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Good morning

Today's forecast:

Mostly cloudy, with areas of morning fog. A slight chance of rain or snow by afternoon. Highs in the 30s. Light south-east winds. Lows near 25 degrees.

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Magic Valley

Snow brings peril

Waves of snowstorms have battered southern Idaho, prompting avalanche forecasters to point out the perils of a sudden surfeit of snow.

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Stanley's salmon imperiled

Another species that struggles 900 miles upstream from the Pacific Ocean to Stanley to reproduce is all but extinct.

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Too much beef

Neighbors of an expanding feedlot faulted the Minidoka County planning and zoning board for allowing the business to grow.

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ISU attracts lawmaker's anger



Black

By Frank B. Lockwood
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Idaho State University displaced Lewis-Clark State College in 1992, it promised Magic Valley residents more services and greater educational opportunities.

Two years later, ISU isn't meeting its obligations, State Rep. Ron Black is charging. A handful of "Mickey Mouse" graduate courses and a \$415 a.m. bus to Pocatello aren't enough,

Bachelor's degrees are now a bus ride to Pocatello away

Black said recently.

He wants Boise State University to assume responsibility for bachelors' degree and post-graduate programs locally. As for ISU, "they've ignored their obligations to the Magic Valley," he charged.

This fall, ISU is offering 20 under-

graduate level courses locally — most in education and nursing. It also offers five graduate courses. Most degree-seekers are forced to go to Pocatello for a year or more in search of their four-year degrees.

Monday, ISU President Richard Bowen said his school hopes to con-

tinue serving Twin Falls, but acknowledged the program has its critics. "There is dissatisfaction with what we've done, and if they think they could get better service from Boise State, I'm not proposing that we resist it," he added.

Ultimately, that decision belongs to the state government. "If the State Board of Education decides to transfer the Magic Valley to Boise State that's totally within the bounds of their authority," Bowen said.

But Black is seeking an easier

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Economic stars of past join in push for trade accord



The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Clinton assembled the economic stars from eight previous administrations Monday to give a final push for congressional approval of a 124-nation trade agreement.

"We have to do it now. We can't wait until next year," he declared.

Supporters predicted the rewrite of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade would sail through the House today, with perhaps as many as 60 votes to spare.

However, they suffered two setbacks in the Senate on Monday with the announcements that Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., and Sen. Hank Brown, R-Colo., would oppose the agreement.

Baucus had voted for the pact when it cleared the Senate Finance Committee in October. He said he had switched because of growing concern that the World Trade Organization was a threat to U.S. sovereignty, in part because voting would not reflect a country's economic size.

Brown said he too had started out as a supporter but switched after studying the agreement in preparation for taking a quiz Monday as part of a bet with consumer advocate Ralph Nader, a GATT opponent.

Even before the announcements by Brown and Baucus, the fate of the trade deal was less certain in the 100-member Senate, where it must win 60 votes on a procedural question of waiving the Senate's budget rules.

However, administration officials expressed confidence they can still prevail. Clinton spent part of his day telephoning undecided senators.

Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Rufus Yerxa said that opponents were wrong to attack the one-country-one-vote rule because in reality the WTO, like GATT, will make no major decisions without unanimous consent.

The 22,000-page agreement slashes tariffs by an average of 38 percent worldwide and expands the rules of world trade into new areas such as agriculture, services and the protection of copyrights and patents. It creates a more powerful World Trade Organization to referee trade disputes and eliminates the power of any one country to block an adverse trade ruling.

During a crowded GATT pep rally in the East Room, the administration produced a letter signed by two former Republican presidents, Gerald Ford and George Bush, and Democrat Jimmy Carter, urging congressional approval.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., tells a press conference if GATT passes, American workers would 'compete against a 12-year-old working 12 hours a day for 12 cents an hour.' At right is Sen. Howard Metzenbaum, D-Ohio, another opponent of the trade pact.

AP photo

Prison attack claims mass killer Dahmer

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Jeffrey Dahmer was attacked and killed while cleaning a prison bathroom Monday in a gruesome and for the man who strangled and dismembered 17 boys and men and cannibalized some of them.

Another inmate was being held in Dahmer's slaying and in the severe beating of another prisoner at Columbia Correctional Institution. Authorities wouldn't identify the suspect, who was serving a life sentence for murder, or offer a motive.

"It is not as brutal as what he did to our children," said Shirley Hughes, a mother of one of Dahmer's victims.

"This was just a quick way out."

Dahmer had been in prison since July 1991, when a handcuffed man who had escaped his clutches led police to an apartment containing body parts packed in oil drums, skulls saved as mementos and one of two hearts Dahmer said he had set aside "to eat later."

"Dahmer had a death wish, and I know that he didn't have the gumption to do it himself, so I had predicted that the day would come when he would be killed in prison," said Gerald Boyle, Dahmer's lawyer at trial.

The 34-year-old former chocolate factory worker, who was serving 16 life sentences, had been attacked in prison once before. In July, an inmate tried to cut his throat during a chapel service, but the razor blade attached to a plastic handle fell apart before it could hurt Dahmer.

Monday's attack occurred as all three men were working on a cleaning detail in the recreation area of the maximum-security prison.

A bloody broom handle was found at the scene, but Corrections Secretary Michael Sullivan said he didn't know if it was the murder weapon.

"One could surmise a number of things. Their heads could have been smashed against a wall," Sullivan said.

"There was a great deal of blood in the area of the attack," Corrections Department spokesman Joe Scislowicz said.

Dahmer had extensive head injuries and died at a hospital about an hour after he was found.



Dahmer

Census: Reagan payrolls biggest

By Meredith Cohn
States News Service

WASHINGTON — A new census report is threatening to undermine the popular belief — and a cornerstone of the Republican party platform — that the federal government has been growing in recent years, census officials say.

A U.S. Census report reveals that the number of federal government workers — including members of Congress and their staffs — has actually fluctuated only slightly over the past several years and peaked during Reagan's tenure at 3.1 million.

The census study is a survey of federal, state and local government workers in 1992, and compares employment and salaries of employees to previous years.

"People keep talking about how big the federal government is, but when you look at the numbers, what they think has happened hasn't happened," said Meredith De Hart, the survey's director. "The number of federal government workers has stayed flat for a decade, and has decreased overall when it's adjusted for population."

Additionally, De Hart said the decline in the federal government work force has continued to drop through 1994, while the number of state and local employees has grown.

The study showed in 1992, there were 18,745,000 government employees at all levels — a 1 percent increase from the year before. However, from 1991 to 1992, the federal government work force decreased by 1.8 percent.

The report shows that the federal work force has grown from 2 million in 1947 to 3.1 million in 1987, and has declined slowly ever since.

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Washington tries to save face as Bosnia situation falls apart

Boston Globe

WASHINGTON — Amid deep pessimism in Washington and further infighting within the Western alliance, U.S. officials scrambled Monday to reassemble the remnants of a Bosnia policy.

In indecisive but clear terms, State Department spokesman Mike McCurry Monday signaled a willingness to offer the Serbs important concessions if they recognized Bosnia's sovereignty.

These included a readiness to accept a confederation joining Serbs in Bosnia with Slobodan Milosevic's republic of Serbia.

In the past this has been considered absolutely unacceptable to the Bosnian government and the Bosnian Croats, as well as many international observers. All fear that this will prove the first step in the creation of a militantly nationalist and authoritarian Serbia under the leadership of Belgrade. British and French officials have spoken of the idea with varying degrees of openness in recent months, but the United States until now has been reluctant to back the idea.

President Clinton met Monday with his top advisers, including Defense

Serb assault continues

Bosnian and Croatian Serbs have overtaken one-third of the area around Bihac, NATO appeals for a cease-fire are being ignored.

Bosnian Serb Muslim-Croat federation

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Secretary William Perry; Secretary of State Warren Christopher; the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Gen. John Shalikashvili; and national security adviser Anthony Lake, to take stock of the situation.

The administration's grim mood

was caught earlier in the day, when White House Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta remarked to NBC that "there are not a lot of good choices" facing it in Bosnia.

U.S. officials spoke of continued fighting around embattled Bihac, theoretically a safe area under United Nations protection, despite assertions of a lull by Lt. Gen. Michael Rose, the U.N. commander in Sarajevo.

The Serbs "continue to shell the safe area," McCurry said. About 60,000 people are trapped in the town, and there are "reliable reports" that the Serbs are torching some villages during their advance, he added.

Reports from the area Monday indicated that Serbs and government soldiers were using artillery and fighting hand-to-hand as Serbs moved to within a half a mile of Bihac's center.

Meanwhile, top U.S. officials in New York directed further recrimination at Washington, a senior U.S. official said in private of "unprecedented" bitterness in relations between Washington and western European capitals, and Perry once again voiced deep gloom about the chances of stemming the Serbian tide in Bosnia.

During a briefing largely devoted to Bosnia, McCurry seemed to hold out the possibility of other significant concessions to the Serbs.

Star on high



First lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and John Betchkal, president of the Christmas Pageant of Peace Inc., place the top star on the National Christmas Tree in Washington. President Clinton will light the tree Wednesday, Dec. 7, during the opening ceremonies of the 1994 Pageant of Peace.

911 operators face punishment for call

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Seven 911 operators who worked the night a teen-ager was beaten to death on the steps of a church will be disciplined for mishandling the calls, the mayor said Monday.

Transcripts of the 911 calls made Nov. 11, the day 16-year-old Eddie Polce was beaten, show operators grew impatient with some callers and waited about 45 minutes after the first of about 20 calls to send police.

Mayor Edward G. Rendell said that of 11 operators on duty that night, three will be suspended with intent to dismiss, three will be suspended and transferred and one will be referred to a disciplinary board for a hearing.

"They are being suspended for abusive and rude responses to callers," Rendell said. "That is unacceptable."

Police was attacked by up to 20 teen-agers swinging baseball bats, and died in a hospital the next day of a fractured skull. Five young men

have been charged with murder. The attack followed a false rumor that someone from Polce's neighborhood in Philadelphia had raped a girl from suburban Abington.

The mayor has appointed a committee to come up with recommendations for improving the 911 system. And he said more police supervisors will be added to the operation.

Ronald Mauldin, a union official, said the operators and dispatchers were being made scapegoats.

The mayor is blaming the equipment and the lack of supervision. The real problem is a lack of training," Mauldin said.

Mauldin said the call-takers get five to seven days' training, most of it on the job.

"That's not enough. Years ago, you had to know X amount of streets, churches and playgrounds, certain areas of the city. Now, all you need is a 12th-grade education and be able to type," he said.

High Court to decide on school drug tests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to decide whether public schools can require drug testing of athletes as a weapon against student drug abuse — or whether such tests would amount to unconstitutional searches.

The court said it will hear an appeal by an Oregon school district that barred a seventh-grader from his school's football team after he refused to undergo a drug analysis.

Mandatory drug testing "may be the only effective way to deal with a drug-use epidemic among school children," said lawyers for the Vernonia School District. But a federal appeals court said the school district failed to justify random testing of students not individually suspected of drug use.

A decision in the case is expected by July.

In other action Monday, the court: • Refused to block a California state court trial over allegations that R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. is using cartoon character Joe Camel to entice children to smoke.

• Agreed to decide in an Arkansas case whether the Constitution requires police with court warrants to knock and announce themselves before entering homes to conduct searches.

• Let stand rulings that barred a Navy reservist from suing the government claiming that she contracted the AIDS virus by having sex with a Navy enlisted man. She said the man never was ordered to tell potential sex partners he carried the virus.

• Agreed to consider reinstating U.S. District Judge Robert Aguilar's 1990 convictions on charges of disclosing a wiretap and obstructing a grand jury.

In the Oregon drug-testing case, James Acton was a seventh-grader when in the fall of 1991, he was suspended from interscholastic sports for refusing to be tested.

The Vernonia school board had voted in 1989 to require drug tests for students who play interscholastic sports. Officials said teachers blamed student drug use for an increase in unruly behavior since the mid-1980s in the district in northwest Oregon.

All students who signed up for sports had to be tested at the beginning of the season, and could be chosen randomly for additional testing later.

The students were tested by urinalysis for amphetamines, marijuana, cocaine and LSD. Those who failed a first time had to attend a drug-treatment program, while those who failed a second or third time were suspended from sports for up to three seasons.

