyball team, flew that night to where the basketball team was playing and competed in badminton the next morning.

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World U.S. steps up Yugoslav pressure, urging war crime prosecutions

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Secretary of State Lawrence S. Eagleburger on Monday urged Europe and the former Soviet republics to identify "preparations of crimes against humanity" in war-torn Yugoslavia and make sure they were tried as war criminals.

Calling the Serbian "ethnic cleansing" of Muslims in Bosnia-Herzegovina intolerable, Eagleburger said these responsible should be judged by international tribunals and treated "exactly as were Hitler's associates at Nuremberg."

Eagleburger, speaking at a foreign ministers' meeting of the 52-nation Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, also sought increased economic pressure on "those who continue to prosecute the war."



Eagleburger

And, he said, "we must redouble our efforts to prevent the war from spilling over into neighboring regions and countries."

The United States is gathering information to use against Serbs suspected of organizing the expulsion and killing of hundreds of thousands of Muslims. The CSCE will endorse the idea of war crimes trials in a declaration at the end of its meeting

Tuesday, a State Department official said.

Eagleburger called Yugoslavia "a shocking reminder that barbarity exists within our midst and that we cannot call the new Europe either civilized or secure until we have developed stronger mechanisms for dealing with this and similar crimes."

Behind the scenes, he was sounding out governments on whether they would support a new U.N. resolution to enforce the "no-fly zone" over Bosnia.

Bosnian Serbs have flown more than 225 military missions since an air cap was imposed by the U.N. Security Council in October to protect the Muslims.

At the United Nations in New York, Ambassador Jean-Bernard Merimee of France said his government was drafting a resolution for enforcing the no-fly zone and that it would be presented to the Security Council. "The enforcement of the no-

fly zone will be made by military means, certainly," Merimee told reporters on Monday.

France, which has 4,000 ground troops in Bosnia as part of U.N. peacekeeping forces, had previously resisted enforcement of the no-fly zone out of concern its troops would be imperiled.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas informed Eagleburger of the shift which he said had been ordered by Pres Francois Mitterrand.

Eagleburger hopes to get similar backing on Tuesday from Douglas Hurd, the British Foreign Secretary. Britain has 2,700 troops in Bosnia and has also resisted a tougher stand on Serbian flights.

Dumas, on the other hand, said he had "some reservations" about providing weapons to the Muslims, but a State Department official told reporters traveling with Eagleburger, "we believe this is an issue that should be explored."

But Eagleburger emphasized that any U.S. action depended on a consensus among the Western allies. Russian Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev was noncommittal at a news conference after a Sunday meeting with Eagleburger.

Rebel leader ready to declare war's end

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — The leader of rebel Serbs said Monday that his self-styled parliament would meet this week to declare an end to the war in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Radvan Karadzic appeared to be seeking to ease pressure on Bosnian Serbs. Top Western officials meeting in several European venues this week are once again considering possible military intervention in Bosnia. And Serbia's nationalist president, Slobodan Milosevic, faces a electoral

challenge Sunday from a moderate who seeks peace.

In Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital's 400,000 residents still were without water or electricity. Hospital out-patients were dying because they had no fuel for generators.

Shelling and gunfire rocked the Sarajevo area early Monday despite a cease-fire agreement reached a day earlier. Fighting also continued in parts of northern and central Bosnia.

At least 17,000 people have been killed since Serb rebels, backed by

Serb-dominated Yugoslavia, took up arms to crush Muslims and Croats who declared an independent Bosnian republic in February.

Karadzic's supporters in Belgrade, the Serb and Yugoslav capital, said the assembly of his self-proclaimed Serb republic would meet Thursday "to adopt a declaration on ending the war."

"The declaration would embody Serbs' unilateral rejection of all military solutions of this crisis," he said.

Fear of fighting mounts as Montenegro vote nears

PODGORICA — Yugoslavia (AP) — Citizens fearful of loss of life in Montenegro, and many residents' fear divisions over the republic's alliance with Serbia could soon lead to civil war.

