

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Partly cloudy with areas of fog and low clouds. Light winds. Highs near 30 degrees. Lows near 15 degrees.
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2 shopping days until Christmas

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Sad season



Jeremy Harris, 4, and his sister, Michelle, look over the destruction left behind by a fire that swept through the trailer where the boy and his mother lived.

Fire scorches Christmas for Twin Falls boy, 4

By Anaisle Taylor
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Four-year-old Jeremy Harris of Twin Falls looked forward to the joys of Christmas until a fire Sunday evening destroyed his trailer home. "He has no Christmas. It was under the tree," said his mother, Kim Harris. She is trying to find a place to live, but with a local housing shortage, she's staying with her mother, Jan Jordan, and her sister, Kerri Kolsen. "We've lost everything," Kim Harris said. "I had no insurance and the trailer had no insurance."

Harris was looking for work when the fire occurred. Both Harris and her son were in the trailer when the fire ignited. "I heard a pop sound, and there was black

smoke. I opened the door and it just flared," she said.

Police and fire officials are not sure whether an electrical box or a water heater caused the blaze.

Harris is appealing to local charities for help, and she has gotten calls from people wishing to help.

"Red Cross gave me a voucher for a coat from Knarr, St. Vincent's gave Jeremy a coat, and Health and Welfare gave him a coat," she said. "I am going to the Salvation Army to see about toys."

Health and Welfare has given her emergency food stamps, she said.

"I have had people call and ask if they can buy a present for Jeremy," Harris said. "I tell them that would be wonderful because we lost everything."

Anyone wishing to help may contact Carole Hoey of the Red Cross at 734-2931.

Court rejects lawyers' bid

The Associated Press

BOISE — The Idaho Supreme Court Wednesday rejected an attempt by a criminal defense attorney group to stop the execution of double murderer Keith Eugene Wells, scheduled in two weeks.

The Idaho Attorneys for Criminal Justice filed motions with the Supreme Court Tuesday to stop the execution for further review. But less than 24 hours later, the court issued a brief order denying the request.

It was signed by Chief Justice Charles McDevitt. Without comment, the court rejected requests for rehearing and reconsideration, a bid to have the court retake jurisdiction and to appoint a "conflict-free counsel" for Wells.

Wells is represented by public defender Aril Myshin.

Lynn Thomas, solicitor general, filed a motion with the Supreme Court contending that the Idaho Attorneys for Criminal Justice group has no standing in the case.

It was the second time the lawyer group has been refused permission to intervene in the case.

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Farm mall tops initial hurdle, hits opposition

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Crossroads Ranch development met with opposition from downtown Jerome business owners and three Magic Valley livestock auction houses Tuesday night.

But the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously approved rezoning half the needed acres and granted a special-use permit to allow building the ranch's first phase — a new livestock sale yard.

Plans call for Shoshone Sale Yard Inc. to move to Crossroads. The rezoning and special-use permit will go before the Jerome County Commission in the second week of January.

If the county commission approves, Crossroads developers will ask the state Agriculture Department to transfer the Shoshone sale yard license to the Crossroads location at the northwest corner of the intersection of Interstate 84 and Highway 93.

If all that is approved, construction of the first phase of Crossroads could begin sometime in 1994, said Steven Thorson.

Thorson is a Twin Falls historian spearheading the Crossroads development for TRF-Pacific Inc., a Washington developer of shopping malls and office buildings.

The first phase of the Crossroads would be an automated livestock auction yard owned or leased by Pete Peterson, proprietor of the Shoshone Sale Yard, and other local investors, whom Thorson wouldn't name. The covered auction yard has a planned capacity of up to 6,000 head of livestock and would operate twice a week.

This first phase would be on Highway 93, across from the Petro II truck stop.

Next to the auction facility would be a 2,500-seat arena for trade shows, rodeos and country music concerts; Agriculture-related retail stores and offices would surround the arena.

Businesses in this first phase could employ 80 to 100 people, Thorson said.

After all seven phases of Crossroads are developed, as many as 1,000 new jobs could be created by the year 2000; Thorson told the planning commission.

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Jerome hesitates to let Twin Falls have drink

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

JEROME — Construction of Twin Falls' new city water source will be delayed because of brew concerns brought up by the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission. "I don't mind Twin Falls growing, but not at the expense of Jerome," said Planning Commissioner Roy Prescott at a commission meeting Tuesday night.

Twin Falls wants to update its water system at Alpheus Spring on the north side of the Snake River to bring it up to federal standards. The spring is in Jerome County, and the city needs a special-use permit to do the work.

In the middle of the meeting, the commissioners left their seats and met privately at the back of the room.

When they reconvened, Newman said he thought Twin Falls had changed its plans for the designs of the water system since a month ago when the city presented its plans to the commission.

But Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney said there had been no design changes. Twin Falls is proposing to build a chlorination plant on the south side of the river — in Twin Falls — but pipe chlorine across the river to chlorinate the water on the Jerome County side of the river at Alpheus Creek.

Prescott also said he still has concerns about how much water Twin Falls will take from the spring.

Prescott then said a fish farm downstream from Alpheus Creek hasn't had a chance to voice its opinions on the new water system and water treatment, although the plans have been published. So Prescott asked the commissioners to hold another public meeting on the issue.

The commissioners then voted unanimously to delay their decision and hold another public meeting Jan. 10 to discuss granting a special-use permit to the city of Twin Falls for the water system.

"It'll set us back," said Jim Leichter, an engineer with JUB Engineering who is working on plans for the new water system.

Twin Falls is under an April 15 federal deadline to get its new water system into compliance with Environmental Protection Agency rules.

Twin Falls currently gets its water from Alpheus Creek, but new EPA regulations require cities to get their water from "underground" sources or else filter the water. It's cheaper to move the water source upstream to the spring than filter the water.

Twin Falls officials and their engineers were expecting approval at Tuesday's meeting.

"It's made it a lot tighter schedule. But it's still possible," Leichter said.

9mm visions dance for many

The Associated Press

Peggy Derheim of Robbinsdale, Minn., has been dreaming of a most special Christmas, one that would fill her stocking with a Feather Industries AT-22 semiautomatic rifle, accessorized by a 20-round clip and ventilated barrel shroud.

Santa has been good to her. Derheim trooped off with her parents to Bill's Gun Shop & Range this week to get her present early. The Derheims were among legions of Americans buying guns this Christmas, straining the capacity of firearms makers and sending the prices of some weapons to astonishing heights.

Industry insiders attribute the rush, beyond the usual search for the perfect holiday gift, to a fear of crime and a dread of gun control. "I have heard that sales are through the roof," said Michael Saporito, a senior vice president of RSR Wholesale Guns Inc., one of the nation's largest distributors of firearms. "It's been probably the best year the firearms industry has experienced in at least the last 20 years."

Bob Lemmeister, manager of the National Association of Federally Licensed Firearms Dealers, estimated holiday gun sales will be up more than 100 percent over last year. Those assessments were corroborated by visits to a sampling of firearms superstores across the country, from Maine to southern California. At store after store, business was bustling. "People are just basically scared to death," said Jim Hultinger, a firearms dealer who owns Jim's Military Collectibles in Plano, Texas, an affluent Dallas suburb. Popular items in his store this season include the SKS semiautomatic carbine and the Taurus Model 85, a snub-nosed, .38-special handgun.

In Robbinsdale, a suburb of Minneapolis, business at Bill's Gun Shop has been up a



John T. Curtis, left, and David Newsom examine an obsolete military rifle at a gun shop in Plano, Texas. Such arms are in heavy demand this year.

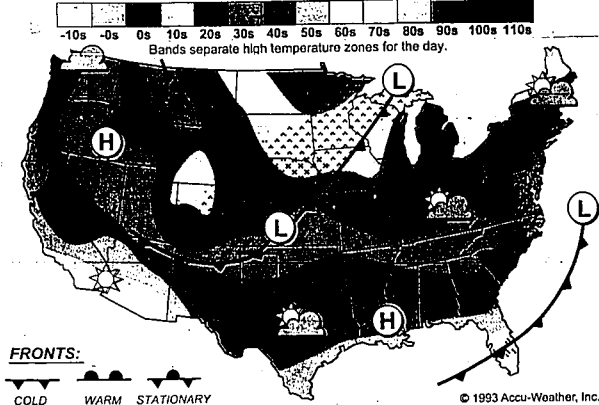
modest 10 percent this Christmas, about 50 percent for the entire year, according to vice-president Penny.

Among the buyers this week were the Derheims. Peggy Derheim, who said she also

Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Thursday, Dec. 23.



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Idaho Weather

Thursday, Dec. 23
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

| City | High | Low |
|---------------|------|-----|
| Coeur d'Alene | 35° | 25° |
| Lowiston | 39° | 29° |
| Boise | 36° | 26° |
| Twin Falls | 30° | 20° |
| Pocatello | 29° | 19° |

Temperatures

| City | Max | Min | Pcp |
|------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Seattle | 45 | 30 | ..... |
| Spokane | 27 | 28 | 0.20 |
| Washington | 40 | 29 | ..... |

Twin Falls

| Day | Max | Min | Pcp |
|------------------|-----------|-----|-------|
| Yesterday | 29 | 20 | ..... |
| Last year | 37 | 28 | ..... |
| Normal | 40 | 22 | ..... |
| Sunset today | 5:09 p.m. | | |
| Sunrise tomorrow | 8:06 a.m. | | |

Idaho

| City | Max | Min | Pcp |
|-------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Bolso | 33 | 22 | ..... |
| Burley | 30 | 17 | ..... |
| Fairfield | 19 | 9 | ..... |
| Gooding | 28 | 14 | ..... |
| Hagerman | 38 | 26 | ..... |
| Idaho Falls | 21 | 12 | ..... |
| Jerome | 25 | 19 | ..... |
| Lewiston | 34 | 29 | ..... |
| Malad | 23 | 2 | ..... |
| Malta | 29 | 3 | ..... |
| McCall | 26 | 1 | ..... |
| Pocatello | 26 | 14 | ..... |
| Salmon | 21 | 8 | ..... |
| Stanley | 13 | -18 | ..... |
| Sun Valley | 18 | -7 | ..... |

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today and Friday areas of low clouds and fog, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs around 30. Lows tonight 15 to 20. Light winds today. Rest of the Christmas weekend partly cloudy with areas of low clouds and fog. Lows tonight 15 to 20. Highs 25 to 35.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today and tonight partly cloudy with areas of valley fog and low clouds. Highs 20 to 25. Lows 5 below to 5 above. Friday patchy fog and low clouds otherwise mostly sunny. Highs in the 20s. Rest of the Christmas weekend partly cloudy and a slight chance of snow showers. Areas of fog. Lows 5 below to 10 above. Highs in the mid-20s to the lower 30s.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Christmas, Sunday and Monday partly cloudy in the mountains. Areas of valley fog and low clouds. A slight chance of light snow in the east each day. Lows in the single digits east to the 20s west. Highs in the mid-20s through 30s.

Weather summary

Skies cleared over the Magic Valley Wednesday and the sun melted much of the light coat of ice and snow from Tuesday. Winds were light much of the day but picked up from the southwest early in the evening.

Variable clouds across the state produced light snow in some valley locations and brief periods of moderate snowfall over the highest mountains along the Idaho-Montana border.

Snowfall was still being reported in early evening at Mullain, Spencer, Soda Springs and Idaho Falls. Snow fell earlier Wednesday at Salmon and Pocatello.

Temperatures statewide were in the upper teens.

The highest temperature in the state Wednesday was 38 degrees at Hagerman. Stanley reported the lowest at 18 below zero. Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, the highest temperature was 79 at Hollywood, Fla. Gunnison, Colo., reported the lowest temperature at 16 below zero.

Visible planets

Morning: Jupiter
Evening: Saturn

Snow pelts northern states; rain, snow shroud Dixie

ternoon near Magee and Hazlehurst.

Highway departments and utilities across the South got crews and equipment ready in case of heavy snow or ice. Utilities in North Carolina were still working to restore service to customers who lost power during Tuesday's heavy snow.

Winter storm watches were in effect overnight over the northern third of Georgia, northwestern South Carolina and western North Carolina.

Snow was falling on parts of Georgia by late afternoon, and 4 inches of snow was possibly by early today over the northern third of the state.

There were no reports of heavy rainfall during the six hours up to 11 a.m. EST.

Snowfall amounts during the same six hours included one inch at Abilene, Texas; Dubuque, Iowa; Erie, Pa.; Kalsip, Mont. and Midland, Texas.

Wednesday morning's low for the Lower 48 states was minus 15 at West Yellowstone, Mont.

Temperatures around the 48 states at 1 p.m. MST ranged from minus 4 at Devils Lake, N.D., to 78 at Miami.

Execute

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The group Tuesday asked the Supreme Court to take jurisdiction over Wells and block the execution. Carrying out Wells' request to be executed would be the same as "official suicide," they argued.

Wells has dropped his appeals and asked to be executed for the 1990 murder of two people in a robbery at Boise's Rose Pub. He is scheduled to die by lethal injection.

Wells would be the first person executed in Idaho since 1937 and only the 10th this century.

"The IACJ is concerned that the haste with which the Wells case is being handled is tantamount to facilitation of official suicide," the group said in a statement.

Boise lawyer Thomas McCabe, who is with the attorney general, said Wednesday the next step would be to file a petition with the U.S. Supreme Court.

Given the holidays, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor could rule from chambers, either granting or denying a stay, he said. The state could then approach the full court.

"The IACJ recent rulings, 'I find it unlikely they will do anything,' McCabe said of the high court, "but I feel compelled to take action. We will likely take the next step."

McCabe said a board member for the attorneys related a quotation: "In order for evil to triumph, it is necessary that men of good will do nothing."

"We don't intend to stand by and do nothing," McCabe said.

Republican state Sen. Roger Madson, a Boise lawyer and capital punishment advocate, called the petition "an unfortunate interference of the wishes of the defendant and the need of society to have the death penalty carried out in a timely manner."

Mall

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and about 50 people in the audience Tuesday night.

TRF plans to sell off pieces of the Crossroads to agriculture-related services, retail and light-manufacturing businesses, said TRF President Bob Parks.

Such market-driven development is just what the county needs to bring in jobs and industry, said Lon McDonald of the Jerome County Economic Development Task Force.

But others disagree.

Twin Falls attorney Eileen McDevitt asked the planning commission what assurances TRF was giving about the financial stability of the livestock auction yard and of now putting other local businesses out of operation.

McDevitt is representing three livestock sale yards: Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome, the Gooding Livestock Commission, and the Twin Falls Livestock Commission.

McDevitt argued that Crossroads could monopolize the livestock auction business in the Magic Valley. The projected 6,000 head of livestock twice a week - 624,000 head a year - is more than is sold annually at the four existing sale yards, she said.

By comparison, the U.S. Agriculture Department's state data states that in 1992 Magic Valley farms had 535,000 head of dairy and feeder cattle.

McDevitt also produced a petition signed by 15 Jerome business owners and workers at Producers Livestock who want to stop the Crossroads development.

Arms

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ready owns an M-16 lookalike, wanted something she could use for target practice and personal protection. She said she chose the AT-22 carbine, a small, light, Sparta-looking gun, in part because of its size.

"I like that it's compact and it's a .22-caliber - and that's good because I'm small," said the 28-year-old Ferheim, who doesn't quite clear 5 feet.

Bill's Gun Shop, already sprawling over 18,000 square feet on three levels, includes a shooting range and classrooms for gun training. It's about to grow by 7,000 square feet in February.

"As crime grows," said Penney, "so does the place."

More than a thousand customers a day have been flocking into Turner's Outdoorsman in Signal Hill, Calif., a gritty industry town surrounded entirely by the city of Long Beach.

"I shop here all the time," said Tom Black, a gun collector who was there Tuesday night with his wife, son and daughter. "Tonight, I'm looking for some last-minute things."

Black was interrupted by his 5-year-old daughter, Megan, who wanted a slingshot. "Please, Daddy," she begged. Her mother intervened. "Honey, there's one in the garage."

Handguns have been selling briskly at Turner's this December. Among the best sellers are a Browning Buckmark .22-caliber automatic and a Beretta 92FS double-action 9mm.

Not among the listed specials: the Ruger 9mm semiautomatic pistol that Turner's sold last spring to Colin Ferguson, who is accused of killing six people on a Long Island Rail Road commuter train in New York earlier this month.

Just as that tragedy aroused gun

control advocates anew, passage of the Brady Bill - and partial passage of an omnibus crime bill - has given an enormous boost to the firearms industry.

"When they passed the crime bill, business went up 10 times," said Ed Nicely, the owner of Ed's Gun Shop in Southern Pines, N.C.

Although separate versions of the crime bill have passed both houses of Congress, a final bill awaits consideration next month. It is expected to include a ban on selected military-style assault weapons.

That has caused a run on those weapons, such as Russian-style AK-47s, as well as on similar weapons that are not presently included in the bill. Prices have jumped accordingly.

"On the retail level, they're just astronomical," said Sam Satterly, the gun distributor. "I've seen firearms that 90 days ago would have sold for \$300 now selling for \$1,200."

But gun control isn't the only issue motivating firearms sales. Fear of crime has surged in the past year.

At Ed's Gun Shop, Capt. Lance Carter of the Moore County Sheriff's Office was buying a .38-caliber pistol as a Christmas present for his wife.

"She wants one," he said. "She thinks she needs it."

Elsewhere, customers voiced similar concerns. "Our ordinary citizen is starting to feel that police aren't able to protect them," said Ed Fong, a customer at the San Francisco Gun Exchange.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) - Snow continued to pelt eastern Idaho highways Wednesday afternoon and also was reported in mountain areas of northern Idaho.

Road conditions:
 U.S. 20 - Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry; Fairfield-Carey, icy spots, fog; Arco-Idaho Falls, fog, snowing, broken snow floor, Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
 Idaho 51 - Dry.
 U.S. 93 - Nevada line-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry, icy spots, fog; Carey-Arco, icy spots, fog; Arco-Salmon-Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor and snowing.
 Idaho 75 - Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Garden Valley-Blackfoot, snowing, broken snow floor, Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
 Interstate 86 - Wet, snowing.
 Interstate 15 - Utah line-Malad Pass, dry; Pocatello-Blackfoot-Idaho Falls, wet, snowing; Idaho Falls-Dubois, broken snow floor, snowing; Montida Pass, icy spots, snowing.
 U.S. 30 - McCammon-Soda Springs, broken snow floor, snowing, drifting; Soda Springs-Montpelier, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Montpelier-Wyoming, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing and drifting.
 For current road conditions, call these numbers: Twin Falls, 736-3072; Boise, 336-6600; Pocatello, 232-1426; Idaho Falls, 522-5164; Utah, 801-964-6000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

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Clinton calls troopers' sex allegations outrageous

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton denounced allegations Wednesday that he used his security detail while governor of Arkansas to help arrange extramarital affairs.

"They're outrageous and they're not so," he said of the accusations.

"We have not done anything wrong," the president told The Associated Press. It was his first public comment on charges by two Arkansas state troopers that they helped Clinton meet women, booked hotel rooms for liaisons and sneaked a woman into the governor's mansion after he was elected president.

He denied that he tried to buy the silence of one trooper by offering him a job before the allegations became public. "The allegations on abuse of the state or the federal position I have — it's not true," Clinton said.

"That absolutely did not happen," Clinton said firmly.

Questions about the troopers' allegations dominated three separate interviews Clinton conducted as year-end assessments with reporters from news agencies, radio networks and the Arkansas media.

"It's a painful thing, especially at holiday time," the president said. At times, he seemed uncomfortable talking about the charges.

In his interview with AP Broadcast and other radio networks, the president was asked directly, by Peter Maer of Mutual-NBC Radio, "So none of this ever happened?"

"I have nothing else to say," Clinton said. Groping for words from his chair in the Cabinet Room, he hesitated and then continued: "We ... we did, if, the, I, I, the stories are just as they have been said. They're outrageous and they're not so."

In Little Rock, troopers Roger Perry and Larry Patterson also met with reporters, and they stood by their charges. "I'm telling the truth," Patterson said. "I've told the complete truth. I have no reason to lie."

He said he was willing to take a lie detector test "or any other test you can come up with," although his attorney said otherwise.

Perry said, "I'm scared to death. I've never felt so alone in my life. He said he decided to come forward because 'I sat and watched him (Clinton) being packaged, groomed and polished for this job. I thought the American people ought to know this man.'"

On another controversial matter, Clinton said he would cooperate with federal investigators if they want to review a personal file on his investments in an Arkansas real

estate deal and the deal's ties to Madison Guaranty Savings and Loan. Federal investigators and congressional officials are looking into the costly collapse of the S&L and the owner's personal and financial ties to Clinton.

The file was removed from the office of White House counsel Vincent Foster after his suicide and given to the Clintons' personal attorney, David Kendall.

Clinton said he did not know what was in the file and that no one had asked to see the documents. "But if anyone wants, thinks that we have some relevant information, then obviously we'll do what we can to cooperate," he said.

Officials said Justice Department investigators are interested in reviewing the file but declined to say whether it has been subpoenaed.



President Clinton denied buying the silence of one state trooper by offering him a job.

President won't meet with Yeltsin's rival

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton said Wednesday the strong showing by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy in the recent Russian elections makes his own trip to Moscow next month even more crucial. He indicated he would not meet with Zhirinovskiy.

"I have no plans to do that," Clinton said in a possible meeting with the right-wing rival to Russian President Boris Yeltsin during the Jan. 12-15 summit. He commented in a wide-ranging year-end interview with The Associated Press and other news agencies.

He said he had talked to Yeltsin about the trip in a "rather lengthy"

phone call Wednesday morning and Yeltsin was "very upbeat and eager to get to work with the ... new parliament and pretty confident that the work of economic reform and democracy would continue."

Although there has been some criticism of the timing of Clinton's visit to Moscow, given the poor showing made by Yeltsin's supporters in the parliamentary elections, he said to not go would send the wrong signal.

He said the trip is important to bolster Yeltsin.

Clinton also said that, while he wants to do more to normalize relations with the former communist

countries of Eastern Europe, he does not expect that NATO will be expanded to include them at this time.

"But I do think there will be a lot of discussion at this summit about what's happening, not just in Russia but in the former communist world," he said.

Clinton will attend a NATO summit in Brussels, Belgium, on his way to Moscow on a trip that will also include stops in Switzerland and Belarus.