Acton's parents, Wayne and Judy Acton, sued the school district after their son was barred from the football team. They said the policy violated James' right, under the Constitution's Fourth Amendment, to be free from unreasonable searches.

A federal judge ruled against the Actons, but the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed and said the drug-testing policy violated the Constitution.

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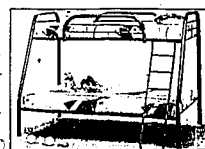
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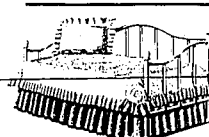
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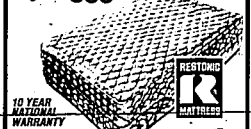
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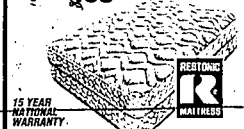
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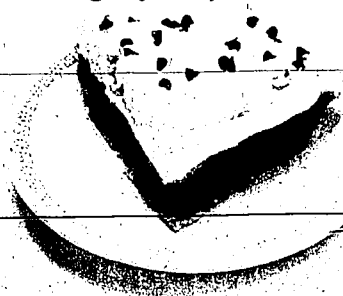
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Nation

Crisis develops in China

Knight-Ridder News Service

For the Japanese Empire there was only one bright spot in November 1944: China.

The Americans were pushing forward on Leyte in the Philippines after smashing the Imperial Navy's Combined Fleet. In Burma, an Anglo-Indian army of 200,000 men had shattered three Japanese divisions and was poised to liberate the central part of the country. In north Burma, Lt. Gen. "Vinegar Joe" Stilwell's New China Army was advancing from Myitkyna to Lashio to reopen the Burma Road to China.

Yet in China, it was Japan that was on the offensive. The "Ichi-Go" plan rolled forward, with the 11th Army taking Kwelin on Nov. 10. This eliminated the main base of Big. Gen. Claire Chennault's 14th Air Force. The enemy then threatened Luchow. Perhaps even the Nationalist capital at Chungking was at risk.

Stilwell had written in his diary in September, when the offensive was in its early stages, that "The jig is up in China."

Chiang Kai-shek demanded that Stilwell send the New China Army to the defense of Chungking. The five divisions of the NCA were Chinese troops that had been trained in India on American lines. They were a match for any Japanese division on the mainland. Stilwell, however, did not want to surrender the ground gained in Burma. Stilwell was supreme allied commander for the China-Burma-India theater, but this was a military command. Chiang was the head of state of a major allied country with the same sovereign authority over his nation's armed forces as possessed by Franklin Roosevelt or Winston Churchill.

Stilwell demanded complete command of all Chinese forces, but Chiang refused, saying his already demoralized army would mutiny if placed under foreign command. Both Chiang and Stilwell appealed to Roosevelt.

On military grounds, Stilwell was right; but FDR had to think of a larger scale. It was already clear in Europe that the Soviet Union was planning to rule over a postwar communist empire. Mao Zedong had his Peoples Liberation Army in Manchuria with links to Moscow. There was even a faction in the State Department that wanted to drop the Nationalists and embrace Mao.

Washington wanted the Soviets to enter the war against Japan, but at the same time Roosevelt asked, "If the Russians go in, will they ever go out?" Japan was losing the war, and its position in China would not survive its defeat. Chiang, Mao, and Roosevelt were all looking beyond the war. Stilwell was not. Thus it was Stilwell who lost the debate with Chiang in Washington.

Stilwell was relieved and replaced by Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, who had made his mark as a strategic thinker, in contrast to Stilwell's skills as a tactician and trainer of combat troops.

An NCA division was airlifted to defend Chungking, though the Japanese halted their offensive 300 miles from the capital. The strategic air campaign by the new B-29 "Superfortress" bombers was shifted from China to Saipan. The first raids were flown against the Japanese home islands from these new bases in November. In December the 20th Air Force bombardment groups under Brig. Gen. Curtis Lemay would move from China to the Marianas.

Chiang would be supported, but the China theater was to be downgraded.

Satellite facility to be built at Air Force base

WASHINGTON (AP) — ITT Corp. and consortium of more than 30 companies announced Monday they will build and operate a commercial facility at Vandenberg Air Force Base, capable of launching small-to medium-size satellites into orbit.

The partnership, known as Spaceport Systems International, expects to employ between 450 and 500 people at first in a state-of-the-art facility in defense and aerospace contracts. SST expects to conduct 15 launches, putting satellites into polar orbit, before the end of 1995.

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World

Miscalculations, U.N. failures set up mess

By Aida Corke
The Associated Press

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Just one month ago, outgunned government troops burst from the isolated Bihac corner of northwest Bosnia and pushed Serb forces back into their most successful offensive of the war.

Government troops were on the offensive elsewhere, too, and the United States was preparing to announce it no longer would enforce an arms embargo against the Bosnian government. After 2½ years of taking it on the chin, the Bosnian government was taking it to the Serbs.

Weeks later, the government's back is to the wall again. Serbs have taken most of the territory around Bihac, the U.N. peacekeeping mission is in shambles and the U.S. defense secretary has acknowledged that the Serbs have in effect won the war.

What went wrong?
Bosnian army miscalculations played a role. But the story of the Bihac campaign also highlights U.N. failure to meet its basic responsibilities in the former Yugoslavia.

Sources in the Muslim-led government's army say planning for the Bihac campaign began two months ago

U.S. helps Vietnam schools give hope
HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — A school paid for by Americans eager to reconcile with their former enemies should open in time for the 20th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War, an organizer of the project said Monday.

Terry Anderson, co-chairman of Vietnamese-Memorial Association, said he met with future pupils of the elementary school rising from a rice paddy in Quang Tri, Vietnam's poorest province.

"Our reception was more than cordial," Anderson said of the giggling children and grateful townspeople.

Anderson, a U.S. Marine veteran of the war, is a former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press and was held hostage for 6½ years by Shiite Muslim guerrillas in Beirut, Lebanon.

The association donated \$75,000 for the Quang Tri school, which will serve 560 children.

The association collected donations from Americans to build the school as "a living memorial" to the 2 million Vietnamese men, women and children who died in the war, Anderson said in a telephone interview.

Analysis

when the United Nations withdrew a unit of French peacekeepers from Bihac and replaced them with poorly trained and under-equipped Bangladeshis.

That was shortly after the government army had routed renegade Muslims and taken control over the entire Bihac region, which was surrounded by Bosnian Serbs to the south and east and Croatian Serbs to the north and west.

The Bosnian army concluded that the Bosnian Serbs would attack to secure territory for a railroad that could link the Serbian capital of Belgrade with the farthest-flung parts of Serb-held land in Croatia and Bosnia. The Bihac region was the only missing piece in the railroad plan.

Rather than wait for an attack, the government army struck first, taking 100 square miles of Serb-held territory.

At the same time, the army and its Bosnian Croat militia allies seized the town of Kupres to the south. The Bosnian army was pressing the Serbs in central and northeast Bosnia. The government appeared to be on a roll.

The United Nations did not react to

the government offensives, and they were greeted with some satisfaction in Washington.

That told the Serbs two things: that the United Nations probably would not react to a counterattack, and second, that stronger U.S. backing for the Bosnian government meant there was no sense in fighting only a defensive war to protect what they had captured.

The Bosnian 5th Corps in Bihac was a threat and Bosnian Serbs concluded they had to contain it.

Government generals expected a Serb counterattack from the south, which began in the second week of November. What they did not expect was intervention by Serbs from Croatia to the north.

Now, Serb forces are on the outskirts of Bihac, planes based in Croatia have raided Bosnian towns and artillery has shelled Bosnian government territory.

According to the rules under which the United Nations entered former Yugoslavia, none of that should have been possible.

In January 1992, following six months of war in Croatia, the United Nations established demilitarized zones in the one-third of Croatia controlled by Serbs. Most of that territory borders Bosnia.

Heavy weapons in those areas were

to be placed under U.N. control. But some weapons never went under control; others were placed in U.N. storage, but were broken out again at moments of tension.

The Bihac region includes a U.N.-mandated safe area around Bihac town, meaning that NATO could launch air strikes if the area were attacked.

NATO launched two air strikes last week: once to knock out an airfield in Croatia from which Serb planes attacked the Bihac pocket, and once to silence Serb anti-aircraft missile batteries that threatened its jets.

But by the time the United Nations acknowledged that Croatian Serbs actually were in Bihac safe area, there was another problem: the United Nations, which decides when NATO planes strike, said the Serbs were so close to the center of Bihac that any air strike would threaten civilians.

And the U.N. commander in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, said peacekeepers "never promised to defend anything."

On Sunday, even U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry appeared to be giving up hope that the Serbs could be rolled back. "It seems the Serbs have demonstrated military superiority on the ground," he said.

Leader orders work stopped near pyramids

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — The government has temporarily halted work on a road that archaeologists say endangers the Giza pyramids — the only survivor among the seven wonders of the ancient world.

Abdul-Rahim Shahata, governor of Giza province, ordered all construction work stopped in an area 6 miles around the pyramids, the agency said.

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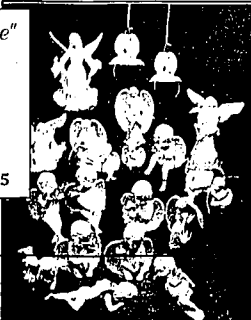


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Opinion

Editorial

Idaho's 4-year colleges still in business to educate

In their hell-bent-for-pigskin rush to launch a big-time college football program, University of Idaho administrators are losing perspective about their primary mission.

Let's not forget, it's supposed to be educating students, even if those students have to undergo the hardship of watching the Vandals beat up on the likes of Idaho State and the rest of the Big Sky Conference on Saturday afternoons.

The people who run the university, and the institution's well-connected network of alumni, have much grander plans. The U of I is the newest member of the Big West Conference, a Division I-A football league, despite the fact that the NCAA says the school doesn't come within a Palouse mile of meeting the eligibility requirements and must remain Division I-AA.

The Kibbie Dome is too small for I-A. The NCAA says I-A teams have to draw an average of 17,000 fans a game, and the dome has only 17,000 seats—which the Vandals can't fill as it is. Even with a 9-3 record, this year's team only managed to coax an average of 10,000 people into the stands.

So naturally, the school is making plans to expand the place to 24,000 seats. If you build it, they will come.

Price tag? Anybody's guess. When it's finished, maybe they can call it The House That Wishful Thinking Built.

U of I administrators are taking pains to point out that none of this has anything to do with the university's academic programs, and that stadium expansion, when it comes, will not come at any expense to the taxpayers.

We're skeptical. This is an institution that has repeatedly told the State Board of Education and the Legislature over the past few years that it's having trouble keeping up with growth and meeting the financial

needs of its academic commitments.

We don't get it. If there's money to be found for building a half-filled stadium, why isn't there money for books, computers, professors' salaries and scholarships?

Truth be told, the real engine driving the Vandals toward Division I-A is that fact at Boise State is headed the same way.

Idaho athletic boosters simply can't abide the specter of upstart BSU getting a leg up. Never mind that Boise State, with a 24,000-seat stadium and average attendance of 22,000 this season, actually qualifies as a Division I-A member.

So the Vandals, destined to be a minor-league football program in a major league, will tag along. As a I-AA team in a I-A league, they may play with fewer scholarships than their competitors, while they wait for the day when they can play in front of 7,000 additional empty seats.

We think it would make more sense for the university's administrators, and the State Board of Education, to admit that Idaho isn't yet ready for prime time and to rejoin the Big Sky for a few years. Failing that, it could play an independent I-AA schedule.

If the Vandal program can build a fan base big enough to support a I-A program in the next few years, so much the better. If it can't—if the Big Sky is the best to which Idaho can aspire—that's not the end of civilization as we know it.

One of the nice things about having three minor-league college football programs in Idaho has been that it has kept athletics in perspective. Up until now, football has been secondary; the big-time jocks, who are in college to become professional athletes, mostly went elsewhere.

Happily, Idaho's four-year state schools are in still in business to educate, not to win. Do the university's administrators and its boosters really want it the other way around?