General elections scheduled for Sunday will highlight the historic division between Montenegro "Whites" — who basically see themselves as Serbs and support ties with Slobodan Milosevic's Serbia — and "independents."

Both groups reportedly have armed men ready to back their view with violence, and most people in this southern mountainous republic believe that whatever the results of the election, fighting is inevitable.

"We know each other, and we cannot imagine (even) sharing a table with someone of the opposing political view," said a bartender in the downtown Torzo

Cafe who refused to identify himself for security reasons.

Graffiti on the walls of the cafe, a meeting point for those who want Montenegro and Serbia to split, declares: "This is not Serbia." That point of view appears to have gained support as the cost of the alliance has mounted.

U.N. sanctions imposed six months ago on the two republics — all that is left of the truncated former six-republic Yugoslav federation — have taken a heavy toll on Montenegro, whose 600,000 residents that has always been relatively poor.

It now finds itself a pariah state by virtue of association with Milosevic, the Serbian leader who is viewed by most of the world as instigating the Yugoslav conflict that has already claimed at least 17,000 lives.

Deadly train crash lands driver in jail

PARIS (AP) — The driver of a locomotive that slammed into another train in the Gare de Lyon four years ago, killing 55 people, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter Monday and sentenced to four years in prison.

All but six months of the sentence against Daniel Saulin, 47, were suspended. But unions representing train drivers described it as "harsh" and called Saulin a scapegoat for problems in France's national railway system.

Unions called for 24-hour local strikes in several cities today and a six-hour strike was declared beginning at midnight Monday to affect the eastern suburbs served by the Gare de Lyon.

The verdict came hours after one of France's TGV high-speed trains derailed at the station in Macon in southern France, injuring 23 people on the platform. It was the first accident involving a TGV since they went into service a decade ago.

Israel, alarmed at kidnap, seeks proof victim is alive

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel said Monday it would not consider bargaining for the freedom of a border policeman until his Islamic fundamentalist kidnappers prove that he is unharmed.

As security forces hunted for Sgt. Maj. Nissim Toledano, snafus of Israel's voiced shock at Sunday's abduction, an organization claiming to represent the kidnappers repeated the offer to trade Toledano for a jailed Islamic leader.

The kidnapping in the central Israeli city of Lod aroused alarm among Israelis at the apparent emergence of an Islamic foe capable of striking in the heart of the Jewish state.

It was the latest in a series of exploits by the Islamic Hamas

movement which is boosting its stature in the occupied territories against the larger, more secular PLO.

Israeli hard-liners blamed the violence on the concessions offered in the Washington peace talks, saying they made Israel look weak. Moderates called for peace talks to be speeded up to undercut the fundamentalists, who advocate the destruction of Israel and are boycotting the negotiations.

Police Minister Moshe Shaulon told Israel TV the government would not address the question of negotiating with the kidnappers until it knows "who the kidnappers are, and after it has received evidence and proof that Nissim Toledano is being held by them, that he is well, that he is healthy and alive."



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The remarks by Labor Minister Masakuni Murakami were reminiscent of previous comments by Japanese officials that asked trading partners by seeming to criticize work habits in Japan's economic rivals.

Murakami's comment, which came during a meeting with Japanese reporters, was written as far as

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Somalia

Road to Baidoa: A study in contrasts

BAIDOA, Somalia (AP) — The road to Baidoa passes through the worst and best of Somalia, from the wretched refugee camps of Mogadishu to green fields of sorghum blowing in gentle winds.

Once a busy route, its few riders are menaced by the same predatory gangs whose attacks have turned the cities on each end into warrens of misery.

The road requires several spare tires and unflinching patience for yawning potholes, herds of camel, stray mules and overloaded open-backed trucks carting people to their homes in the bush.

Yet the 125-mile route is one of the few paved highways in Somalia, pointing to its importance before civil war and famine reduced it to a dilapidated reminder of the past.

Baidoa was the market city for hundreds of thousands of western Somali farmers. Now it is a gathering spot for the starving and displaced who have wasted away while their salvation is snatched from relief convoys.

The journey to Baidoa begins in Mogadishu on a wide unpaved boulevard that is a cacophony of donkey carts, military tanks, and stolen, beat-up Land Rovers and jeeps hired to relief workers and journalists.