In the interview, summing up his first 11 months in office, Clinton said he'd had many highs. Among them, he cited the confirmation of

Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, passage of his budget package and the North American Free Trade Agreement, and signing of the Middle East peace accord.

"The low for me as president obviously was when the young men lost their lives in Somalia," he said, referring to the 18 Americans killed in a fire fight in Mogadishu on Oct. 3.

"I'm very pleased with the year we've had," Clinton said, boasting that he had finished work on his budget for the next fiscal year — nearly a month ahead of the usual schedule — and that it would reduce the deficit to below \$200 billion.

Final budget cuts should reduce deficit to \$190 billion by 1995

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton has made final decisions on a "very tight" budget that will reduce next year's deficit to \$190 billion by trimming hundreds of federal programs, the administration said Wednesday.

White House Budget Director Leon Panetta said the administration had managed to increase spending in the 1995 fiscal year for such things as Head Start, AIDS research and adding 100,000 police officers.

However, to fund increases in Clinton's "investment" categories, spending had to be reduced elsewhere to stay within a \$540 billion ceiling on discretionary spending imposed by last year's deficit reduction law.

Panetta said the administration had stayed within the spending caps imposed by Congress by making outright reductions in hundreds of federal programs and freezing hundreds of others at their 1994 spending levels, without even allowing increases for inflation.

Of the government's 14-largest agencies, nine will see smaller budgets for the 1995 fiscal year, which begins Oct. 1, than they have now, Panetta said. He said 100,000 federal jobs would be eliminated by the end of 1995.

"We've got a hard freeze imposed across the board," Panetta said. "We are talking about a very tight budget here."

Clinton personally signed off on the details of the budget after 23 hours of meetings with agency heads and his economic team, Panetta said.

The president's decisions will now be sent back to the agencies and the Office of Management and Budget to be compiled into an administration budget to be sent to Congress on Feb. 7.

While the Reagan and Bush administrations tried and failed to get congressional approval for many of the same budget cuts, Panetta predicted that Clinton would have more success in part because of the new fervor for deficit reduction.

"I feel very confident that this is a budget that we will be able to pass in this next Congress," he said.

Panetta refused to talk about specific reductions although he did not dispute reports from mass transit lobbyists that one of the cuts the administration will seek is elimination of \$802 million in annual subsidies for urban mass transit systems.

Jack R. Gilstrap, executive vice president of the American Public Transit Association, said that reductions in these subsidies would force cities to cut back services and increase fares.

Among the budget details:

DEFENSE: Panetta said that a dispute between OK and the Pentagon over a \$31 billion funding shortfall at the Defense Department has been resolved by an agreement to propose an extra \$9 billion to \$10 billion in spending for salary increases over this period. The 1995 budget does not compensate the Pentagon for what it claimed was a \$20 billion shortage due to increased

inflation, although this issue will be reviewed, Panetta said.

HEALTH: The administration will propose extra spending for AIDS research and increases for the childhood immunization program and women's health initiatives.

CHILDREN: In addition to increased funding for the pre-school Head Start program, Panetta said the budget would include increases for the federal infant feeding program, the president's new national service program, the administration's effort to establish national learning standards and federal education programs for poor children. To help pay for the new initiatives, Panetta said the president's budget would propose eliminating several lower priority education programs.

JOBS: The administration will propose additional resources for the Job Corps, worker retraining and the Community Development Bank pro-

gram to provide business loans in distressed areas.

ENVIRONMENT: Panetta indicated the administration would make up for cuts the Environmental Protection Agency suffered last year, particularly in the funding of waste water treatment grants.

TECHNOLOGY: To fund the president's "investment" program, increases will be made in the program to develop the "information highway" project, to boost defense conversion and to support increased research by the National Science Foundation and the National Institute for Standards and Technology, an arm of the Commerce Department.

TRANSPORTATION: Panetta said the administration would seek full funding of the 1991 law designed to provide \$145 billion over seven years for rebuilding and expanding the nation's transportation system.

In addition, Panetta said the administration would continue to provide increased financial support for the former Soviet Union and other former communist countries in Eastern Europe as well as increased spending to provide for the border clean-up Congress demanded when it approved the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico.

The administration's full budget request will top \$1.5 trillion. In addition to discretionary programs, the budget includes so-called mandatory spending for such big government benefit programs as Social Security and Medicare that must be paid to all recipients who qualify.

The \$190 billion deficit reduction target for 1995, if achieved, would represent the smallest deficit since a shortfall of \$152.5 billion in 1989. The deficit for the fiscal year ending last Sept. 30 was \$254.7 billion.

Pentagon outlines regulations on enforcing homosexual policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Pentagon outlined specific regulations Tuesday to enforce the new law on gays serving in the military, saying homosexuality is not a bar to service but forbidding homosexual conduct.

Outlawed sexual acts include "touching a person of your same sex or allowing such a person to touch you for the purpose of satisfying sexual desires." It gives the example of hand-holding, kissing or other physical contact.

The new rules cap an agonizing year in which President Clinton, faced with strong opposition, abandoned his campaign pledge to lift the ban outright and settled for a "don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue" policy that differs only slightly from the old rules.

"We are confident that the new policy will maintain unit cohesion and will maintain the readiness of the best-trained, best-equipped military in the world today," Defense Secretary Les Aspin said in a statement released at the Pentagon.

"This was an enormously divisive and emotional issue," Aspin told a news conference, adding: "We've got the right solution."

The regulations are designed to

give precise definitions of homosexual conduct and conditions that would prompt an investigation that could lead to a service member being removed from the military.

The rules announced today do not address heterosexual activity. The military has had a long-standing policy barring fraternization between officers and enlisted members.

"Homosexual conduct is defined as a homosexual act, a statement by the applicant that demonstrates a propensity or intent to engage in homosexual acts, or a homosexual marriage or attempted marriage," the new directive states.

Along with the regulations, the Pentagon also released a training guide for commanders in the field, describing several "scenarios" upon which to base their decisions.

For example, a commander may be advised not to open an investigation if a service member is seen leaving a known gay bar, or is seen reading gay publications.

On the command and has been notified that a service member was seen leaving a gay bar, the commander "should not begin an inquiry into this matter. Going to a gay bar is not a crime, nor does it,

in itself, constitute a 'nonverbal statement' by the service member that he is a homosexual."

However, a commander would be advised to open an investigation if "a member engages in behavior that a reasonable person would believe is intended to convey the statement that the member is homosexual or bisexual."

The new policy covers five areas:

- The policy of bringing applicants into the military has been revised so that no one will be asked about his or her sexual orientation.
- The policy on separation has been revised "to emphasize that the Defense Department judges the suitability of persons to serve in the Armed Forces on the basis of conduct, not sexual orientation."
- The acts that will cause one to be removed from the service include, homosexual acts, same sex marriages, and statements by an individual that he or she is a homosexual or bisexual.

3 siblings born on same day in 3 years

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — The Cunninghams have three reasons to celebrate on Dec. 21. It's the date their children were born in three successive years.

Paul Joseph Cunningham II was born in 1991, Stephen Patrick Cunningham in 1992 and Breonna Danielle Cunningham was born Tuesday. Labor was not induced for any of the births

although Breonna was delivered by Caesarean section.

All of the Cunningham babies were full-term and healthy. Breonna weighed in at 6 pounds, 10 1/2 ounces.

Paul Joseph Cunningham, the father, said the children's birthdays will be celebrated together for a few years, then his daughter may have her own.

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Briefly

House members support defense cuts

WASHINGTON — Democratic members of the House Budget Committee said Wednesday they had the votes to defeat any increase in the fiscal year 1995 defense budget.

In a letter to President Clinton, Rep. Barney Frank of Massachusetts and five others said they strongly oppose raising defense spending over 1994 levels, and urged that further cuts be sought.

The Pentagon has asked for an increase, saying the administration's plan to spend \$1.2 trillion on defense over the next five years is at least \$31 billion short of the amount needed to carry out its basic missions.

Defense Secretary Les Aspin, in the days before he announced his resignation last week, was publicly at odds with Office of Management and Budget Director Leon Panetta over the military's spending needs.

Observatory boosted back into orbit

REDONDO BEACH, Calif. — A \$617 million spacecraft has a new lease on life now that scientists have boosted it back into its 280-mile-high orbit.

The Compton Gamma Ray Observatory spacecraft's orbit had dropped by about 65 miles since its 1991 launch from the space shuttle Atlantis, but NASA and its builder maneuvered the craft back into place by firing its onboard thrusters.

Without the boost the 17-ton observatory would have entered Earth's atmosphere and burned up next year. Now, the heaviest satellite ever sent into space is expected to last five more years.

Engineers with TRW and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration at Goddard Space Flight Center near Washington, D.C., raised the observatory with a series of firings that began in October and ended Tuesday, TRW said.

Chinese refugee sentenced in fire

PASADENA, Calif. — A mentally ill refugee from China was sentenced to probation for accidentally setting a wildfire that destroyed 118 homes in Altadena.

Andres Huang was sentenced Tuesday to three years' probation and ordered to live at the Asian Pacific Residential Treatment Center, a Los Angeles board-and-care home for the mentally disabled.

He has been diagnosed by psychiatrists as having major depression, schizophrenia and brain lesions.

Huang, 35, pleaded no contest Nov. 29 to a misdemeanor count of starting an illegal open fire. He faced a maximum six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine.

He set a fire Oct. 27 in the San Gabriel Mountain foothills to keep warm, but it got out of control and ultimately destroyed 118 homes in Altadena.

Titanic objects to be preserved

NORFOLK, Va. — Objects recovered earlier this year from the sunken luxury liner Titanic can be shipped to France for preservation.

U.S. District Judge J. Calvitt Clarke Jr. approved the move in a ruling Wednesday sought by Titanic Ventures, the American-French partnership that recovered the 800 objects during salvage operations about 400 miles south of Newfoundland.

The artifacts will go in mid-January to a French preservation expert, Stephane Pennee, said Mark Davis, an attorney for the Southport, Conn.-based salvage group.

"We have a track record there with Mr. Pennee and we think it's best that he continue that work," Davis said.

Pennee worked on the preservation of artifacts recovered in a 1987 salvage of the sunken liner, which went down after striking an iceberg in the north Atlantic on its maiden voyage to New York on April 14, 1912.

Extortionist lands 5-year jail term

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Bill Collins, convicted of extorting nearly \$2 million from people who did business with the state while his wife was governor, was sentenced Wednesday to more than five years in prison.

The former dentist also was fined \$20,000 for a conviction that included a tax-related conspiracy charge involving kickbacks disguised as political contributions.

Collins "got into the pool with a bunch of piranhas ... that were more than willing to help him violate the law," U.S. District Judge Joseph M. Hood said.

The government charged that Collins exploited a perception that he could influence the awarding of state contracts during the 1983-87 term of his wife, Gov. Martha Layne Collins.

N. Korea makes nuclear counteroffer

TOKYO — North Korea made a counteroffer to the United States in their impasse over whether international inspectors will be allowed into the Communist state's nuclear facilities.

North Korea's refusal to allow full inspections has raised suspicions it is developing nuclear weapons. The North says its nuclear program is for peaceful purposes only.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency, monitored in Tokyo, gave no details of the counterproposal, which it said was made at a meeting between U.S. and North Korea diplomats Monday in New York.

Compiled from wire reports

Jackson denies child molestation

In televised address entertainer says: 'Don't treat me like a criminal'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — In a defiant televised message, Michael Jackson insisted Wednesday he is innocent of child molestation charges and confirmed for the first time he was forced to undergo a "humiliating" strip search.

In a live TV address carried worldwide, Jackson spoke softly as he read a 4-minute message from his Neverland Ranch in Santa Barbara County. No reporters were present.

"I am totally innocent," Jackson said, describing a complete body search by criminal investigators. "It was the most humiliating ordeal of my life."

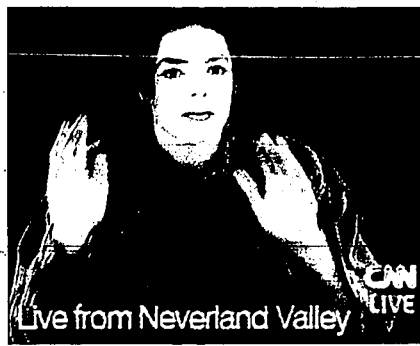
The 13-year-old boy whose Jackson gave police a detailed description of the entertainer's private parts, which could be crucial to verifying the boy's claims, sources close to the case have told The Associated Press.

Detectives investigating possible criminal offenses by Jackson obtained a warrant to strip-search the performer to see if discolored spots on his genitals match those described by the teenager, sources said.

"I have been forced to submit to a dehumanizing and humiliating examination," Jackson said.

"They served a search warrant on me which allowed them to view and photograph my body including my penis, my buttocks, my lower torso, thighs and any other areas that they wanted," said Jackson, his voice quavering slightly.

In February, Jackson told Oprah Winfrey in a TV interview that he had a discolored skin condition known as "vitiligo." Dr. Arif K. Klein, who diagnosed Jackson's skin disorder in 1986,



Pop star Michael Jackson said he is innocent of child molestation charges Wednesday in a televised four-minute message from his Neverland Ranch in Santa Barbara County.

said the patchy white appearance was "a result of the loss of pigment producing cells of the skin."

Jackson, 35, hasn't made any public appearances since Nov. 12, when he abruptly canceled his world tour while in Mexico City and released an audiotape in which he said he was seeking treatment for an addiction to painkillers.

He returned to his ranch in Santa Barbara County, 180 miles northwest of Los Angeles, on Dec. 10.

In the statement, Jackson railed against sensational media coverage of the allegations.

"I will say I am particularly upset by the handling of this ... matter by the incredible, terrible mass media," Jackson said.

"At every opportunity, the media has dissected and manipulated these allegations to reach their own conclusions."

"I ask all of you to wait to hear the truth before you label or condemn me."

"Don't treat me like a criminal because I am innocent."

Jackson attorney Howard Weitzman said he was glad the entertainer took the offensive.

"I think it's great to have a client who participates with his lawyers and show the world he is innocent of these charges," he said.

Jackson family spokesman John McLaughlin said in a statement afterward: "The Jackson family has always and will continue to stand by Michael. They believe in his innocence and are confident that his dignity and humanity will prevail."

Authorities in Los Angeles and Santa Barbara counties have been investigating criminal child sex abuse allegations against Jackson for four months.

Meanwhile, a source close to the case said attorney Bertram Fields and investigator Anthony Pellicano had been fired for mishandling Jackson's defense.

Fields blundered during a court appearance last month when he told a judge that a Santa Barbara County grand jury had been convened in the criminal investigation. A grand jury hadn't been convened. Pellicano was accused of threatening former Jackson security guards who sued the entertainer.

Fields denied he or Pellicano had been fired. Both men said they had resigned, but they would not say why.

"It should not be attributed to the merits of the case," Pellicano said, adding that he believes Jackson is innocent.

The boy's lawsuit is scheduled for trial March 21.

75% of women doctors complain of harassment

BOSTON (AP) — Three-quarters of female doctors in a survey say they have been sexually harassed by their patients.

Most of the offenses in the Canadian survey involved suggestive looks and sexual remarks. But some also said their patients brushed or

touching them, or gave them inappropriate gifts or pressured them for dates.

The doctors said patients' alcohol and drug use probably played a role in many of their advances, and less than a quarter of the physicians rated sexual harassment as a serious problem.

Nonetheless, the authors of the study said they believe harassment of women doctors "is widespread and troublesome."

"Female doctors are treated primarily as women, not as physicians, by many of their male patients," they wrote. "The vulnerability inherent in their sex seems in many cases to override their power as doctors, leaving female physicians open to sexual harassment."

remarks from patients. About a quarter said they had experienced suggestive gestures or offers of dates, or received inappropriate gifts.

Nearly one-third said patients had exposed themselves in sexually suggestive ways. Four percent complained of "grossly inappropriate touching," such as fondling a breast.

Among the gifts received were G-strings, flowers, tapes of love songs and, in one case, a deceased wife's clothes.

The incidents were most common among women doctors working in emergency rooms or community health centers or filling in temporarily for other physicians. The occurrences ranged from less than once a year to monthly or more often.

In the questionnaire, the researchers used the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's 1980 definition of sexual harassment — "unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature."

'Female doctors are treated primarily as women, not as physicians, by many of their male patients.'

— Harassment study

Castro's daughter flees Cuba for U.S. asylum

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alina Fernandez Reuvelts, daughter of Cuban President Fidel Castro, has left Cuba and been granted political asylum in the United States, the State Department said Tuesday.

Fernandez, who is in her mid-30s, and has long been a critic of her father's revolution, departed Cuba on Monday for Spain and flew to Atlanta Tuesday afternoon after her asylum request was granted.

She left behind a teenage daughter in Cuba, an official said.

Rep. Lincoln Diaz Balar, R-Fla., a native of Cuba, said Fernandez's desertion is "very symbolic of the national consensus in Cuba" against Castro.

In confirming Fernandez's desertion, State Department press officer David Johnson called it "one more illustration of the lack of freedom and lack of hope which pervades Cuba today." He said she remained in Georgia today but he had no further details on her activities.



Fernandez, who has called Castro a "tyrant," wished to leave the island for years but could never receive permission. The circumstances of her departure on Monday for Madrid were not clear.

Jose Cardenas, a representative of the Cuban American National Foundation, said Fernandez expects to wait several days before going public with her story.

She was once married to a Mexican and wanted to emigrate with him to Mexico but Cuban authorities turned down her request. Eventually he left for Mexico alone.

In recent years, she has been living quietly with her daughter in a fashionable section of Havana. Her mother, a supporter of the revolution, lived nearby.

She told The Washington Post in April 1992 that she was last allowed to leave the island in 1964 at the age of 8 when she visited Paris with her mother.

"I dream of going back there, of going anywhere," she said in a conversation at her home. "But I'll never be able to leave, like a lot of other people here."

Later in 1992 she was quoted as saying: "What do I think about Cuba's socialism? I used to believe in it when I was very little. But now, Cuban socialism is a dead-end street. In my mind, I associate it with economic collapse, with food shortages."

Marines land on New Britain, battle for Cape Gloucester airfield

On the day after Christmas, 1943, the 1st Marine Division returned to action in the South Pacific.

The division had made good its losses from the Guadalcanal campaign. Its new theater was the western end of New Britain at Cape Gloucester, a swamp-filled jungle so dense that it made Guadalcanal look like a city park.

The Marines stormed ashore and headed for the airfield. Three hundred miles to the east at the other end of New Britain was the major Japanese base of Rabaul — the strategic center of the entire war in the southern Pacific.

Between Rabaul and the Marines were impassable mountains. If the Americans could take the airfield, Rabaul would be surrounded, as U.S. planes were already operating against Rabaul from bases in the Solomons and New Guinea.

Though Army Gen. Douglas MacArthur wanted to capture Rabaul to use its excellent harbor as a base for the advance to the Philippines, the Joint Chiefs of Staff felt that isolating and bypassing the 135,000 enemy troops at Rabaul was preferable to fighting them. There were, however, 10,000 Japanese troops around Cape Gloucester who did have to be defeated.

The Japanese had spotted the invasion force on Christmas Night but had assumed that it was heading to Arawe to reinforce the U.S. 112th Cavalry Regiment, which had landed there 11 days earlier.

But the Arawe landing was a diver-

sion, one that sent the first Japanese air strike in the wrong direction. However, the Japanese got it right the second time. An air strike the afternoon of the Cape Gloucester landing damaged several ships and sank the new destroyer Brownson, with the loss of 108 crewmen.

The initial landing met no ground opposition, but fierce resistance was encountered as the Marines approached the airfield.

The 1st Marine Regiment led the way. At one roadblock, a company of the 3rd Battalion was pinned down by fire from four bunkers. An amphibious tractor, or amtrac, roared up the road to lend support. At the wheel was Pvt. Paul Hansen, whose twin brother, Leslie, manned the machine gun. They had lost their older brother early in the war and had a score to settle. With them was Sgt. Robert Oswald.

As the amtrac reached the bunkers, Japanese infantry swarmed around it. Fighting became hand-to-hand as the enemy tried to board. Oswald and Leslie Hansen gunned down many of

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REGULAR STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING

You are hereby notified that the regular meeting of the stockholders of the Twin Falls Canal Company will be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of January, 1994. The meeting will be called to order by the Directors at 9:00 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, Idaho.

Directors from Districts 1 and 5 will be elected for three year terms. Stockholders may cumulate votes in the Directors' election.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports on water supplies, the condition of the canal system, the Company's water quality efforts, the Snake River aquifer study, conjunctive management rulemaking, the status of the Snake River Basin Adjudication, the Middle Snake River water quality studies, an update on the endangered species developments, and the Southwest Irrigation District's proposal.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock ten days before said meeting.

The polls shall be open at the offices of the Company at 163 Second Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 p.m., on January 11, 1994.

Proxies shall be filed with the Company's Assistant Secretary at the Company office on or before January 7, 1994.

DATED This 23rd day of October, 1993.

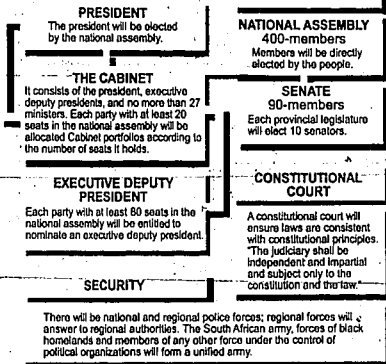
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AP/Wm. J. Costello

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — Defying shouts of "Treason!" and threats of war from rightists, the white-run Parliament approved a constitution Wednesday giving whites and blacks equal status in South Africa for the first time.

The historic road map to a new South Africa, endorsed by the African National Congress, passed by an overwhelming vote of 237-45. It was probably the last seating of a Parliament that excludes the black majority and gives Asian and mixed-race lawmakers little power.

The document will result in self-government for blacks for the first time in South African history, and promises protection of individual and minority rights: The country's first election open to all races is set for April 27.

Pro-ANC lawmakers at the emotional session shouted "Viva!" and "Amanda!" ("Power is ours") and lifted their fists in a jubilant salute. Flushed members of the right-wing Conservative Party, spitting in rage, denounced as traitors all those who voted "Yes."

About half of those in the public gallery also stood up in protest, and police had to hustle off one young white protester who showered President F.W. de Klerk with epithets from the gallery. Most in the gallery were white.