Helms mistakes military for his friends

Long before Sen. Jesse Helms made his intemperate remarks on the president's fitness to be commander in chief, there was good reason to be concerned about his assuming a major foreign policy role.

The last time the North Carolina Republican was in a position to chair the Senate Foreign Relations Committee was in 1984. In June of that year, he loudly and unashamedly defended Roberto d'Aubuisson, the cashed Salvadoran major who organized and directed the death squads responsible for the murder of thousands of Salvadorans in the 1980s.

Even an American ambassador was at risk. According to a report in The Washington Post earlier this year, in 1984 special envoy Vernon Walters drew d'Aubuisson aside at a social function in San Salvador to warn him not to murder U.S. Ambassador Thomas Pickering.

"Any attempts against the ambassador," Walters said, "would unquestionably terminate U.S. assistance programs." Walters noted that d'Aubuisson "showed no personal resentment" at being approached as the confidant of murderers. D'Aubuisson was merely the latest in a succession of right-wing foreign military leaders whom the North Carolinian Republican has befriended.

There is, of course, Helms's open contempt for Haiti's president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and his cozy relationship with the erstwhile military strongman, Gen. Raoul Cedras. But this is only the most recent manifestation of a well-established pattern.

One of the earliest episodes involving Helms's relationship with a murderous military man occurred when he and several members of his staff visited Argentina shortly before the military coup in 1976.

"We were all puzzled as to exactly what he was doing there," recalled Wayne Smith, then political counselor at

Steven Livingston

the U.S. Embassy. "The ambassador was concerned because Helms was talking with the ranking military people. We had been bending over backwards to avoid giving rise to any impression that we endorsed what they were doing, and then here came these people. They gave the impression that Sen. Helms was on their side and that with an important United States senator on their side, the military had won the battle of bringing the U.S. government around." Helms later denied

That is perhaps Helms's problem. He mistakes the United States and the U.S. military, with its long tradition of political neutrality and respect for American democracy, with the sort of thugs and petty military dictatorships he has made a practice of befriending over the years.

ber 1980 suggesting that he would work on his behalf from his position as chairman of a Senate subcommittee. "I am impressed with the progress Bolivia has made in recent months in providing security for its citizens, which is among the most fundamental of human rights, despite the misguided policies of our government," Helms continued. "I assure you that, as chairman of the Western Hemisphere Subcommittee of the Senate, I will call for a re-examination of our policies toward Latin America. The work you have been doing in your country," he said, "will be powerful arguments in that cause."

Helms also found friends in the Chilean military. In September 1973, the military overthrew the democratically elected government of Salvador Allende, who died—some believe he was assassinated—during the coup. Gen. Augusto Pinochet's junta ruled Chile with an iron fist for the next decade and a half. Opponents were either arrested or simply disappeared.

In 1981, when Chile's foreign minister, Rene Rojas Galdames, visited Washington, he met with Sen. Helms. Later, the Chilean Embassy distributed a press release saying Helms had met with Rojas for more than an hour and that Helms had stated, "We have an obligation to give Chile equal treatment. The Chilean system is not much different from what we have here." That is perhaps Helms's problem. He mistakes the United States and the U.S. military, with its long tradition of political neutrality and respect for American democracy, with the sort of thugs and petty military dictatorships he has made a practice of befriending over the years.

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Letters

Thanks for school editorial

"Please thank the editorial writers for their editorial, 'In education, good things do come in small packages.'"

I gave the school and students in Murtaugh a big boost.
Thanks to all of you.
MRS. VERL CHESLEY
Burley

Writer misunderstands soccer

"This letter is written specifically to respond to Karen Baumann's article on the front page of the Sports section on Nov. 20. It is also written to respond to The Times-News Sports Department's failure to give any support, through coverage, to the area soccer league or leagues, which have grown by monumental leaps since I first became involved 10 years ago. It has done so through the desire of young people to be involved in the sport, both sexes included."

"Anyone who misguidedly your staff writer into believing that soccer is not a competitive sport certainly must have done so in jest. To my knowledge, recreational hunting is a non-competitive sport, except for the animal of course, but hunters have been known to shoot each other, to freeze to death in the mountains and possibly to get drunk and wreck their cars, killing themselves and others. I'm certainly glad that The Times-News Sports Department staff writer draws the line at unnecessary injuries. I've never met a coach that didn't feel that any injury was unnecessary, but they happen all the time."

"This same staff writer for The Times-News Sports Department complained about the fact that in the recreation-sports program in the fall, 8- and 10-year-old boys did not want to play with 8- and 10-year-old girls. I've had the good fortune over the past 10 years to coach teams with children ranging in age from 7 to 18. In the grade schools, more girls turn out for soccer than they do when they reach junior high or high school. However, this valley has been extremely fortunate in having some outstanding female players on the U16 and U19 teams, as well as the high school team which, with female players on it, was state champion three years ago."

I do love the staff writer for The Times-

News Sports Department had some time to watch the World Cup. Certainly, that's as competitive soccer as you will find anywhere. However, there were virtually no injuries in those games, although one Columbian player was fatally injured for having kicked the ball into his own team's goal."

I can only hope that as much space can be devoted to the following of soccer in this valley as has been devoted by this staff writer to an expression, quite literally, that she does not understand the game. A positive focus on recreational soccer is certainly a possible consideration for The Times-News!
BRUCE R. BACON
Twin Falls

Protect springs from dairies

I have been reading the articles in The Times-News concerning the dairy underdevelopment in Bliss by Jake Bosma.

The Nov. 23 Times-News article quotes Bosma: "Failure to obtain an adequate water right would cause me to lose \$1.2 million..." The Butler family of Spring Cove Ranch, which have protected Mr. Bosma's water transfer, have been drinking their spring water for more than 75 years. The location of their spring is no secret. If Mr. Bosma had done his homework and listened to the wise advice of his prospective neighbors, he would not be in the predicament he is in now. The Butlers have told me that they do not object to Mr. Bosma building a dairy on his property. They simply asked him to consider the location of their spring and not to build in the spring drainage, directly above the shallow aquifer that feeds their spring.

Mr. Bosma started building and spending money on his dairy before he applied for his water transfer with the Department of Water Resources. Now that there is a strong possibility that this transfer will be denied, he is crying about his investment. I, for one, feel no sympathy for Mr. Bosma.

The Magic Valley has many natural springs fed by shallow aquifers. These springs should be protected, not polluted. We should not allow greed and dairy development to injure the rights of our existing family businesses.

SALLY FILMORE
Eden

Letters

Stop multiplying our divisions

The American people have spoken and the Republican day here in Idaho could only have been brighter if George Hansen was out of jail. Let's focus in on fewer taxes, less government and term limits. Maybe all the cuts can be shared locally. How about the three congressional offices here in Twin Falls and nationwide. Are these real busy, helpful places or more like "Home Alone" or the "Maytag repairman"?

Visit Sen. Craig's office, just inside the door is a poster "War on the West," then one declaring the National Rifle Association wants you. The inner office features a likeness of Clinton with circle and slash, "Clinton Free Zone," and this guy working on a life-size likeness of the rancher giving the death threat at the grass hearing (Republicans are big on

death threats). Two staffers work here and Eilers is a decent guy to talk with, but it turns out Farm Bureau ideas are only accepted here and no, you cannot turn in an assault weapon to be scrapped.

Kempthorne's office, while seeming to favor "severance" pay, retains Ornette Sinclair, who's been here since reconstruction days. No term limits here or sympathy for any Democrat ideas or any ideas for that matter.

Linda Norris at Crapo's office also has a party niche. No young Democrat office worker to be found here to equal the young Republican worker that turned up in Stallings' office.

Why couldn't these offices be consolidated? Maybe a better idea would be to offer one telephone and fax number where any citizen could call a regional or national center and ask for Democrat, Re-

publican or Independent help or be able to contact congressional staff for government agency, etc., as desired or most appropriate.

Maybe this is an example of money to be saved traveling the new information-communication superhighway.

Could all this business about school prayer be solved electronically at the student's desk? Put on the headset and punch up the prayer of the day (by language and denomination) or update from the principal, pep club, news, weather, this day in history, music or poetry—a truly worthwhile 5 minutes to start the day.

Instead of multiplying our divisions, let's subtract some savings that can really add to our lives and country.

EARL D. OLSON
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Report on standoff delayed

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The release of a long-awaited report on the handling of a deadly northern Idaho standoff is being delayed by concerns over privacy laws, a Justice Department spokesman said.

The report on the August 1992 siege at Randy Weaver's cabin has been under review since July and is still "a month or two" from being released, spokesman Carl Stern told The Spokesman-Review in a story published Monday.

The release of the report that took more than 16 months to complete is being delayed by legal questions about privacy issues, Stern said.

"It's got nothing to do with the content of the report," he said. Disagreements over what information can be publicly released, not "gimmies and bad motives" are causing the delay, he said.

The agency dispute apparently centers on whether the names of low-level officials who

talked to investigators and grand jury testimony can be included in the record, the newspaper reported.

By law, grand jury testimony is supposed to remain secret.

The report on a 16-month investigation by five attorneys and 19 FBI investigators is expected to focus on decisions to relax rules involving the use of deadly force.

Top FBI and U.S. Marshals Service officials approved shoot-to-kill rules after a deputy

marshal and Weaver's 14-year-old son were killed in an exchange of gunfire, Aug. 21, 1992, that led to the 11-day federal siege.

Weaver's wife, Vicki Weaver, was killed the next day by FBI sniper Lon T. Horiuchi, who was aiming at Weaver family friend Kevin Harris.

FBI Agents Richard M. Rogers and Horiuchi may face federal indictments over their involvement in the woman's death, The Washington Times reported last week.

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Around the valley

Smoky semi causes multi-truck pileup

HAZELTON — A semi spewing smoke in the westbound lane of Interstate 84 caused a chain reaction of accidents Monday involving four other semis and sent a Kimberly couple to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, according to Idaho State Police.

Lola Prescott and her husband, Everett, were treated and released following the 12:27 p.m. Monday accident near Hazelton, apparently caused when a semi blew a fuel injector. Oil sprayed on the exhaust manifold, causing smoke, police said.

A pickup driven by John Ronfeld of Nampa slowed to avoid the smoke, and was rear-ended by a semi driven by Larry Cross of Layton, Utah. Donald Runkle of Twin Falls, who also was driving a semi, swerved to avoid the accident, and he hit a semi driven by Michael Kuhn of Twin Falls.

Another semi driven by Anton Walter of Boise slowed to avoid the accidents, and Lola Prescott hit Walter's semi with her vehicle, police said.

Earlier Monday, Idaho State Police handled a non-injury accident involving a semi on Interstate 84 near Jerome. Robert Stone of Hyrum, Utah, hit a patch of ice, went off the road and jackknifed into the medium, police said.

Foundation schedules panel at CSI for World AIDS Day

TWIN FALLS — A panel discussion about AIDS will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday in observance of World AIDS Day.

Connie Kehoe, a local mother-of-an-AIDS victim, and three members of the Idaho AIDS Foundation will discuss the effect of AIDS on family members and other issues.

The panel discussion will be held at the College of Southern Idaho's Foundation Room in the Evenden building. For more information, call Cheryl Becker at the South Central District Health Department at 734-5900.

Kimberly couple injured in Interstate 86 rollover

BURLEY — A Kimberly couple was treated at Cassia Memorial Hospital and Medical Center and released on Sunday evening after their pickup rolled over on Interstate 86, according to Idaho State Police.

Edgar Smith, 66, was driving too fast for conditions at 5:40 p.m. Sunday when he lost control, slid off of the road and rolled 14 times, police said. Smith and his wife Jessie were taken to Cassia Memorial, police said.

USDA seeks help in defining job of conservation service

TWIN FALLS — Anyone with an interest in what the U.S. Agriculture Department's Natural Resources Conservation Service should be doing is invited to an open house Thursday at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare building, at 601 Pole Line Road.

The idea is to give people a chance to define the service's top priorities, said Rich Yankey, district conservationist in Twin Falls. The open house will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"We're at a crossroads now, and we're trying to do things better, with less cost and fewer people," Yankey said. Everyone is welcome, he said, adding that the service is particularly interested in comment from farmers.

The newly christened branch of the USDA — formerly known as the Soil Conservation Service — is a product of the Clinton administration's attempt to "reinvent government," Yankey said.