Somali nomads move their camels along the road between Mogadishu and Baidoa Monday, the deadly highway where relief agencies have lost tons of food to thieves.

A few miles out of the center, the bustle dies away. Signs of the city's past and hints of the future appear — crumbling shops; a long-deserted Caterpillar plant; an enormous Italian-built pharmaceutical factory with

shattered windows and broken concrete.

A small canon greets visitors at the dented iron gates of the former U.S. Embassy. Until a few days ago, the \$50 million compound, inaugurated in 1990 and abandoned

months later, was a looted wreck where camels and cows wandered among rusting office machinery and cars. Now, more than 100 Marines occupy it.

Traffic all but disappears as you leave the city. Beggars stand along the highway with outstretched palms in appeals for money or food.

Crossing the Shebelli River, about 10 miles out, the world suddenly turns green. Shade trees and purple bougainvillea drape villas where Somalia's wealthy once lived. The gently rolling land could be in California's wine country. The faded signs of outdoor cafes and restaurants evoke a bygone life.

Men and women in colorful shawls quietly work in fields of healthy-looking sorghum. With greenery stretching to the horizon and the fields flooded with rain, it's hard to believe drought contributed to the country's destruction. Even in areas with rain, however, violence has prevented planting.

By now, the only vehicles on the highway are relief agency vehicles equipped with armed guards. Every roadside event — a parked truck fixing a tire, a young boy standing by a simple metal gate — carries potential for ambush.

U.N. chief admits disarming differences

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The U.N. chief repeated Monday that he thinks American troops in Somalia should disarm warlords and bandit gangs as part of the effort to get food to the land of famine and anarchy.

But Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali also sought to play down his differences with U.S. leaders over the scope of the American role. "There is a perfect cooperation between the United Nations and the (U.S.) unified command," he said of the U.N.-authorized military operation.

Bush administration officials said their goal was to help deliver food to starving Somalis and considered an attempt to disarm Somali gunmen a daunting goal. At a news conference, Boutros-Ghali declined to elaborate on the differing positions. "The point-of-view of the United Nations and the Security Council is that disarmament is a prerequisite to bringing peace to Somalia after two years of clan warfare that left the country without any central authority, he said.

He said security must be restored before lightly armed U.N.

peacekeepers can replace the heavily armed military force of other countries arriving in Somalia.

U.S. officials, however, do not want American forces to be bogged down in an open-ended operation to pacify a country bristling with trigger-happy teenage gunmen. They prefer a more narrowly defined mission of providing security for humanitarian relief operations.

Martin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, said Monday that disarming Somalia's warlords and gangs has "never been a part of our mission, and that has not changed."

On Dec. 3, the Security Council authorized the U.S.-led humanitarian mission to "use all necessary means to establish as soon as possible a secure environment for humanitarian relief operations" in Somalia.

The provision was vague and the mission was not spelled out. But Boutros-Ghali's position was supported Monday by France, which has had troops on the ground in Somalia since last week.

Mob violence remains, despite peacekeepers

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — A surging, angry mob of several hundred men beat and stripped a woman Monday in front of a French checkpoint and within clear view of U.S. Marines perched on an armored vehicle.

The peacekeepers made no move to rescue the Somali woman.

The incident illustrates the violent nature of the streets of Mogadishu, which are rife with robberies, car hijackings and shootings. Much of the theft is directed at foreign relief workers and journalists.

The violence poses a dilemma for foreign troops who are intent on delivering food to famine victims but who risk their credibility if they fail to act to stop the violence.

The French commander, Col. Michel Fouron, told reporters the woman had run into a French position to escape a stone-throwing mob. French Foreign Legionnaires then moved her down the street to a nearby French checkpoint to get her out of harm's way.

But when she got out of the vehicle, a group of Somali men accused her of being a prostitute, repeatedly knocking her to the ground during a 15-minute attack with sticks and fists. Her green, flowered dress was ripped off.