Despite four years of "attacks, curses and insults" since he began the process of dismantling apartheid in 1990, de Klerk said Wednesday: "I am now more convinced than ever that I have made the right choice."

"There is no better way to avert the threat of left-wing and right-wing radicalism, from communism or Nazism, than to do it democratically at the polling booths," he said.

The new constitution replaces a system that for generations denied the black majority the right to vote, hold political office or have any voice in national affairs.

"Now, for the first time, the future holds the promise of a brighter tomorrow," ANC President Nelson Mandela said in a statement issued by ANC headquarters in Johannesburg. Mandela was en route to a Christmas vacation in the Bahamas.

The parliament to be elected in April can make some changes in the constitution. However, according to an agreement reached among political parties in November, its basic tenets are to be kept intact and protected by a powerful new Constitutional Court. The ANC is expected to win the April vote.

Resolute backing by De Klerk's long-ruling National Party and the ANC, the country's most powerful political group, ensured the passage of the charter worked out during two years of negotiations.

Those talks began after de Klerk, acknowledging apartheid couldn't work, freed Mandela from his life prison term in 1990 and legalized black opposition groups.

Right-wing whites and leaders of some conservative black groups condemn the document, alleging it will result in an oppressive Communist-aligned ANC government. They also say it fails to satisfy the aspirations of ethnic self-determination of whites and others.

White dissenters say they will only feel secure if they attain a white homeland, while blacks such as Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi want preservation of special powers in some of the black homelands set up under apartheid. This would ensure Buthelezi's Zulu-dominated party a power-base in its KwaZulu homeland.

The Freedom Alliance, a partnership of conservative whites and blacks, failed to get any more concessions in last-minute talks Monday and Tuesday.

But the ANC and government agreed to take another look at its demands next month in a final bid for an "all-inclusive" settlement, if the Freedom Alliance in exchange will promise loyalty to the new system.

"This constitution is a monster," said the leader of the pro-apartheid Conservative Party, Ferd Hartzenberg, whose supporters stood at attention and sang the national anthem, Die Stem, just before the vote.

Yeltsin vows reform won't be derailed

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin firmly promised Wednesday not to abandon his free-market policies and blamed discord among reformers for the upset by extreme nationalists in parliamentary elections.

In his first major response to the elections, Yeltsin ended days of deep concern at home and abroad that he might alter the reform course following the victory of ultranationalists, who have vowed to dismantle his economic policies.

But Yeltsin told a Kremlin news conference that "the limit of the people's patience has nearly been reached" after two years of painful economic reforms.

He said his government would do more for the poor and unemployed, who have suffered the most and were vulnerable to "aggressive populist slogans."

Yeltsin, smiling frequently, was upbeat and confident throughout the hour-long news conference, broadcast live on national TV from the meeting hall of the former Soviet legislature.

The Nationalist Liberal Democratic Party led by Vladimir Zhirinovskiy won nearly a quarter of the vote in the Dec. 12 election, raising fears Yeltsin might seek to accommodate a dangerous political force.

But Yeltsin emphasized Russia's economic and foreign policy would remain the same and said he would serve out his term as president, which expires in June

1996. Economics Minister Yegor Gaidar, the "architect of the reforms," will stay in office, Yeltsin said. "That means that the course he is following will continue," the president declared.

Yeltsin will be able to pursue reforms despite parliamentary opposition because the new constitution — approved in the same election — gives him sweeping powers.

Speaking calmly, Yeltsin said the election results were not a tragedy for Russia.

"Throughout the election campaign, wide use was made of demagoguery, preaching of primitive nationalism, outright lies and even dangerous provocations," he said. "Unfortunately, a substantial part of the electorate is still too trusting of reckless promises."

Without naming names, Yeltsin criticized the reformers, who split into numerous political blocs rather than uniting in one party to fight the opposition. "Everything, including lack of experience, the overriding ambitions of certain political leaders and the inability to reckon with reality, made itself felt in the course of the election campaign," Yeltsin said. "Discord among the democratic forces played a fatal part."

Yeltsin already has fired a number of officials, including reformers, and dissolved the powerful Security Ministry, the domestic intelligence agency, for failing to predict dangerous political currents.

Japan's jobless numbers grow as downturn enters 3rd year

TOKYO (AP) — Like most Japanese white-collar workers, Yasushi Horiguchi wakes up early, boards a train packed with sleepy commuters and heads downtown.

Horiguchi's daily destination, however, is symptomatic of the worst recession to hit Japan in decades: It's the unemployment office.

"I've been doing this nearly every day for two months," he said. "It's pretty tough to find anything."

Fired after working two years in the office of a major industrial pump manufacturer, Horiguchi, 26, began his career expecting the guarantee of lifetime employment usually offered by major Japanese firms.

That tradition, which was limited mainly to the biggest and strongest companies, depended on a fast-growing, export-based economy.

But as the recession stretches into its third year and a stronger yen bites into exports, even the biggest firms are finding they cannot afford to carry extra hands on their payrolls.

"I'm at a loss," said Masatoshi Kyume, a job seeker at an employment office in Tokyo. Kurane said he was fired in June from his job as a driver for an insurance company that trimmed its fleet of chauffeur cars to cut costs.

Kurane, in a suit, tie and immaculate shoes even though he had no interview scheduled, said he was supporting his family of three with unemployment insurance checks worth about three-fourths of his former salary. Those run out in February.

"Things aren't going to get any better," he said. "I'm nearly 50 now, so it's really unlikely I'll find anything permanent."

Japan's jobless rate is still modest



Job seekers examine job-offer pamphlets at a public employment office in Tokyo recently.

By Western standards: The Management and Coordination Agency said recently that the unemployment rate in October rose to 2.7 percent, the highest level in 5 1/2 years.

But private economists say that if the legions of underemployed and surplus workers still on the payrolls were included, the real jobless rate would be as high as 5 percent to 8 percent.

Loath to break the tacit promises they feel they have made, Japanese companies still try to avoid layoffs. In the past, that practice has often obligated them to retain superfluous workers.

But today, corporations are going to ridiculous lengths to force redundant workers out. In Horiguchi's case, his bosses gave him lists of English engineering terms to memorize under deadline, claiming the knowledge was essential to his job shuffling Japanese-language documents in the firm's Tokyo

office. "I was usually able to meet the deadline, but when the lists got too long, I couldn't pass the tests," said Horiguchi, a fluent English speaker.

His supervisor told him he had no choice but to "retire," he said. The average Japanese white-collar worker in a major firm, such as Horiguchi's, starts out at about 250,000 yen per month, or the equivalent of about \$2,270.

Lawyers working on an advice hot line set up by Nihon Rodo Bengodan, a group of lawyers that takes on labor disputes, recount similar stories.

Of 256 calls the hot line received in a recent single-day advice session; two-thirds were from men over 45 years old who were forced out of their "lifelong" jobs.

One caller, a 51-year-old man previously in charge of the marketing section of a major electronics manufacturer, was told to retire or drive a company truck for two years.

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Mourners gather

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — Thousands of Fijians lined up along the 100-mile-long airport road Wednesday to pay respects to their former president, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, 75, who died in the United States.

A hearse carrying the body, which was flown to Fiji by the U.S. Air Force, took more than seven hours to travel from the airport, to the capital Suva.

Register now for Idaho State University classes beginning Jan. 6. Fees due Jan. 5; low fees for senior citizens. Call the ISU Resident Center, CSI Evergreen Bldg., 730-2101. Look for a list of spring classes in the Times-News on Sat., Dec. 26.

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Opinion

Editorial

What do conservatives want in public schools?

The way we see it, if you argue publicly against some idea, you should offer an alternative.

And that rule applies to education funding. We've repeatedly criticized the Idaho education establishment's campaign to soak taxpayers with enormous budget increases. But the question we sometimes hear is, "OK, so you're against tax increases - what are you for?"

It's a fair question, and an important one. Lots of Idaho citizens oppose spending wads of money on a vague quest to improve education. But those citizens aren't united behind any coherent philosophy. Instead of defining themselves, they suffer under a label designed by their opponents: "anti-education."

With the education establishment pressuring the Legislature for huge budget increases, we think supporters of a more frugal approach ought to work on spelling out their ideas.

With that in mind, here's a tentative, partial first draft of a frugal taxpayer's manifesto for education in Idaho.

We believe in:
Excellence. Make schools an environment in which students can reach their potential - not just achieve adequacy. To a large extent, Idaho schools already do this, as evidenced by local graduates who go on to the nation's finest universities. (An Arco lad recently landed a Rhodes Scholarship.)

Flexibility. Students should be given the kind of education they need for the lives they plan to lead. For some kids, that means a college track. For others, it should mean an opportunity to learn marketable technical skills in high school - or at least to lay the groundwork for vocational training. We do this in Idaho, but not enough.

Measurement. Over the years we've detected a fierce opposition among educators to giving outsiders any useful yardstick of school performance. They routinely dismiss standardized test scores as irrelevant, skewed or unfair. Parents and taxpayers should have ready access to objective, understandable data that show how our schools compare with those across town and across the country.

Responsiveness. One sure-fire measurement of an institution's success is whether it is doing what its owners want it to do. Schools should listen to local citizens and parents. Local schools are pretty good at this, but not consistently.

Parent involvement. Schools should encourage parents to take part in their children's schooling - in meaningful ways, not just in booster clubs. Parents should instill in their children a commitment to learning, and monitor their children's school work. A slogan for every family: Less TV, more reading.

Academics first. Sports and other extracurricular activities mustn't steal resources and time from the basic business of education. If money is short (as it always seems to be), those activities should be on the list of expendables. (And how did competitive athletics get to be the job of schools, anyway? Wouldn't it be more sensible to let taxpayers pay for education, and to let parents and private donors pay for recreation?)

Professionalism. Teachers should be treated like professionals. That means, among other things, that they should be paid for performance, not endurance.

Legislative control. Idaho's Constitution gives the Legislature responsibility for funding the education of the state's kids. That responsibility shouldn't be usurped by judges - which is what several school districts have in mind with their "thoroughness" lawsuit.

Sensible budgeting. All budgets (including the federal one) should balance need with affordability. In our view, the Idaho Legislature has done a reasonable job of striking that balance in recent years.

Efficiency. Education funds are a limited resource, and officials should bring all possible value out of every dollar. In some cases, that may mean consolidating small-town school districts to capture economies of scale.

Respect. Teach kids to be respectful, but also show respect for kids. Discipline should be sure, swift and fair, but it should not create a regimented environment. School authorities should remember that they are preparing children for citizenship in the United States of America, not Cuba.

Sobriety. Zero tolerance of alcohol and drugs (including tobacco) in schools. That goes for adults as well as students.

This list is by no means complete. Nor is it definitive. We'd welcome letters from readers, commenting on our list or offering additional points.

Idaho's education debate is big enough for lots of different opinions. What's yours?



The signs, wonders of Christmas 1993

Four Christmas eggs, a month after the fall of the Berlin Wall, the world seemed on the brink of peace on earth. Even good will to men seemed an achievable goal.

Then came the fall of communism in Moscow and the liberation of Eastern Europe. Some people began to talk of a Pax Americana, a new American age of peace.

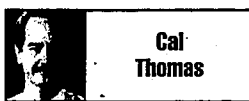
Now, at Christmas 1993, America seems directionless, lacking purpose and meaning. After victory in our outer struggle, we are at war within ourselves. It is a civil war for the soul of the nation.

Shots are fired by madmen on trains, in parking lots and in other places where people once thought they were safe. Reported incidents of child abuse are on the increase. Students accuse teachers. Even some clergy have let us down.

In an effort to combat violence in the schools, the philanthropist Walter Annenberg pledges \$500 million. Yet if money could fix what's wrong with public schools, it would have by now.

The Washington Post, an unlikely champion of traditional morality, recently commented on the state of our children: "While the severity of actions ranges from simple cheating at school to pushing drugs to cold-blooded murder... the depth of the problem has reached a point where common decency can no longer be described as common. Somewhere, somehow... the traditional value system got disconnected for a disturbing number of America's next generation."

Among our cultural role models are America's most famous adulterers, Donald Trump and Marla Maples, who finally wed in New York earlier this week. The bride, who is producing a line of maternity clothes, wore white.



Cal Thomas

The presiding minister saw their nuptials as a testament to the power of positive thinking.

Noting their "relationship" and the child it produced, Dr. Arthur Caliendo of Marble Collegiate Church said, "I'm in a very different place today than I was when I was a young minister, and I have no judgment against them." Caliendo sees love (or lust) as loveless the second time around, but nods only slightly to a moral code that seems to have escaped him: "I would prefer, simply for the sake of being rational and sane, that they follow a certain judgment on them now that they're finally coming together."

Isn't that special? Wonder if Vanna and the kids are thinking positively about this experience.

The key to restoring the good of Christmas past is to unlock that past, retrieving what worked for those who came before.

William Bennett has done that in his best seller, "The Book of Virtues." He writes of the time-honored task of morally educating the young: "Moral education - the training of heart and mind toward the good - involves many things. It involves rules and precepts - the dos and don'ts of life with others - as well as explicit instruction, exhortation and training. Moral education must provide training in good habits. Aristotle wrote that good habits formed at youth make all the difference."

Our youth are forming bad habits and our culture, through its music, movies, television and divorced or overworked parents, is infesting them with demons that no speech by a president and no amount of money can exorcise.

America's best Christmas present to itself would be courageous leaders who are not afraid to speak truth or be intimidated by the censors of political correctness.

We need leaders who will confront our moral decay and call people to virtue, even at the risk of being labeled leftover Puritans.

We need leaders to say that divorce and one-parent families are not alternative lifestyles, but forms of adult behavior with profoundly destructive consequences for children.

We need leaders with the courage to say that more government spending does not mean more compassion - that policies and programs cannot touch hearts that require change.

We need leaders who will encourage us to sacrifice for our children and love our spouses, even when love is difficult - in spite of the consequences, in spite of the spirit of our age.

Our failure of courage is not only in politics. It pervades our society. It does little good to blame government when the voice of these values is equally weak almost everywhere else.

Perhaps instead of constantly searching for new leaders, we need to be new leaders - in our families and communities.

Power has never made America great. Goodness and virtue have. If we lose these fundamental commodities, no missiles and no economy can defend us from destruction.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

Letters

Keep it loud, Walker

Hurrah for Lloyd Walker. He has ruffled the feathers of a few feeble-minded people. I hope he keeps it up.

HAZEL HAFNER
Twin Falls

District should have let boy play

Oh, brother, let him play! Shame on you, Filer School District, for not allowing the Gerrish boy to play basketball. Life is too short to be petty and cruel.

DANA CLARK
Kimberly

U.S. Postal Service runs scam

This is complaint. On Monday, Dec. 13, I went to our local post office to send a very important insurance letter and check to my insurance headquarters. I asked the postal clerk to help me send it the fastest way possible. He said it will be there on Wednesday morning for \$2.90. Well, they didn't receive it on Wednesday in Hawkins, Wis. The company called me on Friday, Dec. 17, to tell me they got it.

I feel that this is a scam by our U.S. Postal Service to send a two-day letter for \$2.90 and advertise it as such on our local media. Next time I send a priority parcel, I'll go to Federal Express. I thought our post office was on our

side. What a joke; might as well spend 29 cents.

DIANNA FREIDEMAN
Twin Falls

Thank lawmakers for support

I would like to thank our senators and representatives for co-sponsoring Orrin Hatch's bill that will allow us to keep using high-potency vitamins, amino acids and dietary supplements.

I would encourage anyone that takes Vitamin C to help recover from the flu or anyone that uses aloe vera on a burn to write a "thank you" letter to Sens. Kempthorne and Crank, as well as Reps. Crapo and LaRocco. Without the diligent effort of our elected spokesmen to defeat this bill, the Food and Drug Administration would soon have us buying oranges one at a time so we can't overdose on Vitamin C.

KARL HUNTER
Jerome

Outline developers' requirements

Another long and frustrating planning and zoning meeting. It seems strange to me that with all the talent and input the planning and zoning members seem to possess that we must go through a long, drawn-out process each time a parcel of property on the Snake River Canyon Rim is

submitted for development.

Why don't they (planning and zoning members) and the city council simply require developers of all the canyon rim property to submit "public access right-of-way" along the rim when they submit development plans for approval? It is very expensive and time-consuming for developers to try and "guess" what is expected of them when there are no clear requirements to simply plan access into a development. This could be as easily done in the same way as sewer, water, curb, gutter and other utility easements are.

If it is the city's, county's and the public's will to allow access along the rim for whatever use (walking, bike riding, etc.), why not end the confusion and simply require the access to be part of the development plan and design?

It is my opinion that public access to what is left of the undeveloped rim should be preserved. The canyon and rim are a wonderful creation of nature and should be preserved for all of us to share. I don't feel that a "view point" itself is adequate and the entire canyon rim should be made available for us and generations to come to enjoy much the same way as the Boise River is in the city of Boise.

Let's get on with preserving the rim and get off this frustrating process we now go through. It will be less expensive and more will be accomplished.

ELAINE K. BOWMAN
Twin Falls

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Letters

Dedicated carriers deliver paper

I take this time to say how happy I am to be a subscriber to *The Times-News* and to have two dedicated carriers to serve me.

Recently while I was taken to the hospital with a combination of flu and chest-ailment, one day I looked up and there they were with my paper. They also went on an errand for me to my apartment to bring a battery charger that I must use to keep an electronic voice in service, as I am a large-gestomach - having had my voice box removed.

They came to visit me three times as well as bringing me a Christmas flower. I am now home and well and getting my paper right on the doorstep every morning. I am grateful for such carriers.

LOWELL K. STOUTENBURG
Twin Falls

Thanks for covering event

We wish to thank *The Times-News* for its coverage of "Fast for the Homeless" in November, as well as all of those in our community who contributed to this worthy cause.

With the funds our community donated, we will be able to provide emergency housing assistance in these winter months.

Thanks again to all
TRISH BROWN
Homeless Shelter Task Force
Twin Falls

Please include a helmet

Season's Greetings to all! Christmas is rapidly approaching so, before you purchase

that bicycle or any one, two or three-wheeled or recreational vehicle or four-legged animal for that loved one, please include a helmet.

Here are some reasons for the season's reason for a helmet:

• In 1991, 17,800 children ages 5-14 years old were treated in hospital emergency rooms for bicycle-related head injuries.

• In 1991, 1,629 people of all ages were admitted to hospitals for bicycle-related head injuries; 57 percent of these were under the age of 20, with the highest proportion being in the 6-19 years-of-age range.

• In 1991, 138 bicyclists were killed from falls and crashes.

• Head injury is the primary or contributing cause in 70 percent of all bicycling fatalities.

• Even "minor" head trauma has been shown to produce long-term problems with memory and learning.

• Wearing a helmet reduces the risk of head injury by 85 percent and brain injury by 88 percent.

• Bicycle injuries are the most costly of all motor vehicle injuries to children.

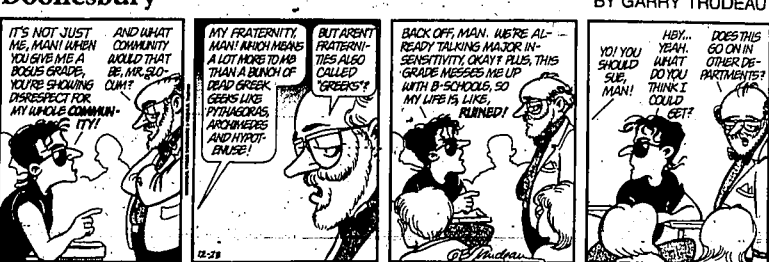
• The lifetime costs for one severely head/brain-injured bicyclist averages \$4.5 million!

If you already have a helmet, wear it. If you don't have a helmet, wear it. Give it to yourself or someone you love!

Merry Christmas to all and remember to buckle-up and helmet-up!

CASSANDRA BLAKLEY
SONIA BLAKLEY
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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Opinion

Whole economy rigged in favor of old folks, against young folks

Jack Nease

I keep wondering how long the kids are going to let us get by with it. By us, I mean anybody 60 or over. By kids, I mean anybody under 40. Or, those designations if you will, but hear me out. It seems to me that the whole economy is rigged in favor of old folks and against young folks.

Medicare is costing the country enough already, and picking up the tab for medical care of people in their late 50s and early 60s would make the problem worse.

I used to laugh about the little things. Get to be 50 or 55 years old and movie theaters start selling you tickets at discount rates.

It would be a bottomless pit of new expenses for the federal government, with hard-pressed young workers helping support people who could work but would rather be out on the golf course.

We're about the last people who need cute movie tickets. It's the young families with children who need price breaks.

Readers may say that I am arguing against my self-interest. With luck, I'll qualify for retirement before this century is over. Won't I be delighted to get all these benefits? Well, yes I would.

Banks are just as bad. Get to be 55 or so and banks offer you all sorts of special deals. You can get cheaper checking accounts and packages that include, say, no-fee credit cards.

But I also know that the money will be coming from my children and eventually - grandchildren. And I know that with people living longer and longer, there will be more and more of us around for Baby Boomers and their families to support.

But what's going to happen when, sometime early in the next century, there are only two younger workers to support every retiree? Won't the kids complain that the burden is unfair?

Do you know that there are already more than 3 million people in the country age 85 or over? Do you know that it is the country's fastest-growing age group?

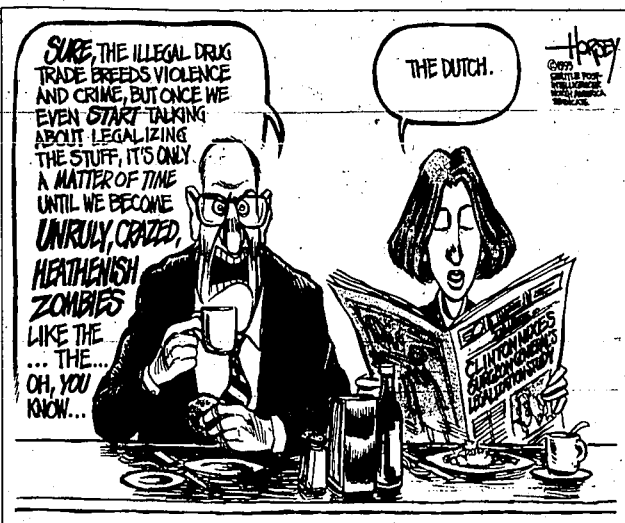
Younger people, on average, will pay more for medical insurance. Older people will pay less.