Twin Falls plans meetings on proposed bicycle routes

TWIN FALLS — Residents can get together to talk about the effect of two proposed bicycle routes at two separate neighborhood meetings tonight.

Comment on Route B will be taken at 7 p.m. at the Perrine School cafeteria. Route B follows Sparks Street south from North College Road past Perrine school to Filer Avenue, where it jogs east to get to Shoup Avenue, goes farther east to Harrison Street and heads north to the College of Southern Idaho.

A meeting on Route D will be held at 7 p.m. at the Sawtooth School cafeteria. Route D follows Maurice Street north from Harmon Park to Heyburn Avenue, where it jogs east and follows Madrona Street past Sunrise Park, the high school and Sawtooth schools, and ends at Candlish Drive.

Neighborhood meetings also were held last week at Harrison and Mornington schools.

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Stores brace for \$95 million Powerball hopefuls

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Utahns will be flocking to Bonnie and Clyde's in Preston, Washingtonians will be lining up at the Post Falls 7-Eleven, and Idahoans will be in line, too, hoping to snag a \$95 million Powerball jackpot.

Across Idaho, convenience store workers are bracing themselves for Wednesday's mega-drawing and for hordes of customers — all dreaming of instant wealth.

Idaho Lottery Director Wally Hedrick predicts "darn good" sales between now and Wednesday. He figures \$750,000 in tickets will be sold statewide, with millions more purchased elsewhere.

For many, this is a long-shot bid for the American Dream. "Let's face it — in this world today, there's lotteries, there's inheritance, and there's good business sense and luck," Hedrick said.

For those who lack business acumen, or rich relatives, the lottery provides a chance — however slim — of obtaining wealth.

Idaho is one of 18 states that participate in the Powerball drawings. In July of 1993, the Powerball jackpot hit \$111.2 million before a Wisconsin couple correctly picked all six numbers. But if no one gets the right numbers on Wednesday, Hedrick said the prize would mushroom.

He predicts a \$130 million jackpot for Saturday, a North American record and possi-

bly the biggest jackpot in lottery history.

At the Traveler's Oasis in Eden, lottery ticket sales have zoomed this week. Cashier Beverly Lair said the truck stop sold more than 200 Powerball tickets on Monday alone. "We are selling probably three times more than we usually do," she said.

She figures sales will keep rising. "I have a feeling Wednesday's going to be absolutely crazy for the lottery," Lair said. "I'm off, and thank God."

Victi Martin, who works for Bonnie and Clyde's part time, said she remembers the last time the jackpot neared nine figures, when folks from Preston — and neighboring Utah — jammed the aisles. "It was terrible — the worst day ever. The

machine never quit all day," she recalled. Looking to Wednesday, she expects another "crazy," "unreal" day.

Tamara Peacock, a Post Falls store clerk, says sales have been "busy" and will "drain the 'hottie' before the drawing. Spokane residents will make the trip — plunging down \$1 to \$500 in front of the cash register.

In some states, folks have gone into hock — even mortgaged their houses — to scoop up large numbers of tickets. Common sense — and state lottery Director Hedrick — say that's a bad idea.

"Don't do that. Do not. Only spend what you can afford to spend, like anything else. Take care of your responsibilities," Hedrick said.

Idaho soaks up November snow

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Like a saloon patron at closing time, drought-stricken southern Idaho is soaking up all the restorative liquid it can before November draws to an end.

Successive waves of snowstorms have battered the state in recent weeks, causing headaches for police dispatchers and tow-truck drivers — and prompting avalanche forecasters to point out the perils of a sudden surfeit of snow.

"Compared to last year, we're a lot better off," said Ron Abramovich, hydrologist with the federal snow survey office in Boise. "We're off to a much better start, but we need these storms to continue through the rest of the season."

"So far, we're only 20 percent of the way through the snow season."

The difference between this year and last year, in terms of the high-country snowpack's water content, is phenomenal.

As of Monday, the water content at Galena Summit stood at 5 inches; last year at this time, the figure was 0.4 inches, Abramovich said. About 10 inches of snow is required for every inch of water content.

At Howell Canyon, near the Pomerelle Ski Area, the snowpack's water content stood at 3.6 inches — up from 1.1 inches at this time last year. At Lewis Lake Divide, in the extreme upper end of the Snake River basin in Yellowstone National Park, Monday's water content stood at 7.2 inches — up from 1.3 inches last year.

Overall, the Howell Canyon measurement site has 16 percent more water content than it does during an "average" year, Abramovich said. The average is calculated over a 30-year span.

Galena Summit's snowpack has 22 percent more water content than during an average year, while the site at Lewis Lake Divide has 14 percent more than it does at this time in an average year.

Due to mechanical difficulties, data from the Magic Mountain site were not available, Abramovich said.

Deepening snow has halted adventurous motorists in the Sawtooth National Forest,



For Twin Falls resident Grant Osterhout, snow removal offers a chance to be neighborly near his home on Meadows Lane. He was borrowing a neighbor's snowblower to clean up the driveway and sidewalk of another neighbor's home on Monday.

said Max Yingst, recreation technician. Intrepid four-wheel-drive enthusiasts had been getting stuck with depressing regularity, but even the boldest have conceded that most forest roads are now impassable, Yingst said.

On the other hand, snow on ski trails in the South Hills is better than it has been in years. "Conditions are excellent," Yingst said, noting that trail grooming started Wednesday.

However, there isn't much of a base and the light, fluffy snow is difficult to groom, he said.

On a darker note, conditions are becoming ripe for avalanches, Yingst warned. Heavy snows, high winds, and large temperature jumps are primary ingredients for deadly slides.

Idaho State Police troopers have been helping in the past few days, said dispatcher Gloria Hackworth.

"We've had slide-offs and accidents non-stop and I can't even give a guess as to how many," Hackworth said. During a five-hour span on Sunday, the Twin Falls office logged more than 800 calls, she said.

The American Automobile Association has also been busy, said spokesman Dave Carlson in Boise.

"The single biggest call we have is for dead batteries," he said, "and about a third of all the calls we get involve dead batteries. It's a year-round phenomenon, but it's exacerbated during the winter."

The snow is good news for tender grapevines near Hagerman, said Stephanie Martin, co-owner of the Rose Creek Winery. Vines are still green and full of vitality, but the snow will insulate dormancy — and protect the vines from colder temperatures yet to come, she said.

Hagerman is typically the warmest spot in Idaho and snow is often a here today, gone tomorrow phenomenon, Martin said.

"We're spoiled because we never shovel snow down here," she said. To underscore the area's thermal amenities, she noted that Sunday night's snowfall melted off her car before she had a chance to brush it away on Monday.

Down in Jarbidge, Nevada, Justice of the Peace John Williams reported 6 inches of new snow and "lots of wind."

Such conditions are standard winter fare in Jarbidge, he added, "and nobody's gotten into trouble over it."

Over in Almo, 12-year-old Ty Cahoon said he was too sick to go out in the wind and snow. If he'd been feeling better, Cahoon said he would've liked to hand-deliver a few snowballs.

Canyon rims hearing draws crowd, no vote

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It shouldn't have come as a surprise, when after 1½ hours of public testimony, the City Council decided not to vote Monday on a new zoning law regulating canyon-rim developments.

Council members said as much last week during the first (of a possible three) hearings on the ordinance.

Many of the residents who showed up then made a return appearance to City Hall Monday, with equal numbers in support, and in opposition to, the proposed ordinance.

Gary Slette was one of three lawyers who warned the council that approval of new zoning regulations would be "a good-intentioned idea."

Slette said the city's ordinance, designed to regulate developments within 1,000 feet of the rims of the Rock Creek and Snake River canyons, would be a "land grab" of private property.

"There will be constitutional challenges as (the law) is written," he said.

John Hohnhorst, another lawyer, agreed. Hohnhorst represents Nielsen and Co., a group looking to develop prime canyon-rim property at the city's northern entrance by the Perrine Bridge.

Hohnhorst said the zoning law would make landowners pay the costs for the public's desire of scenic land.

"This is an awfully poor way to conduct a grand experiment," he said.

The city planning and zoning commission has faced lawyers every time it has dealt with canyon-rim issues, said Fran Florence, the commission's chairman. "The threat of litigation is always there," Florence told the council.

Retired banker David Mead, a member of a canyon-rim advisory committee, said the people who oppose the proposed zoning law could have saved the city a lot of time by speaking out before the law was drafted.

"Where were these people?" Mead asked. The council's third and final public hearing Please see CANYON/B2

Stanley salmon near extinction

The Associated Press

STANLEY — Six chinook salmon hover in the glistening waters of the Salmon River. They are in the last throes of spawning, exhausted to the point of death.

The females — their tails nearly stripped of flesh from digging — guard oval nests. Battle-scarred males lie nearby, lunging at each other in sporadic fights for spawning rights.

It could be one of the last mating dances of a species that struggles 900 miles upstream from the Pacific Ocean to central Idaho to reproduce.

Snake River summer and spring chinook runs are threatened by Idaho Department of Fish and Game biologists at record low levels. The females dig these nests — or "redds" — in 20-foot-long ovals of lighter gravel.

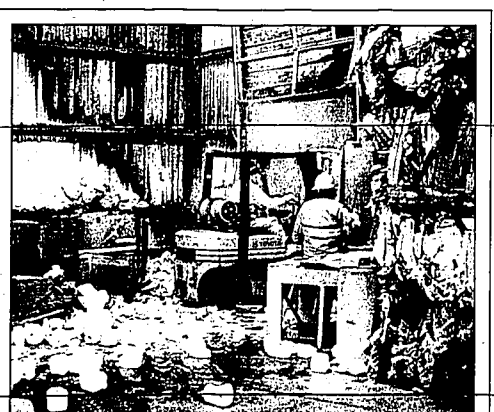
The annual redd counts aren't completed for the Salmon River Basin, but at Marsh Creek, a key indicator, fish and game counted only four nests, compared with 120 last year and an average of 440 in the 1960s.

"We're in a very critical time for these fish," said Dexter Pitman, state and federal fisheries manager. "They are faced imminently with extinction."

The National Marine Fisheries Service has listed as endangered the spring and summer chinook runs. The fish are distinguished by the season when they leave the ocean to spawn.

There are no redds at Indian Riffles, a traditional, important spawning ground.

"This is probably the first time in 10,000 years there weren't any nests there," said Mark Moulton, a Forest Please see SALMON/B2



A worker uses a forklift to move burning debris as firefighters extinguish a Monday evening fire at the American Recycling warehouse in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls recycling warehouse catches fire

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Fire Department battled a small fire at a recycling center in Old Town Monday evening.

The fire, at American Recycling, 118 Market Ave., sent smoke billowing into the air and attracted onlookers — who were quickly shooed away by police officers.

Three fire trucks responded to the blaze, which destroyed some recyclable materials and appeared to cause some smoke damage as well.

Firefighters quickly doused the blaze, using water and the recycling company's heavy equipment.

The warehouse, near Swensen's Market and Rock Creek, contains old newspapers, aluminum cans and plastic containers.

Firefighters appeared to concentrate their efforts at the building's east entrance.

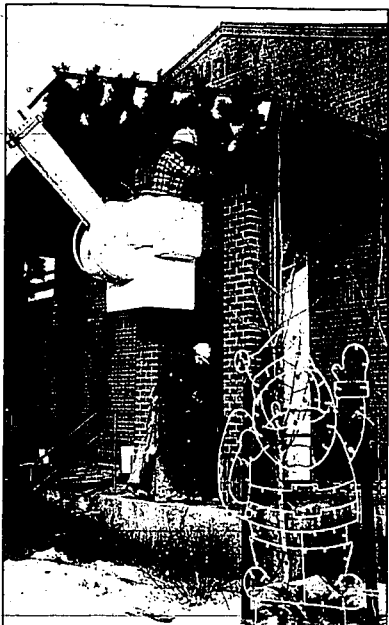
As firefighters worked on the blaze, an alarm could be heard for blocks around.

Further information was not available Monday night.

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Sprucing up



City electrical department workers Eric Schaefer, in the basket, and Gary Miller spruce up Burley City Hall Monday.