The crowd also hurled stones at foreign journalists who were filming the incident from a nearby rooftop. The woman was rescued by a man who raised a large kitchen knife and

led her across the street to the former police headquarters as other men locked arms to hold back the crowd. She was kept in the police station by followers of Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid, the warlord who controls southern Mogadishu.

Fouron denied that the woman was involved with French soldiers, adding that there "are probably some people in Somalia who would like to incite incidents against the French."

Asked why the French soldiers didn't rescue her a second time, he shrugged and said, "That's a good question."

Col. Fred Peck, spokesman for U.S.-led forces, said he did not know of any American forces at the scene. But reporters saw U.S. troops in desert fatigues sitting on an armored vehicle nearby.

"The position of the U.S. forces, and it is clear in our instructions, is that if you see someone in danger, physical harm, we have a right to act in a humanitarian fashion to protect their personal well-being," Peck said.

However, he added, the Marines are not looking for ways to stop crime.

"We are not meant to be the police force of Mogadishu or any other town in Somalia at this time," he said.

Some relief workers suggested U.S. forces should take a stronger hand in stopping the violence. "The Marines need to be more aggressive or they will be ignored and laughed at which is what happened to the United Nations troops," said UNICEF spokesman Mark Thomas.

He referred to a 500-man Pakistani force that was the first international contingent in Mogadishu but failed to make a dent in the violence. That failure is why many Somalis say they prefer U.S. troops to those of the United Nations even though American forces have a U.N. mandate.

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— Col. Fred Peck

Saudi diplomat dons fatigues

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP) — Saudi diplomat Adel Al-Jubeir normally is assistant to his country's ambassador in Washington. He's now part of the U.N.-authorized military mercy mission in Somalia.

"I was packing to return to my Washington office," Al-Jubeir, 30, said Monday. "I was told, 'No, you're going to Mogadishu.' And here I am."

Sitting in the stifling lounge at Mogadishu International Airport that serves as a press center for the U.S.-led military force, he looked uncomfortable in new U.S. Marine desert fatigues, the cap still sharply creased.

He arrived Sunday along with 11 soldiers to coordinate Saudi Arabia's participation.

Al-Jubeir is in Marine fatigues because the only clothes he had in Riyadh were traditional robes worn by Persian Gulf Arabs and Western-style business suits.

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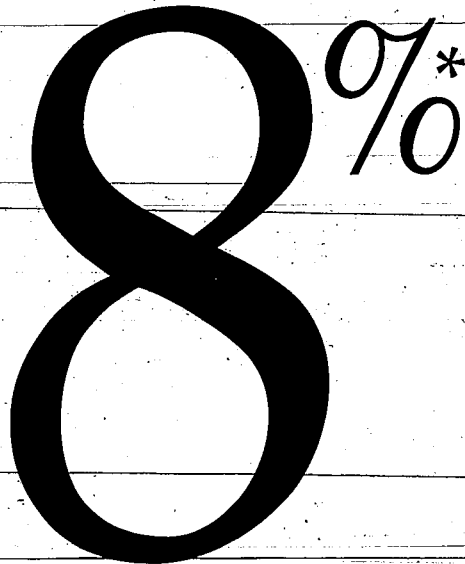
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New Russian prime minister says he'll slow, not dump, reforms

MOSCOW (AP) — Viktor S. Chernomyrdin, Russia's new prime minister, is a Communist-trained technocrat who promises to slow but not reverse the market reforms that have ravaged the country for 11 months. The 54-year-old oil industry boss comes to the job with a solid background in Soviet industrial management and political backscratching. But he has none of the academic credentials possessed by Yegor Gaidar, the architect and symbol of Russia's reforms, for he was dumped Monday. "I am for reforms, for a market. But for a real market, not a bazaar," he told reporters after his confirmation by the

Congress of People's Deputies.