I'd rather work this out now instead of waiting for a nasty intergenerational war.

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Jack Nease writes for the Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel.



Misadventures with Fish, Game

Who could have imagined that shooting two geese, four ducks and buying a hunting license could cause such an uproar among the media and legal system in Idaho? I would like the real story of the Magic Valley to know the real story behind my legal problems with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

In December 1991, a friend and I went hunting in the Hagerman area. We spotted some geese in flight pattern about a half mile back from the canyon rim. There were no signs indicating that the area was closed to geese hunting. Thinking that it was open to geese and that the boundary was 600 yards from the water line, we pursued the geese on land and each shot a legal limit of two geese. We then returned to the river and continued to hunt in the area for ducks.

Fish and Game officers Don Stucker and Rich Holman then apprehended us and took all of our game, including the ones that were legally taken, and gave citations to both of us for illegally shooting the geese. I pled guilty to shooting the geese and was sentenced by Judge Cushman to have my hunting license suspended for 13 months. He gave me a "withheld judgment." I assume that this was similar to a suspended sentence and no one ever asked me to turn in my hunting license. The "Order Withholding Judgment" form I was given to sign states, "Only the checked conditions are applicable," and did not have the box checked next to the condition regarding hunting privileges suspended.

Therefore, I believed that I still had a valid hunting license in my possession.

Reader comment David Arthurs

In December 1992, Officer Holman "stuffed out" my truck when I was duck hunting and popped up out of the bushes when I returned to the truck in my boat. I showed him what I thought was a valid hunting license.

Weeks later, Officers Holman and Stucker came to my home and gave me citations for hunting without a license and unlawfully possessing ducks. I hired an attorney who advised me that I had a pretty good chance of beating these charges in a trial; however, it would cost me several thousand dollars and I would miss at least two days of work.

I think it is important for the sportsmen of Idaho to band together and send a clear message to the Idaho Fish and Game that we will not tolerate mismanagement of public resources, ducks and geese more than these human beings who are citizens of the state of Idaho?

In January 1993, I had purchased a combination hunting and fishing license. It did not matter to the judge that I did not use the hunting license during 1993 at all. For this "really big violation" of buying the hunting license which I never used, I received a \$1,000 fine and another 12 months' suspension and a six-month suspended jail sentence.

Because I thought this \$1,000 fine was very unfair and unjust, I paid the fine in pennies. The use of pennies was intended to be a protest and to draw the court's attention to the unfair treatment. Deputy Prosecutor Frank Nichols' reaction when he saw

the pennies in the clerk's office which I had personally delivered was, "Well, beat the guy to death!" Is this the kind of respect our judicial system delivers?

Does my crime against wildlife compare with receiving a conviction for repeated DWIs which endanger the lives of people? How do the sentences for child abuse, sexual abuse, or illegal drug trafficking compare with the maximum fines and jail time that Fish and Game pushes for?

Could it be that the legal system values ducks and geese more than these human beings who are citizens of the state of Idaho?

I'm sure many readers have had similar misadventures with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. If you feel that you have been treated unfairly, please contact your state legislators now and urge them to change the Fish and Game laws and make the penalties - fines and jail time - more appropriate and in balance with penalties for crimes with actually hurt people.

Dr. David Arthurs lives in Jerome.

Letters

Term limitations would eliminate career politicians

Let us say you have this old beater of a car. You don't change the oil or filters. The shocks and brakes are shot. The tires are bald. The upholstery is torn and the paint has faded to rust. But you don't seem to notice these problems because when the car doesn't perform, you throw the steering wheel away and get a different one.

This is the analogy I use when describing how the voting public in this country responds to the mechanism that runs the politics in Washington, D.C., on an election day. Every four or eight years we change presidents, but not enough is being done to repair, by replacement, the framework of professional politicians trusting away America's future.

You can blame the president all

you want for the road of massive waste and debt this country started down when Ronald Reagan took office, but Congress is to blame. The core of these inept legislators are more concerned about being re-elected than they are the welfare of this great nation of ours.

Term limitations are worth a try. The present system is not working. I think the advent of term limitations would attract more public servants into politics while eliminating most of the career-oriented politicians.

These professionals of political manipulation have duped the public. Their repetitious denials of responsibility for the innumerable examples of the wasting of our tax dollars mind-boggles even them. The continual name-calling is the best example of the prevalent immaturity they demonstrate to grasp the task at hand.

Democrats/Republicans blame

Republicans/Democrats; conservatives/liberals blame liberals/conservatives and the damage goes on unabated. It has taken them 20 years to get us into this mess. If we start now, it will probably take us at least that long to get us out of it.

KIRK CHARLSON
Buhl

Hopefully, thieves receive pleasure from decorations

I hope the person responsible for taking the wreath we bought to support St. Edward's School and the tinsel-wrapped star that pleased our 2½- and 1½-year-old grandsons are getting pleasure from them. It's sad to think anyone has to steal decorations to have any.

God bless you and Merry Christmas.
ANGIE BURGESS
Twin Falls

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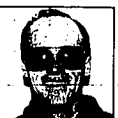
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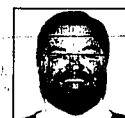
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Mountain Home radar will track Santa's route

MOUNTAIN HOME - Mountain Home Air Force Base radar operators will direct their electronics eyes northward Christmas Eve to track Santa Claus' progress from his North Pole home to Idaho.

During Operation Santa Watch '93, 392nd Electronic Combat Range Squadron volunteers will provide tracking reports revealing Santa's speed, direction, approximate location and estimated arrival time to the Idaho home. From 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 24, concerned children can keep tabs on Santa's progress by calling (208) 828-2392 for prerecorded Santa Watch update messages.

Mountain Home Air Force Base volunteers have conducted Santa Watch operations since 1986. About 1,800 callers dialed the Mountain Home Air Force Base phone number last year.

Forest Service will charge at Dagger Falls Campground

CHALLIS - Beginning with the 1994 recreation season, the Dagger Falls Campground on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River will become a "fee site" camp.

A \$5 nightly fee will be charged for visitors to the camp, according to the Challis National Forest's Middle Fork Ranger District.

Recent installation of a new water system and other improvements to the campground have made it a full-service site. Garbage service, however, will not be available.

Recreation site will be turned over to public ownership

GOODING - A popular year-round recreation site north of Gooding will be returned to public ownership, according to the federal Bureau of Land Management.

The Northside Snow Riders, a local snowmobile club, has asked to relinquish its Recreation and Public Purpose Act lease for a recreation site near the Gooding-Camas county line - 18 miles north of Gooding.

The snowmobilers have operated the recreation area under lease since 1981.

The site will revert to public land when the Shoshone District BLM cancels the lease, expected sometime in January.

The BLM plans to improve the facilities in the future, but will not manage the area actively this winter since the season already is under way.

"We are looking for ways to better manage winter use at the site which may include supervision and separation of the tubing area from the snowmobiling areas," said Bennett Hills Resource Area Manager Bob Cordell.

Public comment can be sent to Paula Perlelli at 400 W. F. St., P.O. Box 2-B, Shoshone, Idaho 83352 or phoned in at (208) 886-7254.

IDT sets up new procedure to prequalify axle weights

TWIN FALLS - Truckers now can prequalify for certain axle weights to reduce time at the scales, the Idaho Transportation Department has announced.

Truckers with variable load suspension can prequalify with an initial stop at the scales and a complete inspection of axle weights, according to an IDT news release. Doing this can save time.

In the past, part of entry officials had to weigh axle tags separately from accompanying axles if the truck's suspension was not designed to equalize the load between all axles.

In prequalifying, part of entry officials will know how much weight should be carried on the tag axle to make the other axles comply, the news release states.

Without prequalifying, part of entry officials will continue to weigh a variable load suspension axle separately from the tandem axle at every station.

For information, call Alan Frew at 334-8694, or contact the nearest port of entry office.

Compiled from staff reports

Let's hear resolutions

Every year, New Year's resolutions are made, and every year, many of those resolutions are broken. Will 1994 be any different?

We'd like to hear from you. Send your resolutions for this new year to The Times-News city desk, Box 548, Twin Falls, ID, 83303, or call 733-0931, ext. 238.

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Councilman's questions stall E911 contract signing

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

JEROME - Questions raised by Twin Falls officials have stalled the contract to build a regional emergency-dispatch center in Jerome - now it probably will not be signed this year.

Twin Falls City Councilman Art Frantz said Wednesday night that he could not approve any contract until the rest of the Twin Falls City Council approves it.

"I would like to take a copy of the contract... back to my legal counsel and my City Council," Frantz said.

Frantz was the only representative of the four-county "enhanced" 911 board who was unwilling to sign the \$942,000 contract with Boise-based Sundance Construction Management.

But his reluctance was enough to keep E911 Chairman and Twin Falls County Commissioner Marvin Hempleman from signing the contract.

"If you want more information I'm willing to get that for you, but let's keep this thing moving," Hempleman said.

The E911 board gave Frantz a deadline

of Jan. 7 to get the final approval of the city of Twin Falls.

Other board members argued that the project had been delayed enough.

"We should go forward as quickly as we can," said Lincoln County Commissioner Clarence Tew.

"How long can we keep stalling?"

Twin Falls Vice Mayor Gale Kleinkopf and Councilwoman Pam Dowd also attended Wednesday night's meeting, and both supported Frantz's request.

Kleinkopf said he was unsure whether the E911 board had followed a legitimate bidding procedure in negotiating privately with Sundance after rejecting at least two previous bids.

"Is that following state bidding laws?" he asked.

Dowd said she still thought that existing buildings in Jerome and Twin Falls could be used to house the dispatch center.

"What we're building with the money these people have been paying is the Taj Mahal," she said.

"We don't need one that you can get an Army tank through."

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Jerome hands teacher probation

By Kirk Mitchell
and Mark Kind
Times-News writers

JEROME - The Jerome School Board on Wednesday reprimanded a suspended Central Elementary School teacher, ordered him to receive professional counseling and returned him to his classroom on probation.

"Mr. (Melvin) Rayborn's conduct was not consistent with acceptable teaching and professional standards," a district news release said Wednesday.

The board provided no details on Rayborn's conduct because the sixth-grade teacher refused to allow release of the information, according to the district news release.

Rayborn, 61, was out of town Wednesday and unavailable for comment.

A statement by Rayborn's attorneys,

Greg Fuller and Tim Williams, says that teacher behavior that was encouraged when Rayborn began teaching is now considered unprofessional.

"It is to be noted that no criminal charges resulted, and there is no finding, or even suggestion, that Mr. Rayborn's conduct was sexually motivated in any way," the statement says.

The lawyers' statement says that Rayborn punts his students - male and female - on the head, shoulder or back as an expression of a job well done, a greeting or a parting. He has called girls "honey" or "dear" and calls boys "dude."

"Some students complained that they were offended by such conduct, and Mr. Rayborn has been reprimanded," the statement says.

But the School Board's news release says that it does not consider a teacher calling students "honey" or "sweetie" to

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Serene sunset



The lingering hues of a December sunset create a panorama of serenity as a horse stands quietly in a rural Jerome County field Wednesday evening.

MIKE BALSURRY/The Times-News

Gas prices should fuel more travel

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Holiday traffic should be up this year in Idaho because of clear roads and falling gasoline prices, although prices in the West remain well above the national average.

The American Automobile Association of Idaho reports that gasoline prices have dropped by 2 cents a gallon since Thanksgiving so that the average price for a gallon of self-service unleaded is \$1.204.

But the national average price is now at \$1.091.

"For whatever reason - demand, production or distribution - prices are much higher throughout the West," said AAA Idaho spokesman Dave Carlson. "In Oklahoma, you can buy a gallon of self-service unleaded for 94 cents."

Gasoline prices traditionally fall from December to March because the demand for gasoline falls with fewer drivers on the winter roads, said Jim Lynch, president of Lynch Oil Co. in Burley.

Prices at Magic Valley service stations are lower than the state average.

Lynch said his Mr. Gas stations have lowered their gasoline prices by 5 cents a gallon since Thanksgiving.

With falling fuel prices and clear roads, Lynch said he expects more Magic Valley residents will be traveling this holiday season, including Lynch who plans to visit his in-laws.

Only one out of every five service stations in Idaho will be open Christmas Day, according to a AAA survey. Lynch said four of his eight Mr. Gas stations will be open, but at least one in each of its local cities - Twin Falls, Burley and Rupert - will be open.

AAA also found that Idaho's average unleaded fuel price of \$1.204 a gallon compares with the average prices in the following states: California, \$1.161; Colorado, \$1.212; Montana, \$1.258; Nevada, \$1.216; Utah, \$1.166; Washington, \$1.184; Wyoming, \$1.092.

Additionally, diesel prices have fallen by an average of 12 cents a gallon since Thanksgiving, Lynch said this decrease is because more refineries are now producing low-sulphur diesel to comply with new fed-

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Businesses will extend their weekend holiday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Most Magic Valley businesses are declaring Dec. 24 a holiday and are giving employees an extended weekend.

Banks, law and insurance offices and federal, state, county and city offices throughout the Magic Valley will take Christmas Eve off.

Magic Valley Mall will close Christmas Day and reopen at 9 a.m. Dec. 26.

Grocery stores will close early on Christmas Eve and be closed Christmas Day. Smith's will close at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and reopen at 6 a.m. Dec. 26.

Albertson's will close at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and reopen at 7 a.m. Dec. 26. Ware-

mart will close at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and reopen at 7 a.m. Dec. 26.

The Twin Falls Public Library will be closed both Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

Emergency police, fires and ambulance services will be available, as will regular trash collection in Twin Falls.

The Buhl, Filer, and Twin Falls post offices will be open normal hours Christmas Eve with delivery as normal. Express mail will be delivered from the Twin Falls post office Christmas Day.

The Kimberly and Shoshone post offices will close at noon on Christmas Eve with delivery as normal. The Gooding post office will close at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve with delivery as normal.

State backs Shoshone in train, office disputes

By Mick Normington
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - The Idaho Public Utilities Commission flexed its legal muscles Wednesday and backed up the city of Shoshone in battles against Idaho Power and Union Pacific.

At a meeting late Wednesday in Boise, the commission decided to conduct a hearing to collect evidence regarding the threat to public safety when Union Pacific trains rush through Shoshone at 60 mph.

"The commission knows the public sentiment on this. The commission now needs facts from the city," said Gary Richardson, commission spokesman.

The city of Shoshone has been arguing for two years with Union Pacific over train speed limits. This January the railroad upped its speed limit. Trains now pass through town at more than 60 mph.

But the company has argued that slower trains aren't efficient and lose money.

Union Pacific also has argued that the commission has no jurisdiction in the matter, Richardson said. The railroad has claimed the speed of its trains is an interstate trade issue.

But the commission disagreed and decid-

ed Wednesday that the real issue is the safety of Idaho residents, Richardson said. The commission is acting under a clause in federal transportation law that gives state governments jurisdiction in matters of public safety.

The commission will ask the city of Shoshone for data about the threat to public safety from speeding trains. The city will have to present that evidence at a commission hearing in January, the date and location of which will be decided soon.

Also, the commission gave Shoshone's Idaho Power two-person office another chance to stay open.

"A couple of the commissioners felt the arguments of the residents were persuasive, so the burden of proof is now shifted to the company," Richardson said.

Commissioners Dean Miller and Marsha Smith said they were persuaded by fervent arguments of Lincoln County residents, including 5th District Magistrate R. Barry Wood, who want to keep the utility office open.

The commission will now hold a hearing, probably in January, to give Idaho Power a chance to justify the benefits of closing the Shoshone office and prove that service to

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Agency will not manage new center, Filer lockup

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The state Department of Health and Welfare will not run the new regional juvenile detention center when it opens in Twin Falls next year.

Effective Feb. 28, 1994, Health and Welfare also will discontinue its management of the existing lockup in Filer, according to a statement released Wednesday by the Twin Falls County commissioners.

The county and the state have "mutually agreed" to cancel the current contract, the statement reads.

"Twin Falls County has been very satisfied with the service that Health and Welfare has provided for the detention center," the commissioners wrote, "but feels the need to explore other options because of cost effectiveness, plus questions raised by the court system and private citizens about the arrangements with Health and Welfare."

Kurt Friedenauer, the administrative director of the Youth Services Center in St. Anthony, could not be reached for comment Wednesday. YCS is Idaho's largest juvenile rehab facility and operates Twin Falls County's temporary eight-bed lockup in Filer.

Steven Woodworth, regional director for Health and Welfare, said Wednesday he was "disappointed" that judicial officials were so critical of the state.

"Our feeling was that we went into that contract to be helpful," Woodworth said. "But there's some suspicion that if it's a state-run system it's a bad thing," he said.

County Commissioner Jim Fraley said that some critics of Health and Welfare do not realize that the state department provides much more than juvenile services.

But enough questions had been raised to convince the county to explore other options for management for the Twin Falls regional youth lockup, he said.

"Nothing's a done deal now," he said.

"I would like to see the courts really involved," he said. "Now it is up to Twin

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Association opposes taxes

The Times-News

BOISE — The Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry has voted to oppose both of the property-tax initiatives seeking spots on the 1994 ballot. "We're asking employees of our business, as well as all other Idahoans, not to sign these deceptive and damaging initiatives," said Art Brown, IACI chairman and chief executive officer of Hecla Mining Co. in Coeur d'Alene. "We won't get good tax policy out of the initiative process."

IACI, the state's most influential business lobby, was a key player in defeating the 1 Percent Initiative last year. One of the two initiatives this year is a revised version of the 1 Percent; the other would reimpose a 5 percent cap on local budget increases and raise the maximum homeowner's exemption from \$50,000 to \$60,000.

The so-called "Son of 1 Percent" measure would force an increase in either sales tax or income taxes to make up for lost property tax revenue, Brown said. The other measure would shift property taxes unfairly from residences to businesses, he said.

Officer stays on trail of 1969 murderer

MOSCOW (AP) — A hammer remains one of the keys to catching a suspect who has gotten away with a Moscow murder for 24 years.

Moscow Police Lt. Jacob P. Kershnik continues to chisel away at the town's only unsolved slaying. He said his case is almost complete against the Montana suspect, who allegedly bludgeoned 18-year-old Janice Lynn Foiles on Dec. 28, 1969.

"I can see the light at the end of the tunnel," Kershnik said. "The hunt has taken seven years, but the thought of a guilty assailant staying free has kept him on the trail."

Kershnik is once again turning to Moscow residents for proof. Finding the hammer probably used to punch holes in the University of Idaho student's skull would help tremendously, he said.

Police believe the suspect disposed of the hammer in the

Moscow area. Investigators discovered one missing from the Tip Top Cafe where Foiles died.

It was a claw hammer with one of the claws broken off, he said. The handle was wrapped or covered with a brown material, possibly leather.

The waitress was closing the cafe that night. Police believe she was killed after the last customer left at 7:30 p.m. Kershnik said a man, with the motive of "unrequited love," used the hammer to hit her six times.

Kershnik said many things could tie the hammer to the suspect, including fingerprints or traces of Foiles' blood.

Police exhumed her body in 1992, and discovered a Bible placed in the casket by the suspect at the time of the funeral.

The FBI examined the Bible. Kershnik said results of those tests confirmed his belief in the suspect's guilt.

Jerome decides Elks' liquor license warrants closer look

By H.R. Weixel Times-News correspondent

JEROME — After 25 years, the Elks Lodge may no longer be selling liquor at Jerome County Fairground events.

The City Council this week said it is not sure the Elks' license is legal.

In August the council had denied a liquor license for a remote televised horse race betting facility at the fairgrounds.

The council this week reviewed 19 liquor license applications. It approved 18 applications from taverns, restaurant bars and grocery stores.

The Elks' application was tabled. The lodge had applied for a license to sell liquor during horse races and other functions at the fairgrounds.

"The Elks have held a license since the races came in. Twenty-five years ago the city and state granted us a license and we've been granted one ever since," said Darwin Shulsen, representing the lodge. "I can't see how that many councils could be that wrong."

Shulsen told the council: "All profits come back into the community — scholarships, teen-ager of the year, the hoop shoot and we give

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the beer cans to the Boy Scouts." The council scheduled a work session for 6 p.m. Jan. 3 to review the legality of the Elks application with City Attorney Robert Williams.

According to City Administrator Larry Baine, the council also scheduled a work session at 5:30 that same evening to consider a request from Les Boise Park to sell liquor at a televised horse-race betting facility at the fairgrounds. Its application was denied in August.

"We need to know what's legal," Baine said.

In other business, the council:

- Appointed Neil Allen to a three-year term and Ada Carter to a two-year term on the Historic Preservation Commission.
- Approved annexing the high

school into the city limits as requested by the school district.

• Heard a request by insurance agent Stan Clements for the Council to reconsider hiring McDonald Insurance Company of Twin Falls to serve as the city insurance consultant firm.

"This is a sensitive issue. We came seven years ago ... premiums that came back to you were about \$40,000 a year. We feel we've earned the right to be here and the other people have not," Clements told the council.

• Approved using two reserve police officers at a rate of \$6 per hour to help reduce compensatory time being earned by regular officers. "We will soon see the time when we will increase the size of the police department," Mayor Gerald Oster said.

• Approved paying \$915.66 per month for the drinking water fee mandated by state regulations.

• Approved renewing Idaho Counties Reciprocal Management Program liability insurance for \$67,215 with Prescott & Craig Insurance.

• Unanimously approved increasing the salary of firefighter Mark Korman to \$1,723 per month and firefighter Ron Lancaster to \$1,809 per month.

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Death notices

Doris Lamm

JEROME — Doris Lamm, 77, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Billie A. Guy

JACKPOT, Nev. — Billie Ann Guy, 71, longtime resident of Jackpot, died Sunday, Dec. 19, 1993, at her home in Carson City, Nev.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Thompson's Funeral Home in Weiser.

Ethel M. Lange Beaudett

GOODING — Ethel M., "Peg" Lange Beaudett, 77, of Gooding, died Monday, Dec. 20, 1993, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m.

Monday at Demary's Gooding Chapel

Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Friends may call from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral chapel. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Bertha Gardner

GOODING — Bertha Gardner, 63, of Gooding resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital.