Neighbors appeal feedlot expansion

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

RUPERT — The Planning and Zoning Board should not have agreed to allow a feedlot owner to expand his facility, a lawyer representing neighbors told Minidoka County commissioners Monday.

On Sept. 21, board members approved up to 5,000 cattle on David Patterson's feedlot northwest of Paul. They had agreed to the expansion, provided that Patterson submit the rest of his site plan to the board, and obtain a waiver from a neighbor who lives within 1,000 feet of the facility.

Roger Ling, a Rupert attorney, argued that board members shouldn't have agreed to the expansion when only two-thirds of the plan was available for public scrutiny.

Patterson's neighbors, Darrell and Joyce Jenkins, oppose the feedlot and will not sign the waiver, he added.

Patterson replied that he didn't have all of his site plan during the planning and zoning hearing several months ago because he had run out of graph paper.

He said he was upset because the Jenkins had agreed to allow his feedlot to be located within 1,000

feet of their property, but then the other neighbors convinced them to oppose it.

Ling contended that Patterson has not submitted a plan for how he is going to get rid of waste on his feedlot for approval by the state Division of Environmental Quality.

But Patterson has submitted a waste plan within the past several months and it has been approved, said Mike McMasters, prevention and certification supervisor for DEQ in Twin Falls.

Patterson must submit a plan for solid waste, Ling contended. McMasters said later in an interview with *The Times-News* that the state

doesn't require it, but strongly suggests guidelines for solid-waste management.

Patterson claimed he didn't have to submit a plan for liquid waste, but he does, and it was approved, McMasters said.

The county zoning ordinance requires feedlots to be no closer than 300 feet from a county road, but Patterson has a water collection pond near the 850 West Road, Ling said.

Minidoka commissioners said they will consider the issue and decide within 30 days whether to uphold or deny the board's decision.

Minidoka taxpayers vote on school bounds

By Eric Goodell
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Minidoka County School District residents will vote today on a proposed change in the school board's boundaries. Polls will be open from noon to 8 p.m.

Paula Roam, board clerk, said she's hoping for a "yes" vote because if the majority of voters say "no," the district will be forced to hold additional votes until a majority of voters say "yes."

The district's zones are required by law to be changed in order to meet state guidelines.

The voting is the result of a petition received several months ago by district officials that requested a review of zone boundaries. Upon investigating, district officials found that population growth over several years has caused a few of the zones to deviate in population more than the law allows.

The revision being proposed by district officials puts the five zones

in populations ranging from 3,049 to 3,303.

Roam said she's fielded lots of calls from patrons with questions about the proposed changed in trustee boundaries.

"Many people aren't really sure what it is," she said. For instance, many callers thought results of the vote could change what school their children attend, she said.

Present school board member would still head their respective zones, but zones would have more

equal populations.

Patrons are urged to call the district central office at 436-4727 if they have questions concerning their zones.

Polling places for each zone are as follows: Zone 1, Heyburn Elementary; Zone 2, Paul Elementary, John Otman residence and Doug Hartley residence; Zone 3, Big Valley Elementary; Zone 4, Memorial Elementary; and Zone 5, Gordon Nelson residence and Acquia Elementary.

Idaho Migrant Council gets development money

BLACKFOOT (AP) — The Idaho Housing Agency has notified the Idaho Migrant Council that \$722,209 in federal HOME Program funds have been reserved for a proposed rental housing development in Blackfoot.

The migrant council will use the money to build 20 units of new housing for farm worker families. The units will be modeled after an

existing project in Burley.

The migrant council also used HOME funds in Twin Falls, where 20 units were recently dedicated at the El Milagro site.

Julie Frazier, the Idaho Housing Agency's vice president of branch operations and grant programs, said the migrant council's application was among seven the agency

received for \$822,209 in available HOME funds.

Frazier said the applications sought a total of \$4.3 million. Only two were selected.

The other approved application was from the Community Action Agency in Lewiston. It is in line for \$50,000 in HOME funds for a proposed home-owner rehabilitation project.

Head-on crash kills 1

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — An Idaho Falls woman has been killed in a weekend head-on collision between two snowmobiles.

The Fremont County sheriff's office said Tyre Lonnie Bayat-Mokhtari, 32, was killed in the crash about 5 p.m. Saturday on a county road in Island Park.

Investigating officers said the snowmobile driven by Bayat-Mokhtari collided with one operated by Richard Matthew Vanorden, 18, Blackfoot.

Idaho Guard members head for Turkey

BOISE (AP) — Hundreds of personnel and several F-4G Wild Weasel jet fighters from the Idaho Air National Guard will go to Turkey during the next three months to support Air Force operations in the Persian Gulf.

It will be the third trip to the region in less than three years for many of the men and women, the Air National Guard said Monday.

An estimated 300 members of the 124th Fighter Group — including air crews, maintenance, weapons, supply and support people — will spend 30

days or more based in Turkey. They will be supporting Operation Provide Comfort II, which flies patrols over northern Iraq to help enforce a no-fly zone and protect Kurdish refugees from Iraq's armed forces.

The first group of Idaho airmen is scheduled to leave Gowen Field this week.

Two previous Persian Gulf deployments took guard members to Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Southern Watch, enforcing a no-fly zone over southern Iraq.

Col. Jerre L. Kauffman, commander of the 124th Fighter Group, said he was not surprised that the Air Force needs the Idaho unit — among only two operational Wild Weasel groups — back in the Persian Gulf.

"Our Wild Weasels, with the ability to find and suppress enemy air defenses, are necessary for an operation like Provide Comfort II," Kauffman said. "The Air Force knows from past experience the 124th Fighter Group can do the job."

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Charitable groups become selective

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — After her mother died, Jean Haupt found herself with a bunch of used but usable furniture and rather than throw the furniture away she decided to donate it.

So she called Goodwill Industries and described the condition of her furniture. "I called, all chipper and willing to give," said Haupt, who now lives in Texas.

"I told them I had some overstuffed furniture, a sofa and one chair. I told them I had two sets of twin beds and a nice headboard, all in good condition," she recalled.

The representatives from Goodwill seemed interested in her donation until she told them the furniture was on the second floor.

"They said 'We don't walk up the steps for stuff,'" she said. "I was shocked. I felt like, my goodness, they sure are getting choosy. I felt bad because some needy person could use this."

As many people's thoughts turn to helping the needy during the holiday season, it seems that giving is becoming harder. Charitable organizations have become more selective about what items they will accept.

The irony is not lost on many who say that in light of the high number of children living in poverty, families on the economic edge and growing homeless problems, the same organizations who have their hands out have become choosier about what they will take.

"We have an obligation to be choosy," said Jim Wadsworth, president of Goodwill Industries of

Metropolitan Chicago, which oversees nine stores.

"People in need don't want to wear tattered and torn clothing any more than you do," he said adding that only half the donations his organization receives can be used again, resulting in between \$150,000 and \$250,000 a year in disposal costs.

"It is a responsibility we have to be good stewards of the merchandise we do receive," Wadsworth said.

"If we don't manage the donations responsibly, charities won't be able to provide the services we provide."

Though a missing button or a sluggish zipper by itself won't rule out a donation, agencies that deal with the poor are complaining that cheerful givers dump rags at their doorsteps and say that the agencies no longer have staff to collect or repair everything that is offered.

Agencies both large and small, those that resell donated items and others that turn donations over to the needy are not immune. The larger agencies have responded by setting criteria for what they will accept while the smaller ones just cross their fingers.

But some contributors, like Haupt, complain that charitable organizations

turn people off by their screening tactics.

For smaller organizations without the luxury of screening what they receive, the donation game is hit or miss.

Hazel Franklin runs a combination clothing bank and food pantry in the basement of the rectory at St. Agatha's Catholic Church in Chicago. Her stock comes from left-

overs from church rummage sales and people cleaning out closets.

It is not uncommon for Franklin to make a trip to the trash bin to throw out items that others thought were fit to be reused.

"The things they bring are not always good," Franklin said. "It makes it hard."

Franklin recalled receiving things like old stockings, unmatched shoes and a box of clothes with garbage on top of them. Other things come in dirty, wrinkled or in need of repair.

It was the high disposal costs and lack of staff to repair damaged donations that forced organizations like the Salvation Army and Goodwill to change their approach.

For years, the Salvation Army stationed drop boxes all across the city of Chicago and its suburbs as collection points for donations.

But the boxes came to be used as trash cans, and each year the organization was spending \$100,000 for trash removal of unusable items, according to Robert Bonestell, spokesman for the Salvation Army. So two years ago, the boxes were taken off the streets in the Chicago area.

The Salvation Army is not rigid in its requirements for donations, he said.

"We recognize the articles that come to us are used goods to begin with. ... People have varying standards about what type of items could be used as donated items or items for purchase."

"From time to time," he said, "we will have a disagreement with a donor regarding the usability of an item."

To assure that a refrigerator, for instance, is usable, "We ask people ... that it be plugged in and working when the item is picked up," Bonestell said.

Goodwill does not go to upper floors to pick up donations because of the liability involved.

"The reason for that is too many times we have people who complain that we damaged their walls," said Wadsworth. "Sometimes the damage has already been done before Goodwill arrives and we end up having to pay for repair work that is not our responsibility."

Part of the problem is that mentally and physically disabled people who formerly worked for some charities repairing donated items have more job opportunities, and the organizations no longer have staff to make the repairs.

"Those donations created jobs for people," said Kathleen Mullaghy, vice president of development at Goodwill.

Woman with herpes wonders when to tell

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column for many years. Now I find myself in need of your advice.

Three years ago, I was exposed to genital herpes. I have not dated anyone since then. Recently I met a very nice man and have gone out with him a few times. We are very much attracted to each other. We're not kids — we are both over 25.

I live in a small town and people talk. I believe in being honest about this, but I can't discuss my situation with anyone. I feel totally alone, although I am sure there are others who share my problem. My question: When should I tell this man I have herpes?

— ALONE IN COLORADO

DEAR ALONE: You may feel "alone," but you are far from it. An estimated 40 million Americans have become infected with herpes — about one in four adults. Less than half of them are aware of it. As you know, the outbreaks come and go, and although they are sometimes inconvenient, they are not life-threatening.

The Herpes Resource Center (HRC) has a network of approximately 100 local support groups around the country, which provide information and emotional support, and offer the opportunity to talk about your situation (or listen to others) in a confidential environment. The purpose of these meetings is to share experiences and obtain a broader knowledge of how the virus affects others who have it. Talking openly relieves much of the stress, embarrassment and confusion about living with herpes.

HRC is a program of the American Social Health Association (ASHA), whose services include a National Herpes Hotline, support groups, and a quarterly journal on herpes. For information about the services,



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ASHA has recently published a very informative book, aptly titled "Managing Herpes," by Charles Ebel (available at the above address). It is priced at \$19.75 (includes postage and handling).

Proceeds from book sales support the work of ASHA, a non-profit organization dedicated to stopping sexually transmitted diseases, but if the price is too steep for you, your local library may have the book, or be able to get a copy.

Now, to answer your question: Tell your friend before you engage in any intimate contact that might put him at risk.

DEAR ABBY: With regard to the term "over and out," please tell Jim Barnhart to lighten up.

I flew the Big Bird during the Big War (yes, we had radio way back in the early '40s), so I understand the correct usage of "over and out": It was the Hollywood version used in patriotic war movies. Who cares if it was not proper radio procedure? It was a fun thing, and we used it a lot (and still do) along with a few other "non-proper" expressions.

I doubt that when Jim uses the CB radio phrase "Over to you, good buddy," he even knows the person he's talking to.

So to Jim Barnhart: I say, "Please don't blow your top. Fly low and slow. Over-n-out."

— KEN
IN DALLAS

Falling in love likely a matter of experience

Los Angeles Times

Behavior is ruled largely by genetics, scientists tell us. Our DNA guides whether we are a hard-driving executive or a moon-bellied poet, a vigorous athlete or a desk-bound accountant, even whether we bowl or play bridge on our spare time or go to church on Sunday.

Even our love lives are manipulated by puppetmasters in our genes. Who we love and when we love them — not to mention when we divorce them — are often as pre-ordained as our height and haircolor, researchers say.