An ethnic Russian from Cherny Otrog, 75 miles southeast of Moscow, Chernomyrdin—joined—the Communist Party in 1961 as an engineering student. He eventually became chief of the Soviet gas industry, one of the world's largest. Chernomyrdin (pronounced Chor-noh-MIR-



Chernomyrdin

deen) ran the Soviet Gas Industry under former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev from 1985 to 1989, when he was reshuffled to the state gas monopoly, Gazprom. A rotund man, Chernomyrdin presided faithfully over the troubled state-owned industry until August, when Yeltsin brought him back to Moscow in a shakeup of the ex-Soviet energy ministry. He appointed Chernomyrdin deputy prime minister for the fuel and gas industry, replacing another former Communist, Viktor Lopukhin. Chernomyrdin was embraced by the state

energy company bosses, who had blamed Lopukhin for cutbacks in the industry. While not suffering as much as oil, Soviet gas production has fallen sharply in recent years because of outdated equipment and economic turmoil. The new minister, however, didn't herald much change in the industry—the country's No. 1 earner of foreign currency. It took pressure from the International Monetary Fund to persuade Russia in October to lift energy price controls and give crucial relief to oil and gas companies. Chernomyrdin himself was criticized by

Yeltsin in September during a diplomatic flap with Japan over the Kuril Islands—for dragging his feet on deals with Japanese companies for joint energy projects. The work ahead is daunting. Inflation is expected to hit 2,000-percent for the year and industrial production is projected to drop at least 20 percent. Chernomyrdin told reporters he will keep the current reform team assembled by Gaidar without Gaidar. Deputy Prime Minister Valery Makharadze said few significant changes would be made in Gaidar's program.

Russia lets coup plotters out of jail

MOSCOW (AP) — Four former Soviet officials accused of conspiring to seize power in last year's failed coup were released from jail Monday after promising they would not leave Moscow, a news agency reported. Supreme Soviet Chairman Anatoly Lukyanov, army commander Valentin Varennikov, KGB guard chief Yuri Plekhanov, and Vyacheslav Generalov, who was Plekhanov's deputy, were all released. ITAR-Tass said.

Their release came several days after hard-line deputies at the Congress of People's Deputies made impassioned pleas on their behalf. One deputy, Tatyana Koryugina, said they were not criminals but "heroes." The officials were freed partly due to health reasons, and partly because the investigation has been completed, ITAR-Tass reported, quoting Alexander Zbyagintsev, head of information service of the Russian prosecutor's office.

They were found not to have been official members of the eight-man State Committee for the State of Emergency that temporarily ousted former Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev in August 1991. ITAR-Tass quoted Zbyagintsev as saying.

Several other coup plotters have been released from prison because of failing health, including Valery Boldin, Gorbachev's former chief of staff; Vasily Strelakovsky, head of the Peasants-Union-and-Politburo member Oleg Shenin. The alleged plotters could be sentenced to death by a firing squad for their part in the coup that led to the demise of the Soviet Union.

Among them are former KGB chief Vladimir Kryuchkov, former Prime Minister Valentin Pavlov, former Defense Minister Dmitri Yazov, former Vice President Gennady Yavlinsky and former Security Council official Oleg Baklanov.

Indonesian toll surpasses 1,500

MAUMERE, Indonesia (AP) — Thousands of homeless families stretched tarps between trees, huddling to shelter from rain Monday that deepened the misery after an earthquake killed more than 1,500 people.

Even the lucky few whose homes were still standing after Saturday's quake in eastern Java fled to crowded outdoors, fearing more damage from aftershocks and shifting rubble. Rescuers battled intermittent rain and impassable, sometimes treacherous roads trying to reach remote villages in search for victims. Officials said at least 1,584 people died, many in Maumere (pronounced MAU-meh-reh), on the island of Flores, and on two small nearby islands that were swept by huge waves triggered by the tremor.

Government spokesman Suwignyo said 80-foot waves, called tsunami, virtually wiped out fishing villages on the two islands. Jose Mongi, a survivor from one of the islands, said he and 900 people there were feared dead. "We could not flee to the island of Flores by boat because of the big waves coming at us, but we also could not run to the mountain for fear of landslides caused by the quake," he said. "So we just turned to God and prayed," he said.

Police killed during extremist crackdown

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — Five police officers were slain and one was seriously wounded in a shooting that pattered near a mosque in the eastern suburb of Kouba on Monday, national police headquarters said.

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