Services

Vernon B. Harvey, of Twin Falls, 10 a.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mary Miller, of Fairfield, 11 a.m. today, Fairchild Funeral Home (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Jerald R. Stevenson

BLISS — Jerald R. Stevenson, 86, of Bliss, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, at the Green Acres Care Center in Gooding.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Marjorie A. Lyzard

TWIN FALLS, 2 p.m. today, White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Lovinia Norton

BURLEY, 11 a.m. Monday, Burley 16th, Wadlow LDS Church, 515 E. 4th. (McCulloch's Funeral Home in Burley).

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Project Manager Al Sander explained that much of the costs are for technical equipment — not for the building itself. "It's a plain building," he said.

Moreover, the total cost may be as low as \$913,000 because of possible changes in part specifications, he said. Bids received in August came in at more than \$1.2 million, or almost \$420,000 higher than engineers had estimated.

The unsigned contract with Sundance has a completion date of no later than August 1, 1994 for construction of the facility.

Board members agreed to authorize US West Communications and Idaho Power to schedule utility extensions to bring power and telephone lines to the site.

The estimated cost for both extensions is \$22,750.

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Wright, County Commissioner Norma Bliss and 5th District Magistrate Judge Melvin C. Edwards would be the three voting members of that task force, he said.

Scheduled for completion by September 1994, a 12-bed facility in the city's industrial park will hold juveniles arrested from six counties: Blaine, Camas, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln and Twin Falls.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted
Melanie Kelly of Kimberly.

Released
Hannah Calkins of Wendell; Lola Fink of King Hill; Gaylene Glenn of Kimberly; Clarence Randall of Murtaugh; and Johnathon Wise of La Habra, Calif.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted
Verrel J. Carney, Gloria Gilchrist, Zenarac Bench,

Louise Glenn, Georgia Harris and Robert Kulhanek, all of Burley; Loie A. Flament of Rupert; and Doris Johnson of Heyburn.

Released
Albert Christensen, Victoria M. Cuevas and Robert Kulhanek, all of Burley; Patty Arnold of Rupert; Mary Elliott and Charles Taylor, both of Declo; and Ray Lindauer of Minidoka.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Released
Penny Danron and Avery McLane, both of Rupert; Beth Marsh of Burley; and John Chase of Heyburn.

Obituaries

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



Francis C. Prince

JEROME — Francis Cio Prince, 84, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, at his residence.

Cio was born Oct. 5, 1909, in Washington, Utah, the son of Francis Maxwell and Harriett Jane Griffith Prince. He graduated from Wendell High School. Cio married Rosanna Anderson on Oct. 6, 1931, in Shoshone, Idaho. Their marriage was solemnized on Sept. 25, 1952, in the Logan, Utah, LDS Temple. He worked as a section hand for the railroad, later owning his own trucking business. Cio also worked for the City of Wendell and as a custodian for the LDS Church until his retirement. He then worked as a security guard for Trust Farm. Rosanna preceded him in death on Sept. 30, 1983. Cio later married Virginia Hurd Astle on June 6, 1987, in Wendell, making their home in Jerome.

Cio was a member of Wendell LDS Church, served as secretary of MIA, was a home teacher and loved sports.

Cio is survived by his wife, Virginia Prince of Jerome, one daughter, Corrie Joy Blom of Wendell; one son, James Maxwell Prince of Wendell; stepchildren, Layne Astle and Kim Astle, both of Gooding and Sandra Smith of Arimo, Idaho; two brothers, Doyle Prince of Gooding, Wyo., and Melvin Prince of Tucson, Ariz.; one sister, Mae See

of Twin Falls; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and 10 step great-grandchildren. Cio was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters.

The funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 24, 1993, at the Hagaman LDS Church, with Bishop Ron Buhler conducting. Burial will be at the Wendell Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Demary's, Wendell Chapel and from 9 a.m. until the time of the funeral on Friday at the church.

Homer Roberts

TWIN FALLS — Homer Roberts, 86, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1993, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

He was born April 26, 1907, in Denver, Colo. He moved from Colorado to Wallace, Ok. Aug. 26, 1937, he married Betty Kunkel in Hollister. He worked as a steam fitter until entering the U.S. Navy during World War II. He taught school for 10 years, two in Hollister and farmed in Hollister for 30 years until retiring in 1975.

Mr. Roberts was a member of the Holy Family Evangelical Lutheran Church, Twin Falls Community Grange No. 11, Community Presbyterian Church of Hollister, Hollister Masonic Lodge No. 71, Hollister Order of the Eastern Star No. 45, Toastmasters, and was on the Twin Falls County Hospital Board.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Roberts of Twin Falls; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Robert Van Nest officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Masonic Rites will be at the Masonic Lodge No. 71 AF & AM of Hollister and the Order of the Eastern Star No. 45 of Hollister.

The family suggests memorial contributions may be made to the Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Contact Ave., Hollister ID 83301; or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Mary B. Miller

FAIRFIELD — Mary Belle Miller, 78, of Fairfield, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1993, at the Hailey Medical Center.

Mary was born March 1, 1915, in Soldier, Idaho, the daughter of George and Nellie Barkley Abbott. She was raised on the Camas Prairie before moving to Boise in 1927, where she attended school. Mary moved back to Fairfield the next year where she attended school, graduating from Camas County High School. She worked for her uncle, Clarence Barkley at Barkley Drug in Fairfield. Mary married Glenn Alvin Miller in 1940, in Idaho, making their home on the same prairie where they lived and farmed for many years. They moved into Fairfield before Glenn preceded her in death in 1988.

Mary continued to live in Fairfield, spending her winters in Boise, and farmed for many years. She loved music, especially playing the piano.

She was a member of the Fairfield Community Church, Occident Rebekah Lodge No. 58 and Bethany Chapter No. 23 O.E.S.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Nellie Abbott of Tacoma, Wash.; one son, Steve and his wife, Linda Miller of Fairfield; one daughter, Peggy Stewart of Boise; four brothers: Jack Abbott of New Mexico, Bill Abbott of New Jersey, Pat Abbott of Lewiston and Tom Abbott of Gig Harbor, Wash.; one sister, Elizabeth Simon of Texas; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her father and husband.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, 1993, at the Fairfield Community Church, with Pastor George Pettit officiating. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. at the Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise. Friends may call from 10 a.m. until the time of the funeral today at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Camas County High School Music Program.

Teacher

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Rayborn would be grounds for discipline and such statements were not among the allegations against Jim Cobble.

Superintendent Ryan Cobble suspended Rayborn on Oct. 16. Eight of Rayborn's students told Principal Wilma Jones that their teacher had made inappropriate statements and comments and had inappropriately touched them, a district resolution passed by the board Wednesday says.

Six of the students put their allegations in writing, the resolution says.

"The suspension was being imposed for the reason that allegations of student sexual harassment had been made against him ...," the resolution says.

The board on Wednesday required Rayborn to write a "rehabilitative" plan that includes professional counseling, and decided to hire a full-time aide to assist him in his classroom for the remainder of the school year.

"Terms of the probation will include the understanding that any future digressions may result in termination of employment," the news release says.

Rayborn had seen a copy of the district's proposed stipulation before Wednesday's board action and made a statement that was contained in the document.

"I admit that I have not been sufficiently sensitive to or aware of conduct which may be perceived as harassment or abusive," Rayborn wrote. "I recognize and accept that his conduct is unacceptable."

"Because I believe that there is no substantial dispute about the facts as stated," Rayborn wrote, "I further accept probation, the reprimand and the conditions as set forth in the resolutions."

According to the resolution, former Central Elementary School Principal Betty Hyder on May 19 "admonished Mr. Rayborn after she observed him touch a female student on her head and lower back, stating, 'Do not touch the girls.'"

On or about June 6, 1993, another complaint was made about remarks Rayborn made in class to female students and a male student, the resolution says.

In the spring of 1993, Hyder and former acting Superintendent LaVar Butters "was advised that his personal conduct, such as patting, tickling, touching, and compliments on attire, were perceived by some faculty and students as being 'too familiar,'" the resolution says.

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eral regulations so the supply of the low-sulfur fuel is just now starting to meet the demand.

AAA found diesel prices in Idaho averaging \$1.435 a gallon at Thanksgiving but are now \$1.315.

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Police file battery charge against Oakley High student

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

OAKLEY — Police have filed a charge of battery against a male Oakley High School student as a result of an investigation into allegations of harassment and sexual misconduct at the school.

Sgt. Dave Tracy of Cassia County Sheriff's Department said police launched the investigation in early December in response to complaints from parents that older students were beating and harassing younger ones.

Charges were filed in magistrate court 1½ weeks ago against the male student. But the student's age is uncertain. Officials first thought he

was 18 and should be prosecuted as an adult.

But his arraignment has been postponed because he may actually be only 17 and therefore should be treated as a juvenile, Magistrate Roy Holloway said.

According to a police report filed during the investigation, a 15-year-old boy complained that two male students regularly beat him up.

The 15-year-old boy told police that in previous months, either or both of the older boys had on separate occasions dragged him in a head-lock around the school, cut his hair with a knife and thrown water on his pants.

In another police report, a 17-year-old girl said that the male stu-

dent had grabbed her chest as she was getting books from her locker Dec. 1. She said he had tried to kiss her on other occasions. The girl told police she is afraid of him.

In the report, the male student told police that when he had kissed the girl, she hit his hand so it unintentionally touched her breast.

Lt. Jim Higns said one student told police that an older boy had sodomized him, but he changed his mind about pressing charges. Other leads had resulted from "unfounded rumors," Higns said.

The county prosecutor will decide next week whether to press charges on any of the other findings of the sheriff's department, Higns said.

Group launches anti-gay rights drive

PHOENIX (AP) — A California group already fighting against gay rights in 10 states brought its cause to Arizona-Wednesday, launching a statewide drive to place an anti-gay rights amendment on next year's ballot.

The proposed amendment to the Arizona Constitution would prohibit state and local governments from passing ordinances protecting homosexuals from discrimination. The proposed amendment is similar to one struck down by a Colorado judge earlier this month.

"This is not an initiative that discriminates," said Frank Meliti, a Phoenix businessman and chairman of the initiative's sponsor, Traditional Values Coalition of Arizona. "All we're asking for is an even ball field."

Buena Read, board member of the gay support group P-FLED, or Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays, said the amendment was an attack on civil rights.

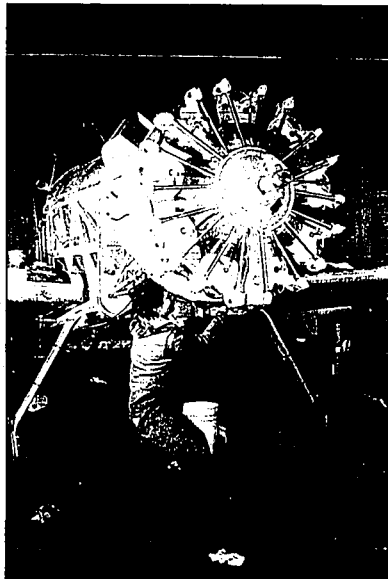
"We see this as an attempt to legalize discrimination against our sons and daughters," said Ed Smith. The Traditional Values Coalition is closely affiliated with the Anaheim, Calif.-based Traditional Rights Coalition of America. The latter group has sponsored similar anti-gay rights initiatives in 10 other states.

Traditional Rights Coalition Chairman Lou Sheldon said homosexuals should not get the same legal protection as ethnic minorities because they are living a "behavior-based lifestyle."

Colorado is the only state to have passed an anti-gay rights amendment. Sheldon said his group also is backing initiative campaigns in California, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, Maine and Florida.

The group also is working to stop the repeal of sodomy laws in Nebraska, he said.

Repair for the air



Jim Climer repairs the engine of an 'Air Tractor' crop dusting plane Wednesday at The Flight Doctor repair shop at Burley Municipal Airport. Climer says he will fix as many as nine of them in time for next spring's planting.

Juvenile cases flood prosecutor

AMERICAN FORCER (AP) — Power County Prosecutor Henry "Bomber" Boomer says his caseload of juvenile criminals is soaring as the young become a lost generation.

"The crimes are getting more and more serious and the kids committing them are getting younger," Boomer said. "It is frightening to me, especially since we don't have the resources to deal with these offenders."

"There are many kids who are better citizens than when I was in school, but there are a whole lot of whom I would call lost souls, too."

Boomer said the number of juvenile felony crimes has increased tenfold in the last couple years. He spoke sadly of one young man.

"He came from a really troubled family, but he was a good kid," Boomer said. "Eventually, he started getting in a bit of trouble that qualified him for the Idaho Youth Ranch. I really believe that could have made all the difference for him."

"But, there was a seven-month waiting list. Seven months is a long time for a kid. By the end of seven months, he had committed more crimes and was no longer qualified for the youth ranch."

"He ended up going to St. Anthony, then to Cottonwood and now he's in prison. We failed him. The system failed him."

At one time, Power County could keep juveniles in the local jail. That provided personal attention and a padded room for violent offenders.

Now they must either go to an approved center, such as the new one in Pocatello, or in mental facilities like Aspen Crest Hospital.

Boomer said Power County shares the cost of the Idaho Youth Ranch. Pocatello center with five other counties. "The average per-person cost is about \$125 a day. Mental protective custody is even more."

"Those places cost the county enormous amounts of money," Boomer said. "It is ridiculous that we have the same type of padded room right here, but we have to pay \$475 a day for the same facility elsewhere."

Judge bars abortion notification bill

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — A federal judge has signed an injunction barring enforcement of a Montana law that required parental notification before girls under 18 could have abortions.

U.S. District Judge James Batten's order Tuesday earlier this month, settlement reached earlier between the state and The Center for Reproductive Law and Policy

in New York. Acting on behalf of six doctors and a physician's assistant, the center filed a federal lawsuit that challenged the 1974 notification law. The center said the law allowed no procedure for a judge to waive the parental notice requirement in special circumstances.

State attorneys conceded last week that the law was unconstitutionally broad and was unenforceable.

The New York center said Wednesday that with the Montana parental notification law for abortion.

Thirty-five states have such laws on the books, the center said.

Boise man wins Fantastic Five

BOISE (AP) — A Boise man has won the largest Idaho Fantastic Five lottery and figures his luck could even translate into the multi-state Powerball game, too.

Marlon Manwill, 48, Tuesday night became the largest single winner of a Fantastic Five game, taking home a check of \$303,983. He bought the ticket at a Gem Stop store.

"I buy \$5 there every draw," he said. "After this, I'm going back to give those guys a tip."

The postal worker said he was

tired from the holiday crunch on Tuesday.

"I've been working 11-hour days, six days a week, and was so tired I almost went to bed, but I decided to call the lottery to find out the numbers."

"I looked and looked, and then I went and woke up my mom and had her look. I had huge goose bumps."

He said he would buy his son and wife a car. He also plans to buy a house and invest some of the money. "I've got to ticked for the \$90 million tonight," he said Tuesday. "This (win) is just a warmup."

Use of bonnets irks Indians

POCATELLO (AP) — Offended by Pocatello-area business and civic leaders wearing Indian war bonnets at public functions, the National Congress of American Indians is asking Gov. Cecil Andrus to stop the practice.

Such groups as the Pocatello Chamber of Commerce don the headdress. On Dec. 3, the Indian congress compiled a resolution "to stop this type of discriminatory actions against Indian people."

The Fort Hall Business Council, the governing body of the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, may consider a similar resolution, said Council Chairman Keith Tinno.

"It's not very honorable the way they handle the war bonnet," Tinno said.

Chamber of Commerce President Emma Gebo said she was surprised by the resolution that targeted the Pocatello Chiefs, a public relations branch of the chamber which includes both sexes.

"It's not in any way disrespectful," Gebo said. "We're honoring the Indian people. It's a real honor to be a chief, for men and women alike."

The chamber's headaddresses are made by Oklahoma tribal members using turkey feathers. Traditional war bonnets have sacred eagle feathers.

"The resolution notes Indian women do not wear war bonnets; doing so shows little respect for traditional culture, tribal leaders said."

"Women wearing war bonnets is against Indian culture and beliefs. This type of behavior is never practiced among Indian women ... by non-Indian women wearing the war bonnets, and also Gov. Cecil Andrus, shows disrespect to the Indian people," the resolution stated.

Man flees would-be kidnappers in Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Four suspects reportedly were in custody here Wednesday night after a Utah businessman escaped an alleged kidnapping and extortion attempt.

KSL-TV reported that Carl Martin, 61, is believed to have been abducted Tuesday morning at his Salt Lake City herbal health products business, Allied International Inc.

The kidnappers reportedly demanded \$3.5 million from Martin, KSL reported, quoting unspecified Las Vegas police sources.

Details were sketchy, but

Martin apparently escaped from the abductors sometime late Tuesday in Las Vegas, fleeing a motel room and notifying local police.

Federal officials in Las Vegas referred all questions to the Salt Lake City office of the FBI.

"I can confirm there was a kidnapping about 7:30 a.m. yesterday in Salt Lake City and that a single male victim was transported to the Las Vegas area, placed in a motel room and did manage to escape and went to Las Vegas authorities and reported the kidnapping," said Ron Van Vranken, a spokesman for the Salt Lake City FBI.

White House may restrict flights

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration will look for ways to restrict flights over the Grand Canyon and other national parks, officials said Wednesday.

Interior Department Secretary Bruce Babbitt and Transportation Secretary Federico Pena will form a task force to decide how to limit what Babbitt called "intrusive and offensive" noise from overflights.

The issue has become increasingly controversial at the Grand Canyon with air tour companies flying small planes and helicopters above the majestic gorge and prompting noise complaints from tourists about the interruption of their solitude.

Flights from Grand Canyon Airport increased from 4,610 in 1977 to 173,732 in 1992.

"Aircraft noise is significantly diminishing the national park experience for millions of visitors," Babbitt said. He said it is "diminishing a good portion of the enjoyment and the restoration of spirit that comes from a visit to the park."

Pena said his department wants to cooperate in noise reduction and change past practice of fighting with the Interior Department.

The secretaries said they want to provide park enjoyment for those on the ground and aerial tourists.

Cheney sits out race for senatorial seat

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — Former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney said Wednesday he won't run for Wyoming's vacant U.S. Senate seat because he is still exploring a possible presidential bid in 1996.

In a brief prepared statement, Cheney said he will spend 1994 campaigning for Republican candidates around the country. He said he will make a final decision on the presidential race after the 1994 elections.

"This is a difficult decision because I loved serving as Wyoming's congressman and under different circumstances would welcome the opportunity to again represent the people of Wyoming," said Cheney, a former Bush cabinet member.

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Comics

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

I THINK I'VE LEARNED SOMETHING

YOU CAN SLIDE DOWN THE STEPS...

BUT YOU CAN'T SLIDE...

UP THE STEPS.

Calvin and Hobbes By Bill Watterson

I'M NOT BAD, I'M JUST... UM...

EXUBERANT? THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH BEING EXUBERANT!

HEADS UP!

POW!

GO ON, EXPLAIN THE SEMANTICS TO YOUR MOM

YIKES, SHE GOT HER WIND BACK AND SHE'S GAINING!

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Dear miss know-it-all,

Every year, my best friend gives me ties. How do I subtly get across to him that I hate ties?

Frustrated.

DEAR FRUSTRATED: USE THEM TO WRAP UP HIS GIFT THIS YEAR.

Garfield By Jim Davis

ATTENTION! DAD IS GOING TO GIVE HIS ANNUAL HOLIDAY READING OF "BINKY, THE CLOWN WHO SAVED CHRISTMAS!"

SO EVERYBODY GATHER AROUND REAL CLOSE!

OKAY, WHO DRANK THE GARLIC NOG?

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

DO YOU DREAM IN BLACK AND WHITE OR IN COLOR?

BOTH

BLACK AND WHITE DURING THE WEEK AND COLOR ON SUNDAYS

COOL! JUST LIKE IN THE COMICS.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HE LOOKS GOOD

HE SHOULD... HE HASN'T HAD A DRINK IN TWO DAYS

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHAT'S HAN LET DOING UP THERE ON THE ROOF?

HE'S AFRAID SANTA MIGHT MISS OUR HOUSE

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

OTD SHOULD BE DOING SOME WORK AROUND HERE

LIKE WHAT, SIR?

THERE MUST BE SOMETHING... HOW ABOUT GUARD DUTY?

SORRY

I DON'T DO WINDOWS AND I DON'T DO GUARD DUTY

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

TUNA HELPER

BURGER HELPER

SANTA'S HELPER

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

OH, YOU BETTER WATCH OUT, YOU BETTER NOT CRY, YOU BETTER NOT POUT, I'M TELLING YOU WHY...

I'M STILL HOLDING YOUR BONUS CHECKS!

For Better or For Worse

SNIFF... MM... A LITTLE MORE SALT SHOULD DO IT!

GRANDMA YOU NEVER MEASURE ANYTHING!

WHEN I WATCH YOU COOK, YOU JUST TOSSE THINGS INTO A BOWL, AND IT COMES OUT PERFECT!

I MEASURE THINGS, ELIZABETH!

I USE PINCHES OF SALT, DASHES OF PEPPER, KNIBS OF BUTTER, SPRINKLINGS OF CARAWAYS, SPRINKLES OF MILK, GOULOPS OF BUTYR, DROPS OF COOKING, DOLLOPS OF OIL, SITES OF FLOUR, MOUNDS OF CREAM, HANDFULS OF RICE...

BUT THOSE AREN'T REAL MEASUREMENTS! OF COURSE THEY ARE! HAVE YOU NOT HEARD OF "GRAMS"?

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

LET'S HEAD FOR HOME

WE GOT AN IDEA FOR OUR CAR POOL

WHAT'S THAT?

LET'S DO OUR SHOPPING ON ALTERNATE DAYS

SECOND DAY

The Far Side By Gary Larson

"OK, I got one—do you say 'dam it' or 'damn it'?"

Next Year at Christmas...

LET'S DO OUR SHOPPING ON ALTERNATE DAYS

SECOND DAY

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"YOU LOOK MUCH YOUNGER IN PERSON."

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

"Guess what today is? Christmas Eve Ee!"