But perhaps not how we fall in love. Whether love comes creeping up unexpectedly on little cat feet, or strikes with the intensity and furor of a spring thunderstorm, may be one of the few aspects of our private relationships in which the nurturing influence of our parents outweighs the mandates of hereditary chemicals, according to new research from psychologists at the University of California, Davis.

In a study of twins published in the most recent issue of the journal Psychological Science, Nels G. Waller and Phillip R. Shaver have shown that genes play virtually no role at all in our approach to ardor, a surprising and refreshing exception in an area that is increasingly seen as being ruled by inalienable DNA.

The genetics of behavior has proved a fertile field for research and publication in recent years. Most studies of personality indicate that about 50 percent of variability among individuals is attributed to genes, with a much smaller percent-

6 faces of love

Los Angeles Times

To determine how people fall in love, researchers divide the attitudes about romance into six categories. A series of 50 questions helps determine how large an influence each category plays in their love lives:

• **Eros. Characteristics:** Value love and passion, are self-confident, enjoy intimacy and self-disclosure, fall in love fairly quickly.

• **Ludus. Characteristics:** Value the fun and excitement of romantic relationships, especially with multiple partners.

• **Storge. Characteristics:**

Value friendship, companionship and reliable affection.

• **Pragma. Characteristics:** Pragmatic; entering a relationship only if it meets certain criteria.

• **Mania. Characteristics:** Desperate and conflicted. Yearn intensely for love, but experience pain and jealousy.

• **Agape. Characteristics:** Centered on what they give to a partner instead of what they receive. Selfless, spiritual.

— Sources: Nels G. Waller, Phillip R. Shaver, University of California, Davis

age resulting from parental influence and the remainder arising from individual life experiences.

In the UC Davis study, Waller and Shaver studied 338 female and 107 male twin pairs identified through the California-Twin Registry maintained at the university. About three-quarters of the subjects were identical twins, the rest fraternal.

Studying twins is the most common way to sort out the varying influences of nature and nurture. Identical twins share all of their genes, while fraternal twins, on average, share only half of them. If a trait is, in fact, genetic, identical twins should share that trait much more commonly than fraternal twins.

To analyze each twin's "love attitudes," the researchers devised a well-established six-part scale devised by sociologist John A. Lee of the University of Toronto more than 20 years ago. Lee assigned Greek names to the six dimensions of love — Eros, Ludus, Storge, Pragma, Mania and Agape. The contribution of each dimension to an individual's overall love attitude is determined by asking subjects how strongly they agree with a series of 50 questions that illustrate each component.

The Davis researchers analyzed the answers for each subject to determine whether the individual profiles were related to genetics or family nurturing. Their overwhelming conclusion was that "individual

differences in romantic love are due almost exclusively to environment" — how the child was raised.

The study, Waller said, is "the first case where the environment ... is playing a much stronger role than genetics in creating a family resemblance. This is the first set of psychological variables that I know of where heritability plays such a small role."



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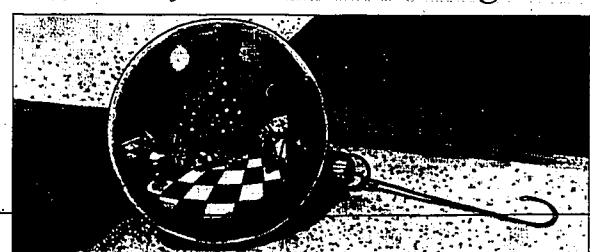
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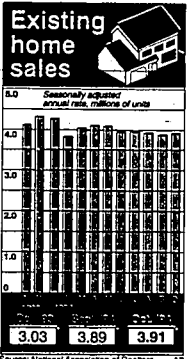
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Mortgage rates slow sales of existing homes



WASHINGTON — Rising mortgage rates restrained sales of previously owned homes in October, and a real estate trade group predicted further dampening of housing activity.

The West posted the only sales increase in the four regions and economist John A. Tuocchio of the National Association of Realtors said mortgage will continue to "feel the brunt" of recent interest rate increases.

Other housing activities also have been curbed by the six Federal Reserve rate boosts this year as the Fed has attempted to slow the economy and curb inflation.

Housing sales declined in October and sales of new homes were down in September as rising mortgage rates made home purchases more expensive.

The Realtors said sales of existing single-family homes in October edged

up 0.5 percent to 3.91 million of a seasonally adjusted annual rate, up from September's sharply revised 3.93 million rate. The initial September estimate was 3.97 million.

The revision meant that sales in September were much weaker than previously thought, dropping 1 percent rather than rising 1 percent as first reported. Sales also fell 1 percent in August after inching up 0.3 percent a month earlier.

Regionally, sales rose only in the West, where they were up 3.7 percent to an 840,000 annual rate. The median price there was \$139,900.

Sales were unchanged in the Northeast at a \$60,000 rate and in the South at a \$43,000 rate. The median price was \$135,700 in the Northeast; \$96,200 in the South.

Burden fell 1.8 percent, to a 1.07 million rate, in the Midwest, where the median price was \$86,700.

Analysts believe the housing industry

reached a peak last December. At that time, existing home sales were at a record 4.1 million rate.

But the Fed began its inflation-fighting interest rate increases in February and 30-year fixed-rate mortgages rose from less than 7 percent then to an average of 8.93 percent in October. The rate stood at 9.25 percent last week.

An increase from 7 percent to 9 percent would add \$209 to the monthly payment on a \$150,000 mortgage.

Despite the slowdown, the Realtors still predict 3.97 million sales this year, second-highest ever and well above the 3.80 million posted in 1993.

However, the median price for existing homes declined slightly in October, as it often does when demand wanes, falling to \$107,900 from \$108,400 a month earlier. The median price for new homes, however, is the midpoint, meaning half the homes cost more and half cost less.

Utilities commissioner will leave in February

The Associated Press

BOISE — Joe Miller, a member of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, is leaving the commission in February.

Miller, a Democrat, has been on the three-person commission for eight years. His term was to expire Jan. 8, but he says he's staying on a month to help Gov. Elsie B. Buntz make a smooth transition when he swears in as governor Jan. 2.

"While I feel privileged to have had this opportunity for public service, I am also looking forward to a return to private life," he said in a prepared statement released Monday.

Miller was appointed to the commission in 1987 by Gov. Cecil An-

drus and served as commissioner from 1990-94.

Andrus said Miller's ability to fairly and thoughtfully consider matters before the commission has enhanced the quality of regulation in Idaho. "His service has been superior, and his insights and experience will be missed," the governor said.

Miller took an active interest in energy policy issues and supported measures to improve energy conservation and efficiency.

He led the effort to adopt a statewide energy-efficiency building code.

Miller said he will announce his plans to leave the commission in January. The person Buntz picks as his successor will have to be confirmed by the Idaho Senate.

Markets

Dow-Jones

NEW YORK (AP) — First Dow-Jones averages for Monday, Nov. 29:

Index	High	Low	Close
NYSE	2,754.45	2,738.65	2,740.11
30 Stk	147.22	144.78	145.01
10 Ind	178.08	177.63	178.04
60 Ind	124.38	123.58	124.23
Trans	41.75	41.50	41.60
Comp	41.75	41.50	41.60
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“I love those people and those are some of my best friends on that team. But when I'm on the field I'm trying to cold-cock them every chance I get.”

— 49er Rickey Jackson before Monday night's game against his old team, the New Orleans Saints

Briefly

Walsh steps down as Stanford head coach

STANFORD, Calif. — Bill Walsh, who returned to Stanford “to find my bliss” after coaching the San Francisco 49ers to three Super Bowl titles, resigned Monday after two straight losing seasons.

Walsh, who had two years remaining on a five-year contract, will become a special assistant to Stanford athletic director Ted Leland. He turns 63 Wednesday.

Walsh returned to Stanford three seasons ago after compiling a 102-63-1 record in 10 years as coach of the 49ers, including Super Bowl crowns in 1981, 1984 and 1988. He was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1993.

Walsh led the Cardinal to a 10-3 record and a win over Penn State in the Blockbuster Bowl in his first year back at Stanford in 1992. But the Cardinal slipped to 4-7 last season and went 3-7-1 this year.

Thailand boxer would rather give up title than defend it

EAST ORANGE, N.J. — Racht Sitthabanchan of Thailand has given up the IBF flyweight championship rather than defend his title against top-ranked Jose Luis Zepeda of the United States.

The move was announced Monday by IBF president Robert Lee and took effect last Friday. Sitthabanchan won a split decision over Zepeda May 8 in Bangkok, Thailand. He had been ordered to make a mandatory defense in a rematch by Dec. 4.

Allegations force GSU coach, assistants to resign

STATESBORO, Ga. — Georgia Southern basketball coach Frank Kerns and two of his assistants resigned Monday because of allegations that a recruit was given academic help with their knowledge.

Resigning with Kerns were Mike Backus and Mark White, the school said.

Compiled from staff reports

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Prep girls basketball:
Twin Falls at Borah, 4:30 p.m.
Jerome at Bluff, 7:30 p.m.
Camas County at Wood River, 6 p.m.
Gooding at Filer, 6 p.m.
Glenns Ferry at Wendell, 6 p.m.
Castellon at Hagaman, 6 p.m.
Kimberly at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Murtug at Jackpot, 6 p.m.
Rockland at Flatt River, 6 p.m.
Carey at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Shoshone at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.

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5 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, Florida vs. Boston College
7 p.m. — Channel 12, boxing, Patterson vs. Proctor
7:30 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, Duke vs. Connecticut
1:30 a.m. — Channel 12, Florida vs. Boston College

49ers wrap up division

San Francisco pummels hapless New Orleans, 35-14

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS. — The San Francisco 49ers' bid to end their accustomed spot, NFC West champions for the 11th time in 14 years with more — they hope — to come.

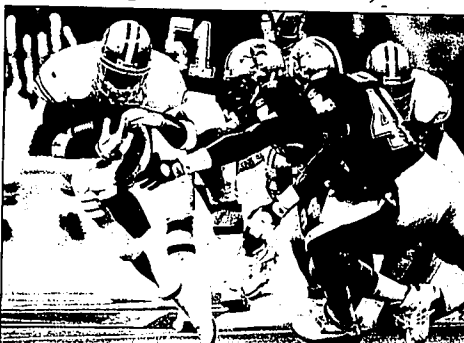
So what if there were a few stumbles and fumbles on the way.

Steve Young threw for 281 yards and four touchdowns Monday night, overcoming a pair of seemingly costly fumbles as the 49ers beat New Orleans 35-14 to become the first NFL team to clinch a playoff spot this season.

More important, it kept the Niners (10-2) on top of Dallas (10-2) for the home-field advantage on their inevitable course toward a third straight NFC title game. San Francisco, which won for the seventh straight time, would get the home field if both teams win out because it beat the Cowboys two weeks ago.

Young, who had completed 68.2 percent of his passes entering the game, was 24-of-30 as he hit four TD passes in a game for the fourth time this season.

He threw first-half touchdowns of 4 yards each to Brent Jones and John Taylor, found Jones again from 6 yards out on a drive that consumed 9:02 at the start of the second half and capped the



San Francisco 49ers' running back Ricky Watters slips by two New Orleans Saints defenders during the first quarter of their game Monday night. The 49ers clinched their 11th Western Conference title in 14 years.

scoring with a 43-yarder on a slant to backup Nate Singleton.

That was enough to negate Tyrone Hughes' 86-yard return of a fumble by



San Francisco's Steve Young scrambles away from a Saints defender. Young threw for 281 yards and four touchdowns Monday night.

Ricky Watters for the Saints (4-8) and a second-quarter fumble by Young at the Saints' 12 that held the Niners to a 20-14 lead at halftime.

San Francisco now has won 10 or more games for 12 straight seasons and qualified for the playoffs in 11 of them, missing only in 1991 despite a 10-6 record.

This year's team, however, is one rebuilt by the signing of a half-dozen veterans to bolster a defense that can stop Dallas.

The latest newcomer, Tim Harris, got a sack Monday night in his first game under a contract that pays him \$5,000 each time he dumps the quarterback.

The Niners led 20-14 at the half, but it might have been more if not for those two San Francisco fumbles.

But Hughes also contributed to San Francisco's scoring, fumbling a punt on his own 7 late in the first quarter, a play that led to the Niners' first TD.