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Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are analytical, a financial teacher and psychologist. You also have "writer's signature." During February, significant domestic adjustment takes place, relates to home improvement, decorating and remodeling, decisions concerning income, public relations, marriage. During past year, 1993, you were super-sensitive concerning body image, apparel, general appearance. You look just fine!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Details unraveled in connection with "money due you." You'll be saying, "Just right, now I can spend a bit more for the holidays." What seemed "impossible" is now bonanza!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Non-probabilistic Circumstances take dramatic turn in your favor. Communication received tonight informs you, "You win!" Focus on filtration, candor, physical attraction. Virgo represented.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Some will comment, "At last you appear to have settled down!" Focus on holiday activities, music, domestic adjustment resulting in restoration of harmony. Libra figures prominently.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be intrigued by symbolism, mysteries of up-close holidays. Wish comes true, you might be saying, "I'm happy but do I really deserve it?" Pisces, Virgo persons play outstanding roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Refuse to be "touted" or path leading to success. Open lines of communication, express views in writing. Executive of organization seeks your services.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Warm glow results from long distance communication assuring that you have not been forgotten. You'll gain wider audience, love plays paramount role, possible journey, welcome persons who wish to be your allies. Consider budget.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Financial status of relative figures in scenario—trip might be cancelled but this is possibly "blessing in disguise." Read and write, teach, advertise and publish.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Windfall Moon transits areas relating to ideas that are transformed into profit. Emphasis on harmony, music, decorating.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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OVAL BERTIE ARILO
PRESERVATION URGES
STAIRS STEP RAG
RENCE PAIRS EGO
DAYS HALES AIGLE
ASIA ARIELS MAPLES
THE EMMY HORSES
DREAM ROOT
PROGRESSIONS
ARGO CRANE SNAP
COAX KITES AIGLE
EDDY STEW HELED

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Hemp - meteorological rope

Hemp ropes tighten up before storms. As humidity rises, they absorb moisture, so shrink. Seams in have taken the most. Condition of the lines aboard ship was always another weather gauge.

Q. Does Russia have a TV version of "Fortune"?

A. It does. And a "Good Morning, America" sort of show now, too.

One species of leopard growl sounds the mating call underwater. It's inaudible in the air. Birds don't hear it. Bees don't hear it. Only other leopards growl hear it. And maybe some fish and alligators, but they're not interested.

It's a matter of record that early Romans thought they could cure ugliness by eating rabbit seven days a week, and soon ran out of rabbits.

Q. How did Bourbon whiskey come to be made?

A. Kentucky distillers in 1789 tried mixing a little rye into their corn liquor. And liked it.

Write the early celebrity columnist Walter Winchell. "Gossip is the art of saying nothing in a way that leaves practically nothing unsaid."

Students of sea life say they now know halibut tend to remain calm in crisis while salmon are likely to panic.

Monitor monitors have turned up another candidate for the Proper Job Club. He's reported to be an award-winning insurance salesman in Melbourne, Australia named Justin Case.

Q. What do you call that pain you get in your hand after addressing so many Christmas cards?

A. The showoff word for writer's cramp? "Graphoplasia."

Q. What's wrong with storing ham in foil?

A. Salt in the cure eats holes in the foil, research suggests.

Never forget, it's 46 percent easier to push the wheelbarrow than to pull it.

Valley life

Family freeloaders must be taught to pay price

DEAR ABBY: My stepson has been staying in the house for 6 months. He never helps with any work around the house. He never cleans up after himself and is rude to his mother. He is on his fourth job, always has money for beer and cigarettes, but has never contributed one dime toward his support. This "boy" is 21 years old.

My own son has also been staying here for four months. He also never helps with any of the housework. He doesn't pick up after himself, or even make his own bed. He is on his third job, and has sent most of the money he has made to his mother. He says he owes her. He has contributed a total of \$75 to his support. This boy is also 21 years old.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

His father parades around naked in front of the girls. I don't mean in his underwear; I mean in his birthday suit!

When I ask him to please cover himself in front of the girls, he gets angry, blows up at me, and accuses me of thinking he is some kind of pervert. Well, I am beginning to wonder if maybe he is.

Even though I see no signs of abuse with my girls, I don't feel comfortable leaving them alone with him. Are my feelings justified? Or am I reading more into this than I should? I am only trying to protect my daughters from the terrible experience I had as a child.

— THEIR MOTHER
DEAR MOTHER: Your husband should not "parade" around naked in front of his daughters. Since you feel uncomfortable leaving them with him, you are very wise not to do so.

I recommend family counseling for both you and your husband.

DEAR ABBY: This is for the man who has a terrible time waking up in the morning to go to work. If he doesn't have a sleep disorder (as you suggested he investigate), he might be interested in knowing about a device, intended for deaf people, which can be connected to his alarm clock. All you have to do is set the alarm clock for the time you want to get up, and it shakes the dickens out of the bed!

— SLEEPYHEAD
IN TAYLOR, MICH.
DEAR SLEEPYHEAD: Please send more information on the aforementioned "device." It could be very useful for sound sleepers.

TO THE POORHOUSE
IN MINNESOTA
DEAR BOBSLEDDING: At 21, your "boys" are now men, and part of being a man is accepting responsibility for one's own upkeep. However, before you and your wife change the rules, it is imperative that you have a clear and firm agreement between you regarding what would be a fair contribution from "the boys."

Suggestion: Do it in stages, so they will know what is expected of them now — and why — and what more will be expected in six months or so. It will be less traumatic than a sudden "sink or swim" edict. And please don't label them as "bums." If they have never been expected to contribute to the household, it's not their fault.

DEAR ABBY: I am an incest survivor. I have been married for almost nine years and have two beautiful daughters, ages 8 and 6.

Women do most of holiday preparation

Knight-Ridder News Service

For those who think the holidays are a time of warmth, laughter, joy and fun on-top-of-more-fun-talk-to-women practically any woman. They will tell you about stress, anxiety, guilt and depression. About endless shopping trips, marathon cooking and cleaning sessions, and gift-wrapping projects that drag toward dawn. About weariness and frazzled nerves. And also about resentment — toward men who frequently do nothing to help, or, at best, do just a few assigned holiday tasks.

Men get stressed-out during the holidays, too, observes Philadelphia psychoanalyst Many Bean, but many "express it in becoming annoyed or withdrawn. They turn on the television or get a beer. They want to make themselves numb. ... Women are responsible for the whole thing."

Don't misunderstand, many women will say. They derive a great deal of pleasure from giving their families an enjoyable holiday. It's a female responsibility they often accept willingly, and many women say they would not dream of giving up the job.

"There wouldn't be any question I wouldn't do it — I'm really proud of my religion and cultural connections and I want the kids to feel the same way," says Eve Dryer, a vice president at the Tietney Group public relations firm, who works 50 to 60 hours a week, does nearly all the Hanukkah gift-shopping and hand-grates potatoes to make potato pancakes just like her mother used to make.

But more than any previous generation, women today say, they find themselves in a terrible bind — working full-time while struggling to carry on holiday traditions passed down by a centuries-old chain of mothers and grandmothers, most of whom spent much more time in the home.

"I think back to what my mother did," said Sylvia Garvin, a Prudential vice president who puts in a 10-hour day, then shops, then writes cards. "At Christmastime my mother took down all the darn curtains in the house, washed them, put up new curtains, and cooked for 30 people. Bought all the gifts. She did everything by herself. This is how you're raised."

There is no particular news or breaking trend to report about women bearing the burden of the holidays. If anything, the news is that there isn't any. Even in an enlightened time that produced "The Second Shift," the eye-opening 1989 book about women with

jobs doing most of the housework once they got home, there is surprisingly little talk in the media about women doing the holiday shift.

Women themselves, even those who may now expect male partners to share cleaning and child-care chores, seem resigned.

"I take it as my responsibility to create the festival and create the fun. He enjoys ... the participation in it. I accept that as the way it is," is how Deborah Madison, director of corporate events for PNC Bank, describes the way she and husband Ron handle Hanukkah. (As a trade-off, she adds, her husband "is incredibly helpful with the kids.")

But underneath that calm veneer of acceptance, unhappy emotions often seethe. "I get very stressed by the holidays every year," says Madison, who is often up till 3 or 4 a.m. making the elaborate handmade Hanukkah and Christmas gifts her relatives have come to expect from her. "I feel like there is a little monkey on my shoulder, and I put it there myself. But I also feel, I guess, that I need to do this in order to feel like I'm a good mom and a good aunt and a good daughter."

That desire, to earn a good motherhood seal of approval, is often what drives women to overextend themselves this time of year, psychologists say.

The holidays — "symbolize the moment the family is all fed by mom — mom as she is idealized," said Carol Moog, a Bala-Cynwyd psychologist and marriage consultant. "Now the kids are in daycare, moms have jobs, high-powered jobs. ... But you take this one day (and decide) that the one thing mom can do is have this really great Christmas. The pressure is enormous."

And, Moog adds: "The less time she has, the more stressed and stretched she is. Get out of my way, kids, I have to make the Christmas cookies, I have

to put this toy together! ... She often sees a side of herself she is trying not to express during this happy time of year simply because she can't get everything done."

Men may feel pangs over not earning enough money to provide nice presents for their families, said Pennsylvania-Hospital therapist Marilyn Johnson, but women have a deeper worry.

"No matter how liberated we get, we still have to be the primary caretakers in the culture and therefore the keepers of the emotions. If holidays are going to be joyous, we have got to make them joyous ... (That belief) crosses all economic levels — it really doesn't matter ..."

Therapist Marilyn Johnson

matter. And I think men depend on us to do that."

And what do women depend on men to do for the holidays? Darn little, many of them say.

True, there are some men, perhaps many men, who do their share of holiday preparations and more. "He is an incredible person," says Ridley Park endocrinologist Liselle Douyon of husband Robert, who splits Christmas chores with her 30-50. "We do whatever we can for each other, but he's simple and enjoyable. He enjoys the cooking. I love to wrap presents. ... That way you don't feel as if you're stuck with doing everything, but both of you are sharing."

The prevailing view, though, is that this is a rarity. More often than not, women-lead stories about the men in their lives either doing nothing or assuming the simplest of holiday tasks — buying or cutting down the Christmas tree, for instance, or hanging the lights and carrying packages to the post office.

Describing how men do those tasks, women sometimes sound as if they are talking about procedures. "My husband puts the tree up and

helps with the lights, and I take over from there," said Shirley Smith, a retired secretary in Newark, Del. "He does help me cut up the fruit for the fruitcake; it's a lot of work."

"When I get home tonight, I'm going to start the cards — about 150 of them," Sylvia Garvin said one night last week. "My husband will do for his school, his fellow teachers. He'll lick the stamps for me."

"Harvey does help in talking to his relatives," said Julie Welker, owner of Welker Real Estate Inc. in Philadelphia. "He will give me gift suggestions so I can make a list of gift suggestions, and I handle the rest." (Once, Welker said, her husband bought all the Christmas gifts — but that was the year she was having a difficult pregnancy and her obstetrician forbade her to shop because it was too stressful.)

"Well, he eats — he really eats all the faties that we make," Susan Yaron said of husband Hank. "Maybe he can do a little food shopping for me, that he does. If I give him a list, he does it. ... What does he do? Nothing!" said attorney Dianne Nast of attorney-husband Joseph Roda. "I give him eight names — the eight men I find most difficult to get gifts. I plead with him to please do the shopping by Halloween, and of course he doesn't. Then by Thanksgiving, and of course he doesn't. Then by Dec. 10, and of course he doesn't."

"And he plays the piano while I decorate — he plays Christmas carols," Nast said. "It infuriates me. I would think in the ideal world these tasks would be shared and would be even more enjoyable if they were."

In their defense, many men say that the very nature of holiday chores — decorating, cooking, browsing endlessly through stores — makes them enjoyable to women and imperceptible to men.

"When it comes to ornaments and decorations — and I hope this isn't taken as a sexist comment — this is something about which women tend to get more enthusiastic than men," Roda said. "I could not begin to envision or conceive of decorating the decorations which seem to come so naturally from my wife."

As for shopping, Roda said, "I think there is an aversion that is genetic ... I hate standing in line; I hate milling through crowds, jockeying for position. If I were doing a modern Dore's Inferno, I would commit to one of the lower depths of hell going out shopping the day after Thanksgiving."

Rituals bind families, make them stronger

Knight-Ridder News Service

Want to strengthen your marriage and have a better relationship with your children?

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Such is the stuff of family ritual — little things (or not so little, sometimes) that your family does to bind its members together and make itself different from every other family. Different and stronger.

Rhonda Chapman of Wichita savors one ritual above all others in her family — her Aunt Margy's Macaroni and Cheese, an integral part of blowout holiday dinners.

Last Thanksgiving, Chapman showed up at the family feast site with fork in hand. Immediately, she began scouting the house for the coveted dish.

"I didn't want pie," she says. "I didn't care about dessert. I made sure there was going to be macaroni and cheese before I ever went over. They tried to hide it from me, but I knew it was there."

The dish, says Chapman, has "been in the family for I don't know how long." Chapman is 29 and has memories of at least 25 years of macaroni. She remembers that before Aunt Margy made the macaroni, Aunt Margy's aunt made it.

Not so, says Aunt Margy, also known as Margaret Chamberlain. Her recipe came out of the Better Homes and Gardens cookbook — with a slight change. (She uses Velveeta instead of cheddar.)

"I keep telling her, 'The recipe' in the cookbook,'" Chamberlain says. But Chapman doesn't seem to remember that, and has endowed the macaroni with seemingly mystical powers. Neither Thanksgiving pies nor Christmas presents bind her as closely to her family as macaroni does.

Although it doesn't specifically mention macaroni and cheese, a recent issue of the Journal of Marriage and the Family emphasizes the importance of family ritual.

What the journal does say, in reporting a seriously academic study by four Syracuse University researchers, is that families who begin rituals shortly after their children arrive have less trouble making the switch from couples to families. In some cases, experience has satisfaction in their roles as parents and feel more secure in their marriages.

Not only that, but young families who continue the rituals that each partner brought into the marriage from a or her childhood feel more of a connection with the past. That

also increases a person's sense of security and makes it easier to establish a family ritual, says Bill Allan, associate professor of family life education at Friends University in Wichita, Kan. A ritual can be anything your family has done together two or three times and decided to keep right on doing. Many families establish rituals when they're young, but there's nothing that keeps older families from doing so, too.

Before children arrive, rituals can strengthen couples — especially when the couples pick and choose from the rituals of their families and add special touches of their own. When children arrive, rituals often take on more magical meanings because parents, for the first time since their own childhoods, begin to see special events through the eyes of children.

Families just fall into some rituals; when something works once, everyone decides to hang on to it. Finding a way to put the kids to bed that everyone seems to like. Greeting one another the same way after work or school each day. Sitting in the same place at the dinner table each time.

Other rituals take a little more conscious crafting. Birthday and other holiday rituals probably would fall into this category, because with these, families seem to establish rituals that have special meaning from the start. Such rituals would include letting the birthday boy or girl eat from a certain plate or choose her own menu. Or they could surround religious or other formal events, such as first communions or bar mitzvahs.

How to cope with being home alone for holidays

Newsday

Single parent Wendie Grossman feels her loss of family most acutely at Thanksgiving, but it's the entire winter holiday season that generates the discontent.

"It's that time of the year when all the fantasies of the house and the yard and the picket fence are likely to surface," she says. "That's when you feel the worst."

For many single parents, especially those whose single status is newly minted, the major challenge of the December holidays is just getting through them. The 12 days of Christmas can drag on for what seems like eight months; New Year's Eve, which rarely lives up to advance billing even under the most positive circumstances, arrives with agonizing melodrama.

Grossman, who has a son at boarding school and two grown daughters, avoided her own New Year's Eve without-a-date crisis last Dec. 31. "I danced in Italy, I went to Siena with my daughter, visiting her friends, and spent the evening dancing with people who couldn't even speak my language."

"You have to do what makes you happy," she said. "But in those first

couple of years (after separation), figuring out anything that would make me happy was very hard."

Across the social board, the December holidays are greeted with as much worry and apprehension as joy and hope. Facing the long lines at the mall, buying the right size shirt, whom to visit, whom to refuse, how much to eat. And then come the post-holiday blues.

For the single parent, these concerns are mingled with others: Who gets the kids on Christmas? What if they're snafu? How do I negotiate with my ex? How much should I spend on toys? How much should I spend?

"There's so much expectation and hype for the holidays, and advertising for months in advance, an idealized sense of 'this is how it should be,'" said Jay Buchbinder, a Long Island psychiatrist. But there are no single parents in those ideal ads, he said.

The predicament — and the pain and the hurt — of a single parent at holiday time is defined as much by "parent" as it is by "single." "A divorced single can fake her way through the holidays," says Suzanne Jones, executive director of the Single Parent Resource Center in New York City. "You can take off to the Bahamas. But as single parents,

you set aside your personal feelings and think about what's good for your children."

To many children of divorced parents, the idea of a cozy December dinner with mom and dad reunited is as comforting a vision as sugary plums, Santa and milk and cookies. "A single mother tries to make the holidays as wonderful as she remembers them when she was a child," says Jane Mattes, a New York psychotherapist who is part of an organization called Single Mothers by Choice. "Which is really impossible."

One way to ease the child's expectations, says Jones, is to build new traditions or rituals, to break away from situations that rekindle memories tinged with regret and sadness.

"We think we're trapped into certain behavior, but we can control the shape of the holidays," she says. "Find friends to share the day with, pick another single parent, get away from the TV set. Make positive memories out of negative ones."

Buchbinder suggests creating "new" traditions by being flexible: Take the child to a parade or to granddad's house, or join a social single-parenting group sponsored by a church or synagogue.

Working out the details of kid transfer or custody during the school vacation periods often requires negotiations with the ex-spouse. "If there's a tendency between the two parents toward hostility, a broken shoelace can cause an argument" during holiday time, says Buchbinder. "It's difficult for a parent to drop off the kid at the other's table on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve," Buchbinder says. "But the couple has to keep the child's interest primary."

Jane Mattes of Single Mothers by Choice believes it's important that single parents "keep their expectations low and that they don't determine their sense of worth based on how the holidays go. It's the day-to-day celebrations of life that add up."

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Idaho

Idaho boy may have caught fatal hantavirus in panhandle

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A teen-ager believed to have died from the rodent-borne hantavirus apparently was infected in the northern Idaho area where he lived, a health official said Wednesday.

Dyne Phillip, 14, of Coeur d'Alene, had not traveled outside the area within 45 days of the time symptoms began to appear, said Jan Palmer, the Panhandle Health District's nurse epidemiologist.

The incubation period for hantavirus is believed to be between seven and 42 days, Palmer said.

At least 48 cases of the illness, 27 of them fatal, had been identified in

12 states as of Nov. 30, health officials say.

Phillip, who died Oct. 14, is believed to be the only person to have contracted the virus in northern Idaho, Palmer said. The virus is associated with deer mice, which live in the region.

Only two other cases have been reported in Idaho, both in the southern part of the state. Doctors believe one patient who died picked up the virus while traveling to the Four Corners area in New Mexico. The other patient, who survived, apparently contracted the virus in Utah.

Phillip died about two days after

flu-like headaches, respiratory problems, fever and muscle aches developed. Doctors said they didn't suspect the case was not flu-related until shortly before Phillip's death.


Lab tests at the University of New Mexico's Hantavirus Diagnostic Unit indicated Monday that Phillip died from the virus. To confirm that result, tissue samples have been sent to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

Health officials say the virus is associated with exposure to the droppings of deer mice and cannot be passed from person to person.

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Briefly

Funds for moisture program dry up

POCATELLO — A regional cloud seeding program is believed to have created extra moisture for eastern Idaho last winter, but a lack of funding has turned it off.

"We didn't get enough money," said Paula Jones, coordinator for the Three Rivers Reservoir Conservation District in Pocatello, a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Cloud seeding would have cost about \$68,000 this year, Jones said. Silver iodide is blown into the air, causing precipitation to form around it in droplets and fall to the earth.

Last year, 21 sponsors chipped in \$55,000. They consisted of local governments, conservation districts and irrigation companies.

Resort settles dispute with agency

GRANGEVILLE — Northern Idaho's historic Red River Hot Springs resort will remain open, its owner says, following the settlement of a management dispute with the U.S. Forest Service.

Valerie Doremus, president of the Red River Corp., signed an agreement in October with the federal agency that clarifies her rights to make management decisions.

They have agreed to cooperate in making future improvements, and the Forest Service will pay \$37,326 in attorney fees as restitution. The resort is about 80 miles east of Grangeville.

The disputes began in December 1990 when the Forest Service revoked Doremus' special-use permit because of disagreements over installing electricity and sewage lines into several new cabins. The permit was reinstated in August 1991 and the resort was periodically opened after that.

"The conflict continued to escalate when Doremus painted the bathroom bright pink, incompatible with Forest Service guidelines that buildings fit in with their surroundings. Although the resort is privately owned, it is on national forest land.

Utility interest rates hit 7-year low

BOISE — When utilities require deposits from customers, they will have to pay the lowest interest on them in 1994.

That's the 3 percent rate in seven years. The interest rate was 9 percent just three years ago. The interest rate is based on the average rate for U.S. Treasury bills in the previous year.

Idahoan joins Yellowstone Coalition

IDAHO FALLS — Richard Schwarz, former chairman of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission and ex-president of the Idaho Wildlife Federation, is the new Idaho representative of the Greater Yellowstone Coalition.

Schwarz, 64, will open an Idaho office for the Bozeman, Mont.-based environmental group. He will work to protect fish and wildlife on the Targhee and Caribou national forests, Bureau of Land Management land and other local environmental issues.

Man claims attack was 'cry for help'

BOISE — A sex offender's appeal claims his sexual attack on a 7-year-old boy was a "cry for help" because he couldn't get anyone to treat or help him with his deviant sexual impulses.

Leslie Stanley Walker, 30, asked the Court of Appeals to overturn his conviction and sentence of 15 to 25 years in prison for second-degree kidnapping.

But the court concluded that the primary consideration should be protection of society, and that could best be accomplished with Walker in prison, since the man in tests showed strong sexual impulses toward children.

Court sides with Idaho Falls in case

BOISE — Cities can determine whether a public works contractor is a "responsible" bidder on a contract, the Idaho Supreme Court says.

The court on Wednesday upheld dismissal of a lawsuit filed by Beco Construction Co. Inc., Idaho Falls, after the city of Idaho Falls refused to give the company two construction contracts despite the fact Beco was low bidder.

The court said city officials deemed Beco unsuitable because of alleged poor performance on an unrelated contract.

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County OKs Cougar Bay development

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The Kootenai County Commission approved preliminary plans for a housing development on a ridge overlooking Coeur d'Alene Lake's environmentally sensitive Cougar Bay.

But the developer — McCormick Properties of Idaho — will have to meet a number of conditions aimed at protecting the bay. The commissioners' action on Tuesday also cleared the way for McCormick's sale of shoreline property to the Nature Conservancy.

Commissioner Mike Anderson cast the only dissenting vote as the three-member commission approved preliminary plans for the 42-lot, 118-acre subdivision on the Ridge at Cougar Bay. Also planned is a 13-acre wildlife sanctuary adjacent to 87 acres of wetlands.

However, Commissioners Kent Helmer and Bob Macdonald agreed to Anderson's conditions on the development, including a requirement that McCormick provide full-time inspection during construction of the development's sewer, storm water and water system.

In addition, McCormick will not be allowed to pipe water from the Spokane River for the project. Instead, water will be piped from a well across the river.

"We would like to praise Anderson for what he attempted to do," development opponent Wes Hanson said. "It is a disappointment that Commissioners Helmer and Macdonald do not seem to owe proper allegiance to the public they serve."

The developer's attorney, Dana Wezel of Coeur d'Alene, agreed with most of Anderson's conditions but said complying with some would be costly and difficult.

Business official assesses Gem future

BOISE (AP) — If Idaho is to have a successful economy in coming years, it must have global competitiveness, management of technology and entrepreneurs.

That's the assessment of Bill Ruud, dean of the College of Business at Boise State University. His article on Idaho's economy appears in the latest issue of a quarterly journal.

Ruud said many Idaho businesses function in a global context without leaving the state.

"The reality is that as soon as a vendor, a competitor, a supplier, an employee or other 'stakeholder' in your business is involved in the international context of the trade, you must be concerned about global competitiveness," he said.

Company denies planning center

LEWISTON (AP) — Architecture magazine's December issue says Potlatch Corp. is planning a \$2 million visitor center along the Clearwater River east of Lewiston.

"Except Potlatch doesn't," an executive said. It's a project which was discussed but dropped because of tight money.


"Somebody made a great big, huge mistake," said Richard Kelly, Western Wood Products Division vice president at Lewiston.

The magazine report says the project, covering 18,000 square feet and including a floating bunkhouse, was to be finished in 1995.

But Kelly said discussion of a visitor center has been on hold for a year or more and the plan profiled in the magazine is dead.

GBD Architects of Portland, Ore., submitted the report. Jamie Sexton, GBD marketing manager, said the firm submitted the information and drawings for the project to the magazine in the last 120 days. She said she wasn't sure who supplied the completion date.


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Outdoors

Lion population should decline

Wildlife officials expect deer losses to catch up with South Hills mountain lion

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

JEROME — Magic Valley's population of mountain lion has grown perhaps to a point of being a problem but mother nature probably already has started to make the correction.

Laird Noh, a livestockman in the South Hills, said sightings of mountain lions by himself and employees probably hit over a dozen in the last couple of years. In the previous 75 years of grazing in the same area, Noh said he doubted sightings of the usually man-shy animals amounted to more than a half-dozen combined.

But everyone was agreed that the number of roaming lions was up. In fact, the federal depredation control team tracked down and killed two mountain lions that caused considerable predation for sheepmen in the South Hills this past year.

Being a territorial animal, perhaps the mountain lion population gain has become so much that a young animal, which caused concern from South Park in Twin Falls and from the Hansen Bridge into the Buhl area last summer, was only out trying to find a place to feed itself.

"If it was the same animal — and we just assume that it was — then it got away," said Craig Kvale, regional wildlife manager for the Department of Fish and Game. "The ADC boys went after it a couple of times but couldn't find it."

Just Monday, a mountain lion was caught in a bobcat trap in the Little Wood Valley. The department tranquilized and released it unharmed.

Kvale said the increase of mountain lion reflects the traditional rise and fall based on the prey species.

"This was to be expected until last year," Kvale said, noting that six years of drought and mild winters had pushed the lion's favorite food, mule deer, to perhaps record highs.

"It is true of all predators that they will increase when the prey base does. But probably we've seen the peak of that, too. The winter-kill the deer sustained last year will reduce the food supply of the mountain lions. There will be a little lag — a year or two — but because the deer population fell, so will the lions."



A rancher and his employees have seen more mountain lions in the South Hills in the last couple of years than in the previous 75 years of grazing.

Biologist asks: How will lion, wolf mix?

MSQSCOW -- When it comes to the reintroduction of wolves into the Western Rocky Mountain region, renowned mountain lion expert Maurice Hornocker says biologists seem to have overlooked some basic things about cats and dogs.

"What would be the result of throwing strange dogs and cats into a fenced enclosure?" asks Hornocker, director of the Hornocker Wildlife Research Institute headquartered on the University of Idaho campus.

While most lay people would agree that chaos might break out with the domestic animals, Hornocker suggests scientists have sold short the potential for turmoil between wolves and mountain lions, not to mention the impact such interaction might have on prey species such as deer and elk.

"A gross biological oversight," is how Hornocker describes the apparent willingness by other biologists to assume wolves can fit into areas where mountain lions already roam.

"I fully support wolf recovery programs," Hornocker said. "I'm just saying that as a scientist, we should look at the effects of lions on wolves."

Hornocker's institute has already collected what he calls some "startling" information that should be heeded by those who believe the dog-and-cat analogy doesn't apply to wolves and cougars.

"I've argued that in any wolf recovery program, we must consider the other top predators," said Hornocker, who, along with

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How to help with planning your gifts

If someone is going to spend hard earned money on you for Christmas, it might as well be for something you want and need.

Accomplishing this takes a little thought and planning. I was once sure that burning a letter written to Santa would insure that the perfect gift would be found under the tree on Christmas morning.



David Hocklander
Hunting

Later in life it became necessary to give hints and shopping lists to those who cared enough to buy me a gift. But as my interests in hunting and shooting grew, the items on my list became more specialized and therefore more difficult for my mother and later my wife and children to select and buy.

I had to find a solution or be doomed to receiving clothes and generic household tools, neither of which placed higher than ten on my Christmas "most wanted" list.

Here are the techniques I have used to make it easy for my family to get me the perfect stocking stuffers.

If you don't really care if the contents of the gifts under the tree are a surprise, then one sure fire way to get that special gift is to offer to take your spouse shopping so you can pick out your gift.

If your spouse does not have interest in taking such a shopping trip just take the cash and make it a solo run. Either of these two methods leaves little room for error.

You should still wrap the gift and put it under the tree until Christmas to allow the giver the satisfaction of having a gift to give that day.

But if you are like me, I need some of the old fashioned suspense of wrapped gifts and filled stockings. The trick then, is to provide your special givers with several options and the information necessary to select the proper size, model, caliber, length, color, etc. of the specialized item.

One way to solve the problem is with a marking pen and a favorite outdoors catalog. A very enjoyable evening can be spent walking my way through the pages, marking the numerous items I would be elated to find under my tree.

I am careful to mark all information including the ordering number. By the time I have wished my way to the last page, I have a list of several items in a variety of price ranges from which my family shoppers can choose.

Another method I have used is to take my spouse on a guided tour of my favorite sporting goods stores and department stores pointing out potential gifts.

Friends can also be helpful in getting the right gift under the tree serving as a resource person or expert to help with a specific gift selection.

A final successful method for easy gift buying can be borrowed from the wedding gift industry in which the bride and groom go to one or several stores and make a selection of gifts they need.

The same could be done at a local gun shop or sporting goods store. Spend a "painful" hour selecting items from the store you can't live without. Go over the list with the owner so he will be able to assist your spouse in selecting exactly what you want when the purchase is made.

I am sure any store owner, with the possible exception of the big chain stores, would be glad to boost their business by offering such a service.

I hope I have not left you with the idea that receiving is the most important part of my Christmas season because it isn't.

But I have found that family members who consider me the hardest person in the world to buy for are both relieved and grateful for the help in selecting a gift they know I need and will enjoy.

David Hocklander is a teacher at Gooding High School.

Desert sheep take trip across state

State moves transplants into South Hills

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

JEROME — The California desert sheep population in the South Hills grew by 22 this week when the Idaho Department of Fish and Game made supplemental plantings from the base herd in Owyhee County.

The department split the sheep equally between Big Cottonwood Canyon and the upper reaches of Dry Creek. The Cottonwood planting included three rams and eight ewes, reports Craig Kvale, Magic Valley Region wildlife manager.

Kvale said the department still is trying to capture another load for release in the Jarbidge and Bruneau river drainages. But fog, which hampered the first three days of the operation, was still a problem Tuesday.

The plantings are designed to help previously introduced sheep become a stronger, more viable population by providing new blood and greater numbers.

It is the goal of the department and North American Bighorn Sheep Society to fill historic ranges with one of the two species as populations grow in established areas.

In Idaho, the range has been divided along the Snake River. California desert sheep, which started from small introduc-

Plant was sheep in sheep's clothing

The Times-News

JEROME — The cry of wolf, wolf rang through Magic Valley as early as Monday evening as the rumor of wolf plantings in the South Hills raged through livestock quarters.

But the guesses weren't even close.

Despite announcement last week that two more releases of California desert bighorn sheep would be introduced into already planted areas, within 10 hours the regional office of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game had the phone ringing off the hook.

The accusation was the department had released wolves.

"This will be another instance of people simply believing what they want to and within a few years it will become hardened fact in the minds of many," said Craig Kvale, regional wildlife manager.

this year, are widely dispersed across the range. It has taken a little longer to locate them," Kvale said. The end of the drought which increased forage and water availability throughout the habitat free the animals from water areas.

He said that dispersal also has taken place in the South Hills. Currently, the department estimates between 50 and 100 sheep are roaming the area from Cottonwood canyon to Dry Creek.

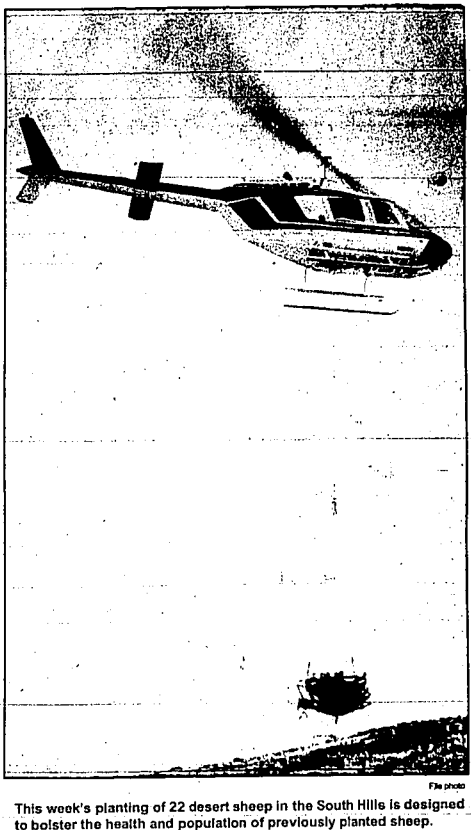
tions out of British Columbia 25 years ago, will be used south of the river and Rocky Mountain Bighorns only north of there.

With the use of net gunning, the department is able to be selective as to which animals and sex ratios it desires.

Previously, sheep were herded into ground nets, leaving the department to transplant whatever wound up in the trap.

Net gunning is accomplished from a helicopter which parallels the running animal. The net entangles the target and a "mugging" crew, in a following helicopter, secures the animal, blindfolds it and puts it in a sling for transport to the collection point.

"This one thing we noted this time is that the sheep, like other species we've observed



This week's planting of 22 desert sheep in the South Hills is designed to bolster the health and population of previously planted sheep.

Fish and Game ready to eavesdrop on Unit 45 deer

By Larry Hovey
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Bennett Mountain mule deer study received its annual radio-collar shot in the arm this week as the Idaho Department of Fish and Game wired 34 deer in Unit 45 for sound.

The Bennett study, which has a companion study in Owyhee County, will document the annual spring and fall migrations of deer, winter range preference, winter mortality and several other things in the area that has had the major landowner-wildlife conflicts in recent years.

Craig Kvale, regional wildlife manager, said 18 bucks, 19 fawns and 25 does now make up the radio-collared herd.



Kvale

and road access. "This time we got into some areas that didn't have much road access. We saw a pretty impressive number of deer. We thought we might have trouble finding enough to collar. But in about a 10-square

mile area, we saw several hundred deer, probably close to 1,000," he said.

He said the vigor of this year's population — which should reflect in less winter mortality — was apparent.

"In the companion study in Owyhee last week, two handlers were gored by bucks," Kvale said.

"We had some trouble with bucks, does and fawns. They were much more vigorous this year. Last year there was no handling problem at all."

That is an indication that the animals still have good fat reserves from which to draw.

While there already has been some antler drop, Kvale said the buck to doe ratio was very good.

"We saw real good numbers of four points

in the younger age class, 3½ or 4½ years old," Kvale said.

Kvale said his department has completed some of the deer composition studies and should have them completed by next week. He said early indications are fawn ratios are running between 50 and 60 per 100 does in all populations checked this fall.

He added the longer the snow stays away from winter ranges, the better survival the big game herds will enjoy.

"Here we are in the third week of December with no great snow depths anywhere in the region," he said.

"Transition ranges and winter rangers are clear. The deer went into the winter with excellent fat reserves and we believe we should have good survival."

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Group wants salmon plan to include private lands

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Environmentalists called on the government Tuesday to get to work restoring salmon habitat and quit waiting for the results of studies.

"We've demonstrated what happens when the government refuses to react in time with the spotted owl," Bob Doppelt, executive director of the Pacific Rivers Council, said from Eugene. "We know (Endangered Species Act) listings are coming with the coho. There is just no reason to wait."

Doppelt's remarks came as the Pacific Rivers Council released its proposal titled, "Taking the Initiative: Making Informed Choices. A Call for the Rapid Execution of a Coastwide Salmon Recovery Strategy."

The proposal has three main points: act now, decide which salmon runs and watersheds can be saved, and develop a comprehensive watershed restoration strategy that covers private lands as well as federal lands.

The report was given to the Regional Interagency Executive Committee, which is made up of representatives of federal agencies, governors of Northwest states and Indian tribes working on a solution to the spotted owl logjam. Their work includes salmon habitat restoration.

"We absolutely agree that we have to get started right now," said Tom Tuchmann, director of the Office of Forestry and Development, which is coordinating work on President Clinton's forest plan. "The president has requested and Congress has appropriated dollars to do watershed analysis and watershed restoration in FY '94."

The Pacific Rivers Council was among 23 environmental groups that petitioned this year for protecting Northwest runs of coho salmon under the Endangered Species Act.

Doppelt said waiting the two years it will



Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife biologist Jerry Vogt surveys Soda Creek for coho salmon near Medford. Environmentalists this week put forward a three-point plan to move ahead with salmon protection plans.

take to decide whether to list coho and start a recovery plan will cost valuable time.

Snake River runs of sockeyes and chinook salmon already have been listed, and

a petition to protect winter steelhead is expected soon.

"There is a train wreck waiting to happen," Doppelt said. "Science has the ability

now to tell us what we need to do to move forward. It's time to do it."

Doppelt said current proposals being considered by the Interagency Executive

'They are simply turning it over to each (national) forest and saying, 'Pick two watersheds based on some criteria the locals make up.' We need to carefully allocate limited resources.'

— Bob Doppelt, Pacific Rivers Council

Committee fail to rank the priority of saving specific watersheds, and don't address private lands, such as industrial timberlands, farms and ranches.

"They are simply turning it over to each (national) forest and saying, 'Pick two watersheds based on some criteria the locals make up,'" Doppelt said. "We need to carefully allocate limited resources."

Doppelt said two more years of destroying coho habitat on private lands will just make it that much harder to restore it.

"We have a lot of respect for Pacific Rivers Council," Tuchmann said. "We will certainly take a close look at their recommendations."

Tuchmann said the government has a system for ranking the priority of watersheds, and some of the money for watershed restoration will go to volunteer work on private lands through state fish and wildlife agencies.

In addition, The National Biological Survey is developing an understanding of what needs to be done on all lands, federal state and private, Tuchmann said. And the federal government is encouraging state and private landowners to develop habitat conservation plans.



A committee responsible for devising a plan to restore grizzly bears to north-central Idaho and Montana will allow more time for public comment before making a decision.

Grizzly committee delays Bitterroot decision

LEWISTON (AP) — The outline of a plan to restore grizzly bears to the Bitterroot Mountains of north-central Idaho and Montana will not be defined until at least February.

The Interagency Grizzly Bear Committee meeting last week in Denver delayed action on the Bitterroot chapter of the federal grizzly recovery blueprint.

The committee wanted to give the public more time to think about a new proposal, said member Jerry Conley, Idaho Fish and Game Department director.

The panel will meet in a telephone conference in February to

consider approving the chapter, which outlines how grizzly bears, a threatened species, will be restored to the Bitterroots.

The actual means, such as how many bears might be freed and where, would still subject to an environmental impact statement and public comment, Conley said.

The committee members, who represent state and federal agencies overseeing the bear or its habitat, generally favored a new approach.

It calls for bears released in Idaho to be classed as a non-essential experimental population, such as a

proposal for restoring gray wolves in central Idaho.

That status would soften Endangered Species Act protection for bears in case they conflict with people or stock in the area. The committee hesitated to act, Conley said, because a new issue arose in the boundaries of the recovery area.

Conley said Idahoans might want to endorse enlarging the recovery area boundaries with the shift in status for Bitterroot bears.

The reason is bears found outside the recovery zone would be subject to the full protection of the Endangered Species Act.

Homoecker said. No one, he said, has really studied the interaction.

If for no other reason, Homoecker said, the impact of wolves on cougars should be understood since some 16,000 man-days are spent each year in Idaho by hunters pursuing mountain lions. Wolves may have an impact on that recreational opportunity, he said. "On the other hand, it might be a wash," said Homoecker. Maybe, like some domestic dogs and cats, wolves and mountain lions will adapt to each other with no adverse impact. But at this time, Homoecker said, no one knows for sure.

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other institute researchers, began last year to look at wolf-mountain lion interaction in Glacier National Park.

The Glacier wolf and cougar populations are natural, Homoecker said, and provide a classic opportunity to study the interaction before making management decisions based on assumptions.

Institute researchers last year documented that wolves killed two mountain lions in Glacier, Homoecker said. More importantly, 18 cases were documented of wolves stealing fish kills from mountain lions.

"Wolves have learned to follow the tracks of lions," Homoecker said.

What's needed, Homoecker said, is more insight into the overall ecological dynamics of artificially introducing one big predator into the established realm of another.

"Whose data says they (wolves and mountain lions) get along fine?"

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Conservationists praise effort to help grizzly, worry about details

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — After years of effort, the federal government has produced a revised plan for recovering the grizzly bear population in the Lower 48 states.

Not unexpectedly, it has come under strong attack by conservation groups and some bear scientists as a prescription for eventual extinction.

There are now fewer than 1,000 of the animals in the Lower 48 states. Listed as a threatened species in 1975, grizzlies are found primarily in two Rocky Mountain areas, one anchored by Yellowstone National Park and the other by Glacier National Park.

For smaller populations exist in the northern Cascades region of Washington state, the Selkirk Mountain region of northwestern Idaho and northeastern Washington and an area straddling northwestern Montana and the Idaho panhandle.

Grizzly bears now occupy only about 2 percent of their historic range, and because of their reclusive and wide-ranging habits require large blocks of relatively undisturbed habitat. Human activities such as logging and road building have put enormous pressures on remaining grizzly populations.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's recovery plan — which will guide all future federal action — outlines population criteria for each of the bear zones. The entire species would not be removed from the list until populations in all the zones have been recovered. It also calls for recovered populations in two other areas where habitat is deemed suitable: the Bitterroot Mountains of

Idaho and the San Juan Mountains of Colorado.

The plan also endorses a five-year study of how to construct linkages between the different bear habitats, a politically volatile issue in the West because it opens up the possibility of restrictive management of more public lands and possibly even interspersed private lands.

Conservationists applauded the plan for beginning to grapple with the linkage issue. But they roundly criticized it as a timid effort that would at best assure short-term sta-

bilization of bear populations — because it limits the geographic scope of recovery areas — and is too optimistic in assuming that population levels guarantee survival.

"If they would expand the recovery zones and speed up reintroduction of the bear to central Idaho and establish an aggressive program for developing corridor areas and apply road densities that scientists say are necessary, then we would have a recovery plan we could live with," said Mark Shaffer, a scientist with The Wilderness Society.

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Sports

Today's Bruin game key to seeding

The Times-News

Protecting the home turf will be the major item for Minico and Twin Falls tonight when they host Highland and Pocatello, respectively, in Class A-1 Region III basketball.

It will be doubly so for the Bruins who dropped their home match to Minico in the season opener and thus must get a couple of road break-throughs to have any hope of earning post-season seeding privileges and home court advantages.

Minico lost to Pocatello Tuesday night

but that was on the road, where basketball teams usually lose. The critical key for Coach Gordon Keris and his Spartans will be to win this home match since it would keep them one-up in the break-through formula.

Twin Falls doesn't really know what to expect from Pocatello, although the Indians whipped the Spartans 37-18 Tuesday night.

"Actually, I'm really excited to see us play again," says Bruin Coach Ben Allen who watched his team come out of two 30-point plus performances to smash undefeated Centennial 80-60. "I'm just hoping we

didn't peak offensively in our third game," he added with a laugh.

Scoring has been a problem for both the Spartans and Bruins, although both are playing defense well enough to keep the other team within a beatable range on the scoreboard. Although averaging just 38 points per outing, Twin Falls won one and lost another by a basket.

"Losing at home to Minico makes this a very big ball game for us," said Allen. "It leaves us in a position to basically having to sweep to have any chance at the No. 1 seed."

"I said before the season started that the four teams appeared so even this year that home games are really important. I think that's still true today."

The Bruins are as healthy as they've been for tonight's game. Allen said junior guard Todd Leon, out with a pre-season broken finger, might be rejoining the Bruins next week.

"The one good thing about a finger injury is that at least the player can run and stay in shape. I don't think Todd is far behind the team in conditioning," Allen said, "so he could help right away."

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Briefly

Gatorade names Bruin RB player of the year

TWIN FALLS — For the second time in four years, Twin Falls High School has produced the "Gatorade Idaho player of the year."