San Francisco took a 3-0 lead on its first possession on Doug'Brien's 40-yard field goal.

The Niners made it 10-0 with 10 seconds left in the first period on Young's TD pass to Jones after Hughes' fumble and appeared to be heading for a 17-0 lead when Young fumbled as he was scrambling to the Saints' 12 and Jimmy Spencer recovered.

UMass leaps to No. 1

The Associated Press

Massachusetts, which shocked the college basketball world by trouncing Arkansas in its season-opener, took over the No. 1 ranking for the first time Monday.

The Minutemen, who beat the top-ranked defending national champions 104-80 in the Tipoff Classic, received all but seven of the 65 first-place votes cast by the national media panel.

Kentucky, which had the other first-place vote, moved up one spot to third and Arkansas, which bounced back with a 97-79 victory over Georgetown, dropped to fourth.

Calipari said being ranked No. 1 never was on his list of goals for the program that he has turned around in his six seasons. The Minutemen got as high as No. 6 last season and this year's No. 3 ranking was their highest ever.

"I never even thought about it," he said of No. 1. "I only wanted the hat in our hands, swinging to win the national title. If you don't have the hat you can never hit a homer. Every year there is talk of 10, 12, 15 teams who can win it all. If you're up there enough maybe you'll get lucky and bump one out of the stadium one time."

It doesn't get easy for Massachusetts as it faces No. 7 Kansas on Saturday and then plays No. 11 Maryland the next weekend.

"I told them this could make you mentally soft," Calipari said. "So we're having practice at 5:30 in the morning this week to make sure

we stay focused on what we have to especially with the semester winding down.

Three teams used early season tournament victories to vault into the top 15.

Arizona State, which beat Michigan and Maryland in winning the Maui Invitational debuted in the poll this season at No. 12, while Minnesota, which beat Arizona in the three-game run to win the Great Alaska Shootout, came in the rankings at No. 15. Arizona State was last ranked in the 1991-92 season.

Ohio University, the preseason NIT champions which included Virginia and New Mexico State among its four victories, moved from 23rd to 14th.

UCLA moved from sixth to fifth and was followed in the Top Ten by Duke, Kansas, Florida, Arizona and Cincinnati.

Maryland, which dropped from seventh, led the Second Ten followed by Arizona State, Wisconsin, Ohio University, Minnesota, Connecticut, Michigan, Michigan State, Georgetown and Georgia Tech.

Wake Forest was No. 21 with Syracuse, Virginia, Villanova and New Mexico State rounding out the Top 25.

Indiana, which lost two of its three games at the Maui Invitational, and Oklahoma State, which did the same at the Great Alaska Shootout, dropped from the rankings having been 11 and 19 last week. Alabama, which didn't play after losing in the second round of the Preseason NIT, also dropped out of the poll.

City Council delays vote on golf fee increase

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Local golfers will have to wait another week to find out if, and by how much, their fees will go up to play at the municipal golf course next year.

The city's golf advisory board has recommended charging \$2 for each round played by a season pass-holder.

To longtime pass-holders, that suggestion sounded about as bright as sending a five-some of beginning golfers out in front of a twosome.

Unpleased twosomes packed City Hall on Monday to tell the City Council know they wouldn't play at Muni if they had to pay an additional \$2 each time they teed it up.

"All of a sudden we have a season pass that's not a season pass," said Greg Lanning. "It's now a season discount card."

Lanning told the council that the golfers who buy season passes are also the golfers who take the most care for the course, fixing divots and ballmarks. Many of them could not afford to play as often under the proposed surcharge, he said.

Virginia Urdjem said the city may lose as many as 25 percent of its pass-holders if it approved the surcharge. "I wouldn't think you want to do that," Urdjem said.

Several other golfers, most of them retired, said they play upward of hundreds of rounds each year at the Muni. Senior 5-day passes cost \$205 in 1994; 7-day passes cost \$235. Playing 100 rounds of golf in 1995 might cost an extra \$200 under the proposed surcharge.

Council members said the golf course has not been making any money.

City Manager Tom Courtney said if fees were unchanged, the city could expect running \$30,000 short on the course. This year, the course produced a \$25,000 shortfall, with expenses of \$266,593 and revenues of only \$241,571. In 1993, the deficit was \$10,500.

"We are not going to be a status quo municipal golf course anymore," said Councilman Howard Allen. "We have to have an increase of some kind to keep the course viable."

What fees will increase is yet to be determined.

The City Council hopes to consider '95 Muni fees again at its Dec. 5 meeting.

WSU gets to prow around down south once again

The Associated Press

PULLMAN, Wash. — For the second time in three years, Washington State coach Mike Price and his Cougars are making plans for a post-season bowl game in the Southwest.

Washington State officials announced Monday that the No. 24 Cougars (7-4 overall) will play Baylor in the Alamogordo Bowl Dec. 31. The Bears of the Southwest Conference also are 7-4. The New Year's Eve game will be played in the 65,000-seat Alamogordo Dome in San Antonio, Texas.

"Baylor is a real competitive opponent," Price said. "I'm excited about playing in the dome."

The Cougars, who finished fourth in the Pacific-10 Conference standings, were guaranteed a bowl berth, but were unsure of where they would play until Monday's announcement.

"We've known for a while we were going to a bowl, but it's exciting to know where and when," athletic director Rick Dickson said.

Bowl roundup — D-3

The invitation represented only the sixth time that a Washington State team has gone to a bowl. Price's 1992 team went 9-3 by beating Utah 31-28 in the Copper Bowl.

Washington State had an outside shot at making the Freedom Bowl Dec. 27 in Anaheim, Calif.: Arizona and Utah were selected instead.

Price had earlier said a Breedom Bowl invitation would be better for recruiting, because many Cougar players are from the Los Angeles area, but he saw new opportunities in Texas.

"I think the exposure of being down there ... will allow us to continue to recruit down there and even recruit a little more," Price said. "There are great running backs in the

state, and we want them, so we were going to be zeroing in on them."

Price is familiar with some Baylor players because his staff tried to recruit them as high school prospects, including their starting quarterback and running back.

The Cougars will begin practicing for the game Dec. 8 and plan to travel to San Antonio on Dec. 26. A bowl appearance gives the team a chance to spend time together away from home, Price said.

"It's things like this that enables the team to get closer, to build the esprit de corps we're looking for," he said.

"This is not just going to help our players by getting in more practices. Just being in a different area together builds team morale. I think, and it's its something we're going to continue to work on."

Washington State has been allocated a block of about 8,000 tickets, ranging in price from \$25 to \$60, Dickson said.

Free throws help Filer top Oakley

By Amy Denton
Times-News writer

FILER — The Wildcats' 17 points from the charity stripe lifted them over Oakley, 54-40, in girls' basketball action Monday night.

"Our free throws really were the key. We were probably the poorest free throw shooters in the conference, so we did some individual changes and ended up 17-for-20 tonight," Filer coach Bruce Lenington said.

With three minutes left in the fourth quarter, Karla Coon, Jolene Haskins and Daffny Denton laid in five points from free throws to seal the victory.

Coon and Haskins both scored eight points, to follow Janesh Chandler's 12. Chandler gathered her points with four three-point goals.

Filer scored the majority of its points from the outside adjusting to the motion offense, Lenington said.

"They are sitting to take better care of the basketball. We didn't turn the ball over too much tonight," Lenington said. The Wildcats gave up 11 turnovers.

Rebounding also proved to be key for Filer. The Wildcats totaled 10 offensive and 27 defensive boards, and held Oakley to 14 total rebounds in the second half.

"The rebounding sparked the offense," Lenington said.

Lenington also praised the team on defense and the matchup zone against Oakley's Catherine Hale outside and Erica Cranney inside.

Hale scored 15 points and Cranney had 11 for the majority of the Hornets' points.

Filer jumped out to a quick start, and was up 13-3 at the end of the first quarter, but Cranney scored seven points in the second to bring Oakley within seven at the half.

The Wildcats took control early in the third, as Karla Coon scored a quick two. Christi Hall stole the ball, and Chandler dropped in a three-point goal in the first 90 seconds of the second half.

Once they started, Filer didn't look back. The closest the Hornets could come was within eight.

"This was a good win for us," Lenington said. The 4-2 Wildcats host Gooding tonight.

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Filer-Chandler 12, Larson 2, Cowger 6, Hall 3, Lutz 10, Haskins 8, Coon 2, Hale 15, Archibald 6, Craney 11, Totals-10 11-16 17-40.
3-point goals-Chandler 4, Cowger, Hale 2, Archibald.

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BYU gets crack at Sooners in Copper Bowl

The Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — Oklahoma agreed Monday to play in the Copper Bowl on Dec. 29 against Brigham Young, bowl officials announced.

It's the first appearance in the Copper Bowl for either team, said Larry Brown, executive director.

"It's a couple of marquee names, a very strong defensive and a passing-minded team, both of whom have been national champions," Brown said. "It's very, very exciting."

The Sooners (6-5) finished fourth in the Big Eight conference while Brigham Young (9-3) tied for second with Utah in the Western Athletic Conference.

Oklahoma coach Gary Gibbs, whose resignation is effective at the end of the year, will remain as coach for the game, athletic director Donnie Duncan said Monday.

Brigham Young's 34-31 loss at Utah on Nov. 19 in the 22nd-ranked Cougars tied with No. 15 Utah for second place in the WAC, behind champion Colorado State.

Though the season ended with some disappointment, as coach LaVell Edwards was denied his bid for a 17th WAC title (sixth in a row), BYU takes pride in its 21-14 upset at Notre Dame.

John Walsh leads the Cougars at quarterback, and was second in the WAC for total offense.

Walsh averaged 289.1 yards per game in that category.

On the year, Walsh threw for a WAC-leading 3,712 yards and 29 touchdowns, but also led the conference in interceptions with 14.

The Cougars' defense ranks sixth in the WAC, allowing 383.6 yards per game.

Orange Bowl: Nebraska vs. Miami

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Top-ranked Nebraska will play Miami in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1.

The Cornhuskers have not beaten the Hurricanes, now ranked No. 4, in three previous bowl games.

Since the Hurricanes' defeated Florida State in this season's fifth game, Miami coach Dennis Erickson said he looked forward to meeting Nebraska with a chance at winning the national championship.

"To play Nebraska here in the Orange Bowl is a goal we've had all year," Erickson said. "We're happy to have the opportunity to play one of the great teams in college."

Nebraska, winners of the Big Eight, will be playing for their third national title, their first since 1973. Miami has four titles since 1983, two of those coming from Orange Bowl wins over Nebraska.

Nebraska (12-0) is making its 14th trip to the Orange Bowl game, but hasn't won in its last five appearances. The losing streak began with a 31-30 loss to Miami in the 1984 game that gave the Hurricanes their first national title.

College bowls

In 1992, Miami shut out the Cornhuskers 22-0 and claimed a share of the national title with Washington. Miami won the 1989 game 23-3; it was Jimmy Johnson's last game as coach at Miami.

Miami is 10-1 and has an eight-game winning streak. The Hurricanes' loss came against Washington and snapped a NCAA record 58-game home winning streak.

If Nebraska wins, it's likely pollsters will vote the Cornhuskers No. 1 in the final poll. Miami's shot at a fifth national title in 12 years is more problematic.

The Hurricanes need to beat Nebraska, and hope Penn State loses to Oregon in the Rose Bowl on Jan. 2. Miami also needs No. 3 Alabama to lose to Florida in this Saturday's SEC title game, or to Florida State should the Crimson Tide earn a Jan. 2 Sugar Bowl berth.

Miami and Nebraska have two of the best defenses in the nation. Erickson said Nebraska's speed on defense makes them a tougher foe than in previous Orange Bowls.

"I've seen them play on television a number of times," Erickson said. "Against Colorado (a 24-7 Nebraska win) that was kind of frightening."

The big improvement with them has come on defense and team speed. They're much better on defense than they have been. In the past they've been known for their offense, but now they have one of the best defenses in the country.

Sugar Bowl: Florida State vs. Florida-Alabama winner

NEW ORLEANS — The Sugar Bowl invited Florida State to play in the Jan. 2 game, meaning the Seminoles could face cross state rival Florida a second time this season.