Bruin running back Josh Amundson will join 50 other athletes from the nation in competing for regional and national Gatorade awards.

The first Bruin so honored was Tai Gordon three seasons ago. Last year's winner was Jake Plummer, Capital, who started the last four games at quarterback for Arizona State.

January basketball clinic features former pro pitcher

TWIN FALLS — Ken Johnson of Walla Walla College, Steve Farrington of Lower Columbia College and former major league pitcher Mike Garman, Caldwell, will be the featured clinicians at the Idaho Basketball Coach Association clinic next month.

The event is set for 8 a.m. Jan. 15 at the College of Southern Idaho Expo Center. Luncheon will be part of the \$25 registration fee.

Lions' Sanders snag 4-year deal for \$4.3 million a year

DETROIT — Barry Sanders of the Detroit Lions became the highest paid running back in the NFL today when he signed a four-year deal that one of his agents said will pay him an average of \$4.3 million per year.

That puts Sanders, who was leading the league in rushing when he injured a knee on Thanksgiving Day, about \$1 million ahead of Dallas' Emmitt Smith.

The signing came the day before the deadline for extending contracts so that they won't count against next year's salary cap. Sanders' contract will be prorated to include this season.

Stanford football players have highest SAT scores

ARLINGTON, Va. — Stanford has the brightest football players — those athletes with the highest SAT scores when they were recruited — and Oklahoma is at the bottom of the list, according to a survey published Wednesday.

Ranking right behind Stanford among Division I schools in recruiting SAT achievers were Northwestern, Duke, Virginia and Vanderbilt.

Stanford football players had an average SAT score of 1069 out of a possible 1600, according to the survey done by USA Today, using NCAA data for freshmen entering from 1990-92.

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Testament to skill



Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith (22) just might win his third NFL rushing title despite missing two games.

Will Smith run away with rushing title?

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — He's missed two games, played only a half in another and ran one time for one yard in a fourth before he was injured. Yet, Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys just might win a third consecutive NFL rushing title.

Smith trails Jerome Bettis of the Los Angeles Rams by 62 yards with two games to play. "I'm still alive," said Smith with a wry smile. "Don't count me out yet."

Smith won a much-publicized contract holdout when owner Jerry Jones capitulated after the first two games of the Cowboys' season. Dallas lost to Washington and Buffalo without Smith.

When Smith returned, he played only one half against Phoenix. In the Atlanta game, he carried only one time before he was injured.

"I've got to be happy where I am considering the way the season has gone," said Smith. Smith has benefited from injuries to Detroit's Barry Sanders and Pittsburgh's Barry Foster.

Buffalo's Thurman Thomas, who has been bothered by injuries, still has a chance at the title.

Bettis has 1,227 yards, Smith 1,165 yards, and Thomas 1,144 yards.

Smith was looking around for Christmas present ideas for his offensive linemen this week at Valley Ranch.

"Let's see, I've given 'em watches, trips, paintings and

champagne," Smith said. "What else can I get 'em?"

Offensive tackle Erik Williams mentioned luxury automobiles.

"Yeah, maybe some baby SL's or Mercedes or something," Smith said.

"I'm still alive. Don't count me out yet."

— Dallas Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith on the NFL rushing title



"I can't control what Bettis is going to do so I'm not going to worry about it," Smith said. "I'll do my best, and I'm sure he'll do a great job and I wish him all the luck."

"I'm behind but I'm not conceding anything. I think I'm capable of catching him."

Dallas coach Jimmy Johnson thinks so, saying Smith is one of the most unique players in the NFL.

"He has great leg strength and breaks tackles," Johnson said. "You don't realize how many hands and arms he runs through. You see him make very subtle cuts running north and south. A lot of running backs try to use a whole bunch of moves, but when

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New national rule bags the baggy basketball look

The Associated Press

With tongues wagging, shorts sagging and spin-moves styled after their college and pro heroes, high school basketball players are getting a little too hip.

A new national rule this season says high school players must show a little respect by tucking in their shirts and hiking their shorts up to the waist, where officials say they belong.

The rule targets baggy shorts worn below the hips, a style called "saggin'." Many schoolers say they got it from the University of Michigan's freshman class of 1992 and, before them, from Chicago's Michael Jordan.

In Michigan, players call it the Jalen Rose Rule, after the Detroit Western alum and trash-talking, finger-pointing, big-shorts-wearin' guard for the Wolverines.

To get the baggy look of the Michigan players, whose shorts are four inches longer than the traditional style, high school players have been pulling their pants down and letting their shirts hang out.

Officials with the National Federation of State High Schools in Kansas City, Mo., insist saggin' posed a serious threat to the game. Dick Schindler, assistant director of the federation, said dangling shirt tails were sloppy and pulled-down shorts were downright disgusting.

"In many cases, the pants were pulled down so far that it became embarrassing to the people by the anatomy that was showing," Schindler said.

Brian Dukas, who plays for Chamblee High School in Atlanta's northeast suburbs, said that assessment is a bit much.

"They're not down that far," he said. "Just Please see BAGGY/D2

Fox TV under gun to pull together sports department

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now, Fox must build a sports division from scratch. And it better get started yesterday.

"Obviously, it's a daunting task," said Turner Sports senior vice president Kevin O'Malley, who spent 14 years at CBS before joining Turner five years ago.

"But I think if they get a couple of the right people in place very quickly, it can be done, particularly since there are a number of people out there with experience," he said.

Forget announcers for the time being, O'Malley said. The hills are full of announcers. First, Fox better find producers, directors and associate producers for

a pregame show as well as a staff of at least 40 highly skilled people for each of seven remote units it must create.

Even before that, though, Fox needs someone to hire all these people.

"The most important person they probably need now is an executive producer, because the production people need to get to work tomorrow," said O'Malley, who is in charge of programming at Turner and was involved both in administration and production at CBS.

A number of names have surfaced, including those of former CBS executive producer Ted Shaker and former NBC executive producers Michael Weisman and Terry O'Neil. Weisman is considered the front-runner by many industry

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Osborne bears heavy Husker burden

By Dick Weiss
New York Daily News

LINCOLN, Neb. — Tom Osborne figures he has about 1,000 new personal advisers ever since the bowl coalition paired his 11-0 Nebraska Cornhuskers against 11-1 Florida State in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day.

Osborne's mailbox has been stuffed with letters from frustrated fans, offering unsolicited advice on how to defeat the Seminoles, a team some call the best in college football in the last 20 years.

"Here's one that says, 'Ask your grandparents about the headline Dewey Beats Truman,'" Osborne said, sorting through

the pile. "I hate to tell him, but I was alive then. Apparently he feels we're in a similar situation."

"And here's another from a guy who says, 'I have every offensive play ric here.' R-I-e. When people approach you with that kind of spelling, you immediately suspect they might not know what they're talking about. But anyway, he has all these plays diagrammed. It's amazing how much time people put into this. So since I'm out recruiting, I'll probably use all of it."

It's a good thing the 56-year-old Osborne has a sense of humor. Or else he might go a bit crazy, not unlike many of the overzealous Husker loyalists. Here-in the heartland, they want to believe so badly that Nebraska

can erase the stigma of six straight bowl losses and win its first national championship since 1971.

That is one of the few goals Osborne hasn't reached since he became Bob Devaney's handpicked successor 21 years ago. He has a career record of 206-46-3, the highest winning percentage of any active coach in Division I. He has coached the Huskers to 21 consecutive bowl games and three straight Big Eight titles, extending Nebraska's streak of nine-win seasons to 25.

"I view him right at the top," said Florida State coach Bobby Bowden. "I don't know who the top three or four coaches are, but he would be one of them. I don't think

Tom's greatness will show until he dies, and we aren't in a hurry about that. He'll get greater and greater after he's gone."

Bowden's testimonial aside, Osborne still has received more than his share of grief. He has been criticized for beating up on lightweight opponents, for running an all-too-predictable offense and for never winning the big one. The oddsmakers aren't impressed either. While Nebraska is top ranked in the CNN coaches' poll, Florida State ranked No. 1 in the AP writers' poll, it is favored by a whopping 17% points.

So Nebraska has a lot to prove. And so, it seems, does Osborne. If there was one game that has defined the Osborne Era, it was the 1984 Orange Bowl, when upstart

Miami upset the top-ranked Cornhuskers, 31-30, to leapfrog three teams and win its first national championship.

"To this day, Osborne is constantly reminded of his decision to go for a two-point conversion after the Huskers had rallied to erase all but a point from a 17-point deficit with just 48 seconds to play. Turner Gill's pass in the end zone failed, but Osborne still defends going for the win."

"We could have tied Miami and probably won the national championship, but it would have been a hollow championship," Osborne said.

"It might have gotten people off my back, but it would have been too big a price to pay."

Early Christmas



Melissa Hurley, younger sister of Sacramento Kings guard Bobby Hurley, and her father, Bob Hurley, Sr., hand out gifts to more than 50 children at the University of California, Davis Medical Center, Wednesday.

Hurley's helping hands bring Christmas early to ill children

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Injured Bobby Hurley and his family enjoyed an early Christmas Wednesday, giving sneakers, T-shirts and caps to dozens of sick youngsters at University Medical Center.

The gear, provided by the ITZ sports footwear company which employs Hurley as its principal spokesman, included 200 pairs of prosthetic shoes, according to a company representative.

About 50 children, some of them terminally ill, received items at the hospital's pediatric care unit; rest of the shoes and clothing will be given later to other children, ITZ vice president Judy Cross said.

The gifts were distributed at the hospital by Hurley's sister Melissa and parents Bob and Christine Hurley, who excluded the media from the event on the seventh floor. Photographers, however, were admitted.

The young Hurley, in fair condition and recovering from a Dec. 12 auto crash, was not present.

"The family just wanted to do something for the children at Christmas, and say thank you to the community and thank you to the medical center," Cross said.

Hurley, a two-time All-American at Duke and the Sacramento Kings' No. 1 draft pick, suffered a severed lung, broken ribs and fractures when his light truck collided with another car about a mile from Arco Arca following a game against the Los Angeles Clippers.

Police said Hurley, who was not wearing a safety belt in violation of California law, was thrown 100 feet from his vehicle and landed in a water-filled ravine. He underwent eight hours of surgery and was in intensive care for more than a week.

The driver of the other car, Daniel Wieland,

37, suffered a broken leg.

Police spokesman Michael Heenan said earlier that lab tests disclosed a trace of methamphetamine in Wieland's urine, but said no drugs were found in Wieland's blood.

"This would seem to indicate that the drug had been in his system for as much as several days and that he was not under its influence on the night (of the crash)," Heenan said.

The New York Times reported Wednesday that Wieland said he had been taking cold pills.

"I had a cough I couldn't shake," Wieland told the newspaper. "I'd been taking every over-the-counter medicine I could think of. ... I took too many, probably. I took them up to that day."

Police investigators also said several witnesses reported that Wieland had been driving without lights, which Wieland has denied.

Chiefs' secondary tough on receivers

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Albert Lewis is healthy and Kevin Ross is, well, just plain tough.

And that makes things tough for receivers venturing into the Kansas City Chiefs' secondary.

Add to the mix cornerback Dale Carter, stir-in-a-pass-rush-of-Neil Smith and Derrick Thomas and you've got some offensive coordinators staying up late at night.

"Albert Lewis — I certainly stand back and admire what he has been able to achieve," Chiefs coach Steve Schottenheimer said of his left cornerback, who has missed 15 games the last two seasons with a knee injury and a broken arm.

"The injuries have obviously limited his ability to achieve. But he is a talented and reliable performer. He and Dale on Sunday were as good as it gets."

Lewis picked off two passes Sunday in the Chiefs' 28-24 win over San Diego. One of the interceptions certainly hit the ground and should have been overruled, but the second stopped the Chargers' final drive in the closing minutes of what was a bizarre sort of game. Lewis leads the Chiefs with six interceptions.

In a mid-season spurt, Ross moved from his right corner slot to free safety — a spot where the Chiefs still had a hole from when perennial All-Pro Daron Cherry retired two years ago. Carter, who has a penchant for playing out of control but certainly has plenty of athletic ability, had moved into Ross' spot.

"His first year, he had an out-

standing year," said secondary coach Herman Edwards of Carter. "It gave him a lot of confidence. In the beginning, he didn't have to start, which helped him learn as he went along. He gained confidence and had a tremendous year."

"But once you play after your first year, people start game-planning you. When you're a rookie and you don't know anything about you, it's like, well, we'll go at him. Now they say, well, let's do this with him, picking at him in different ways. They're trying to beat him more mentally. He's responding well. He doesn't have the interceptions he had last year, but the ball has not gone to his side a lot either."

Carter made seven interceptions last year.

"Not only is Ross one of the hardest hitters on the team at 5-foot-9 and 185 pounds, his stern visage makes him a presence in the club-house."

Against the Chargers, Ross was in Carter's face when Carter was flagged for an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

"Ross's done a good job. What it's done is make us play with three cornerbacks," Edwards said. "I look at Greer as a guy who's a corner playing safety. He's done a good job back there. He's a smart guy. He's a leader. Players look up to him. You've got to have a guy like that in the middle."

"He learns. Every week he learns a little more. It's a new position for him, and he's done a good job."

Oilers' Del Greco emerges from Zendejas' shadow

HOUSTON (AP) — Al Del Greco finally feels accepted as the Houston Oilers' kicker, even if it's taken him three years.

Del Greco rescued the Oilers' kicking game in 1991, then made 21 of 27 field goals in 1992.

But until Sunday, when Del Greco broke two records held by popular predecessor Tony Zendejas, the 10-year-veteran thought fans didn't trust him.

"Even when I was kicking good I was always in Tony's shadow," Del Greco said. "Tony was such a great kicker and still is. Now it's something I can point to people and say, 'I'm as good as he is and I had a good year.'"

Del Greco has kicked four field goals in each of the last two weeks, giving him 116 points this season. Zendejas, now with the Los Angeles Rams, scored 115 points in 1989, as George Blanda did in 1960.

Del Greco also broke Zendejas' club record for field goals in a season.

His field goals of 34, 22, 33 and 21 yards in Sunday's 26-17 victory over Pittsburgh that clinched the AFC Central title for the second time in three seasons gave him 27, beating Zendejas' mark by one.

"I read a couple of weeks ago, until he does something like that (breaks the record), the thought to Tony will always be here. If he breaks the record maybe his (Zendejas') memory will blur," Del Greco said.

The Oilers lost Zendejas before the 1991 season to Plan B free agency in a move many fans considered a management blunder.

Because of Zendejas' success and popularity, whoever replaced him was sure to face intense scrutiny. Zendejas going 17-for-17 his first year as a Ram made the situation even tougher.

Ian Howfield was the first to try out, but he was cut after missing a game-winning kick.

In came Del Greco. In seven games, hitting 10 of 13 field goals in seven games in 1991 and a career-best 21 of 27 last season.

But Del Greco still felt he was viewed as second-best to Zendejas.

"I don't want it to sound like that was my goal to beat Tony," Del Greco said. "Tony's a good friend. I just knew I'd never be considered successful until I broke his record."

Two missed field goals tainted Del Greco's 1992 season.

Governor will meet with Redskins owner over move

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Gov. William Donald Schaefer said Wednesday he will meet soon with Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke to talk about moving the club to Laurel, even though the governor insists the team should remain in Washington.

Asked why he agreed to a meeting since he opposes the move, Schaefer

replied, "I see no reason why I shouldn't talk to him."

The governor's comments came at a news conference with Washington Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly, who came to Annapolis to tell Schaefer she still expects Cooke to honor an earlier agreement to build a new stadium in Washington.

"We have an agreement ... and we are in the process of honoring that agreement," Kelly said.

She said she is operating on the assumption that Cooke "is a man of his word ... and will honor his agreement."

Cooke has said that the agreement is not binding, but Kelly disputed that. "We have an agreement. It's blikier-

al not unilateral," she said. "There is an agreement, and an agreement is binding on both parties."

Reminded that Cooke said his officials, will not stay in Washington and will move to Laurel, the mayor said, "That's what he said, but I don't believe it."

Skip Holtz signs on with UConn

STORRS, Conn. (AP) — Skip Holtz doesn't expect to turn Connecticut into an East Coast version of Notre Dame.

"I'm not coming in with a lot of high-priced terms because I was at Notre Dame," Holtz said Wednesday after leaving as an assistant for his father at Notre Dame to take the coaching job at UConn. "I'm coming to the University of Connecticut to do the best job I can to field a competitive team."

The 29-year-old son of Lou Holtz replaces Tom Jackson, who resigned Nov. 17 after the Huskies finished 6-5. Holtz, the Irish's offensive coordinator, will take over as coach on Jan. 3. He will stay at Notre Dame through the Cotton Bowl against Texas A&M on Jan. 1.

Holtz agreed to a four-year contract with an annual salary of \$89,000 and an additional \$6,000 for external affairs responsibilities. He said he hadn't been looking to leave

Notre Dame but was excited about the opportunity to be a head coach.

"I think the University of Connecticut has a lot to sell," he said. "We want to put a team on the field that the state of Connecticut will be proud of."

UConn is considering a move from Division I-AA to Division I-A.

"We believe having Skip Holtz join us here at Connecticut makes a strong statement about us wanting to offer the very best possible football program to our students, alumni and all Husky fans," said Lew Perkins, UConn's athletic director.

Coming to UConn will be a homecoming for Holtz, who was born in Windham, just a few miles from the Storrs campus. At the time, his father, then 27, was offensive coordinator for Connecticut.

"I'm happy for Skip. I'm happy for the University of Connecticut ... but I'm quite sad as the coach at Notre Dame and

as a father," Lou Holtz said in a statement.

"I think Skip's done just a tremendous job in the four years he's been here — on the field and off the field," he said.

Lou Holtz, now in his eighth year at Notre Dame, was bypassed for the Huskies' coaching job during his time at Connecticut.

Skip Holtz played for his father at Notre Dame. He also coached the receivers under Earle Bruce at Colorado State in 1989 following two years as a graduate assistant at Florida State under Bobby Bowden.

The Irish averaged 36.6 points this season, ninth best in the nation. That output came with an entirely new backfield from the unit that averaged 37.2 points in 1992.

Holtz is the second Irish assistant to leave in the past week. Defensive coordinator Rick Minter took the Cincinnati coaching job and will not coach for Notre Dame in the Cotton Bowl.



Skip Holtz, center, takes over as head coach for the University of Connecticut Huskies. Director of Athletics Lew Perkins, left, and university President Harry Hartley, right, look on.

Building boosts economy

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. economy grew at a moderate 2.9 percent annual pace in the third quarter, better than estimated, and is advancing even more strongly as the year draws to a close.

Previously, the Commerce Department had estimated seasonally adjusted growth in the gross domestic product, the sum of goods and services produced within U.S. borders, at 2.7 percent.

The latest rate, reported Wednesday, is more than double the annual 1.4 percent growth recorded in the first half.

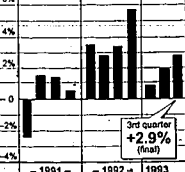
And analysts said the economy was undergoing a further pickup, reflecting a revival in housing construction, improved consumer spending and heavy investment in new equipment by businesses.

"In the fourth quarter ... what was strong will continue to be strong, or even stronger, particularly housing," said economist Stuart C. Hoffman of PNC Bank Corp. in Pittsburgh.

Gross domestic product

The GDP measures all the goods and services produced by workers and capital located in the United States, regardless of ownership.

Percent change from previous quarter



Quarterly annual rate
Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce

third quarter. Consumer spending, meanwhile, rose at a brisk 4.4 percent rate, driven partly by purchases of goods to put in newly acquired homes.

Purchases of durable goods, which includes furniture and appliances, rose at a 7.6 percent rate.

"You buy a house and the next thing you know you need a couch and a bed," said economist David Wysz of DRI-McGraw Hill, a Lexington, Mass., forecasting firm.

If not for crop losses from the Midwest floods and the Southern drought, the third-quarter GDP gain would have been an even better, 3.5 percent.

Analysts said rebound from the flood is contributing to growth in the current quarter, expected at 4 percent or better. "We're seeing flood replacement. Household spending seems quite strong in the Midwest and some of that reflects replacement of carpeting and furniture damaged in the flood," said economist Lawrence Chimerine of the Economic Strategy Institute.

Housing construction shot up at an 11.9 percent annual rate in the

Wal-Mart won't stock handguns

The Associated Press

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart stores will stop stocking hand guns beginning Feb. 1 but will offer them through catalogues, the chain announced.

A spokesman for the nation's largest retailer said Tuesday that the decision was unrelated to a lawsuit

contending Wal-Mart employees were negligent in selling a gun to a mentally disturbed man accused of using the weapon to kill his parents.

"We regularly discontinue some merchandise items," Wal-Mart spokesman Dan Shinkle said. "Although hand guns will not be stocked, customers can select hand-

guns from vendor catalogues at Wal-Mart stores, Shinkle said. Wal-Mart will continue to stock rifles and shotguns, Shinkle said.

"Some of our customers want to purchase handguns from us. We also recognize that there is another segment of customers who are uncomfortable in stores that sell handguns on the premises," he said.

Domino's drops 30-minute guarantee

The Associated Press

DETROIT — Domino's Pizza Inc., which built the world's largest pizza delivery business largely by promising its pies in a half-hour or less, is dropping that guarantee.

The decision, announced Tuesday by Domino founder Thomas Monaghan, came four days after a jury in St. Louis handed \$5 million in punitive damages to a woman struck by a Domino's driver who ran a red light in 1989.

"That certainly was the thing that put it over the edge," Monaghan said at a news conference. "We've been debating continuing this 30-minute guarantee policy for a number of years."

Other lawsuits are pending; Monaghan said he didn't know how many.

In place of the 30-minute delivery or 33 off pledge, Domino's said it will offer a full money-back guarantee if a customer is dissatisfied for any reason. He said Domino's probably can't stop individually owned stores from setting their own delivery-time guarantees.

The jury in St. Louis Circuit Court awarded Jean Kunder of St. Louis County the Hugh Kinister award Friday in addition to \$750,000 in actual damages.

Kinder's lawyer, Paul Kovacs, said the jury's message to Domino's was to stop the delivery policy.

"We're absolutely ecstatic," said Kovacs. "It's a victory for People Against Dangerous Delivery, a Washington, D.C.-based advocacy group that has pushed Domino's to take the time pressure off its drivers."

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