No. 7 Florida State will face the winner of Saturday's Southeastern Conference championship game between No. 6 Florida and No. 4 Alabama at Atlanta.

Florida State and Florida, each 9-1-1, played a 31-31 tie Saturday.

"I guess our tie with Florida made it a natural for us to go to the Sugar Bowl," Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, whose .794 winning percentage in bowl games ranks as the best mark, said Monday. "It's just amazing how things turned out."

Added Sugar Bowl president Chuck Zaitarian: "If (a rematch) happens, we're billing it as Overtime and the Sugar Bowl. If it doesn't, we'll have them playing the winningest team in the country in Alabama."

Florida tie is what made this come about. Florida State wanted to come to the Sugar Bowl, we wanted them to come, ABC wanted them to come. It gives us a great game no matter who wins the SEC."

Florida State will be making its second Sugar



Wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson will help lead USC against Texas Tech in the Cotton Bowl on Jan. 2.

Bowl appearance. The Seminoles defeated Auburn 13-7 Jan. 1, 1989.

It wouldn't be the first same-season rematch in a major bowl. After beating Oklahoma 17-14 Nov. 11, 1978, Nebraska played the Sooners again in the Orange Bowl. The Cornhuskers lost the rematch, 31-24.

Under the terms of the Bowl Coalition agreement, we were supposed to wait until Saturday to pick the team," Zaitarian said. "But with Nebraska going to the Orange Bowl and the rankings not going to change again before Saturday, we decided to go ahead now. We wanted to make sure we got Florida State."

Cotton Bowl: Southern Cal vs. Texas Tech

DALLAS — Southern Cal will make its 37th bowl appearance, and first in the Cotton Bowl, on Jan. 2.

A source told The Associated Press on Monday the Trojans beat out Arizona (8-3, 6-2) for the spot opposite Southwest Conference representative Texas Tech because of their name appeal.

The Trojans (7-3-1, 6-2) tied Arizona for second place in the Pac-10 after last Saturday's 17-17 tie with Notre Dame.

USC will be only the third Pac-10 team to play in the Cotton Bowl. UCLA with Troy Aikman at quarterback beat Arkansas 17-3 in 1989, and the Oregon Ducks with Norm Van Brocklin at quarterback lost to Southern Methodist and Doak Walker 21-13 in 1949.

Tech's only appearance in the Cotton Bowl

was a 20-13 loss to St. Mary's in 1939 when the Red Raiders weren't an SWC member. Tech (6-5) finished in a five-way tie for the SWC title with Rice, Baylor, Texas Christian and Texas. Texas A&M finished with an undefeated record but was ineligible for a bowl game.

"We're very excited about being able to play the University of Southern California, a team with great tradition and certainly a national reputation," Tech athletic director Bob Brockhart said. "We look forward to the opportunity to compete with them." USC became the Cotton Bowl's pick after Notre Dame decided to go to the Fiesta Bowl and Florida State hooked up with the Sugar Bowl to play either Alabama or Florida. It will be Miami against Nebraska in the Orange Bowl.

USC has 23 bowl victories, second only to Alabama's 26.

Fiesta Bowl: Notre Dame vs. Colorado

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame accepted a bid Monday to play No. 6 Colorado in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 2 in Tempe, Ariz.

"We'd be quite excited to have the opportunity to play a team the caliber of Colorado," Irish coach Lou Holtz said. "Colorado may very well have the Heisman recipient in a great quarterback."

Holtz said he also is excited to be playing Colorado (10-1) in what will be coach Bill McCartney's last game. McCartney announced

his resignation Nov. 19.

Notre Dame (6-4-1) did not have enough wins for a guaranteed spot in either the Cotton, Sugar, Orange or Fiesta bowls, and had to wait for an invitation.

"The runners-up from the Big East and the Atlantic Coast Conference had really beat themselves up a bit, (and Notre Dame) seemed to have everyone back and we just thought they were the best team we had to play Colorado," said Shawn Schoeffel, spokesman for the Fiesta Bowl.

Schoeffel said other teams that were considered were Arizona, which played in the Fiesta Bowl last year, North Carolina and Virginia Tech.

Notre Dame will receive \$3 million for playing in the Fiesta Bowl.

Holtz said despite Notre Dame's record, the team deserves to go to the bowl. He said the Irish proved they could play against one of the top teams in the country when they tied No. 21 Southern Cal 17-17 on Saturday.

Freedom Bowl: Utah vs. Arizona

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Arizona accepted a bid Monday to face Utah in next month's Freedom Bowl, setting up a meeting of the two highest-ranked teams in the 11-year history of the post-season game at Anaheim Stadium.

The Freedom Bowl will be played on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Kickoff time is 6 p.m. (PST). The 15th-ranked Wildcats (8-3) completed their season with a 28-27 victory over in-state rival Arizona State last Friday.

Arizona tied Southern Cal for second place in the Pacific-10 Conference with a 6-2 record, one game behind Rose Bowl-bound Oregon.

No. 14 Utah (9-2) accepted a bid to play in its second straight Freedom Bowl on Nov. 20, a day after beating 22nd-ranked Brigham Young 34-31 in its final game of the season.

The Utes tied BYU for second place in the Western Athletic Conference with a 6-2 record, one game behind Holiday Bowl-bound Colorado State.

Utah, coached by former Arizona offensive line coach Ron McBride, lost last year's Freedom Bowl to Southern Cal 28-21.

Others

Other bowl matchups: Ruse (Penn State-Oregon); Citrus (Alabama-Florida loser vs. Ohio State); Gator (Tennessee-Virginia Tech); Sun (Texas-North Carolina); Peach (North Carolina State-Mississippi State); Hall of Fame (Wisconsin-Duke); Freedom (Arizona-Utah); Independence (Texas Christian-Virginia); Copper (Oklahoma-BYU); Alamo (Baylor-Washington State); Liberty (Illinois-East Carolina); Holiday (Michigan-Colorado State); Las Vegas (Cincinnati-Michigan-UNLV); Caesars (South Carolina vs. New Virginia or Boston College); Aloha (Kansas State vs. Boston College, West Virginia or Syracuse).

Briefly in sports

Boxers duke it out at press conference

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Heavyweights Riddick Bowe and Larry Donald, who will meet Saturday-night at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, got into a brief fight Monday at a Forum news conference.

The boxers were fielding questions from reporters when the incident occurred, according to John Beyrooty, the director of public relations for Forum Boxing.

"All during the question-and-answer period, they had been mumbling to each other," Beyrooty said.

All of a sudden, Beyrooty said, Bowe threw a short left hand and then a right. Both punches struck Donald near the mouth.

Donald appeared to be more surprised than hurt, Beyrooty said, although he was bleeding from the inside of his mouth.

Injury will keep Lendl out of Open

MELBOURNE, Australia — Two-time champion Ivan Lendl will miss the Australian Open tennis championships because of a back injury, tournament officials said Tuesday.

Lendl, 34, won the tournament in 1989 and 1990 and lost in the final in both 1983 and 1981.

"I understand his back is just not up to it," said Tennis Australia president Geoff Pollard. Lendl's world ranking this year has dropped to 54th. The Australian Open, meanwhile, Tuesday announced a 6 percent increase in prize money for the tournament, to be played Jan. 16-29 at the Melbourne Tennis Center. The prize money now will total \$6,228 million.

Oilers fine Slaughter for critical remarks

HOUSTON — Houston Oilers coach Jeff Fisher on Monday fined wide receiver Webster Slaughter one game check worth \$9,529 and threatened to suspend him for the season for his critical comments following Sunday's loss at Cleveland.

Fisher said he would provide Slaughter with a letter spelling out what he must do to avoid being suspended for the rest of the season. Primarily, Slaughter must stop complaining in public.

"If Webster violates terms of the letter, I will suspend him for the rest of the season," Fisher said. "I've decided to take the most drastic measure I can at this point."

Slaughter was upset he was removed from the starting lineup when the Oilers ditched the run-and-shoot offense. He demanded last week to be waived but the Oilers declined to release him.

NHL season in danger as deadline nears

With no negotiations scheduled and an unspoken settlement deadline fast approaching, prospects for saving the NHL season remained at a standstill Monday. The union talked and the owners waited.

And right now they aren't negotiating. Actually, the NHL is playing a waiting game while the NHL Players Association holds internal meetings.

"Bob Goodenow, executive director of the NHL Players Association, was in Toronto on Monday going over three major issues with players-and-agents-free-agency, salary-arbitration and a rookie salary cap."

Nevada star hit with battery charges

RENO, Nev. — Nevada forward Jimmy Moore, a top scorer in the Big West Conference, will miss at least two games following his arrest for allegedly attacking a woman outside a Reno night club, the school said Monday.

Basketball coach Pat Foster suspended Moore from two away games pending the outcome of an investigation into Sunday's incident. Moore, 21, was jailed on suspicion of three misdemeanor battery charges, then released on \$1,359 bail.

Compiled from wire reports

Consecutive wins put Seattle on track — maybe

Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Ready for a second helping of Seahawk optimism?

If Seattle fans seem wary, it's because they remember how quickly the first one turned sour.

The Seahawks won their second straight game by coming from behind to beat Kansas City 10-9 Sunday before 54,120 fans, many of whom showed up just to see Joe Montana.

Not only did they not get to watch Montana finish the game, they saw the Seahawks come back twice after the future Hall of Fame quarterback exited in the third quarter with an injury to his left foot because of the Seahawk pass rush.

Seattle won on John Kasay's 32-

yard field goal with 1:42 to play. Then the Seahawks put the game away when cornerback Orlando Waters used his helmet to knock the ball loose from receiver Lake Dawson and safety Robert Blackman made his second fumble recovery of the afternoon.

The Seahawks' second straight one-point home victory lifted their record to 5-7.

Next up is Indianapolis, also 5-7 after losing at home to New England 12-10 last night. That game next Sunday begins a succession of three straight games against teams with records of 5-9 or worse.

After hosting the Colts, the Seahawks travel to Houston (1-11) before the Los Angeles Raiders (6-6) come to Seattle. The Seahawks finish

in Cleveland (9-3) on Christmas Eve. "The opinion is that we stink," Seattle safety Eugene Robinson said. "So, hey, we can just prove everybody wrong and hopefully we can end up 9-7. Who knows? ... Oregon got to the Rose Bowl."

If anyone needs a reality check, remember what happened two months ago. The Seahawks were a giddy 3-1 after beating Pittsburgh.

They traveled to Indianapolis and fell on their faces 17-15 to start a six-game losing streak.

Given their demonstrated deficiencies and ineptitude during the losing streak, any idea of the Seahawks running the table seems farfetched. But a respectable final month no longer is out of the question.

Vaughn waived

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Seahawks on Monday placed running back Jon Vaughn on waivers, creating an open spot on the team roster that was not immediately filled.

"They have no plans to fill the spot right now," team spokesman Dave Neubert said.

Vaughn has played in all 12 Seahawks games this season, gaining 96 yards on 27 rushing attempts. He averaged 24.6 yards on 18 kickoff returns and caught one pass for 5 yards and a touchdown. He also scored two other touchdowns.

Montana likely to play against Denver Broncos

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Joe Montana's injured foot was diagnosed as a sprain Monday, and the Kansas City Chiefs quarterback was pronounced questionable for next week's game against Denver.

Backup Steve Bono took all the snaps during a light workout, one day after the Chiefs lost 10-9 at Seattle to fall to 7-5.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer said a decision on Montana's availability probably won't be made until Friday at the earliest and game time Sunday at the latest.

Montana, who Sunday became the fifth quarterback in NFL history to throw for 40,000 yards, will be re-evaluated Wednesday, the next practice for the Chiefs after their usual day off Tuesday.

Montana was injured in the third quarter. He tried to come back and then was taken to the clubhouse. He and linebacker George Jamison joined seven other starters Sunday who did not play because of injury.

The only encouragement the Chiefs drew was from news that Montana's left foot was sprained, not broken.

"Montana has a sprain," Schottenheimer said after the short practice. "It's not a fracture. Let's see, Jamison has a strain. A sprain, a strain. There's a difference. It's a sprain for Montana. A strain for Jamison."

Bono would take over an offense that has not scored more than 13 points in six games this season, going 1-5 in those games.

"We got the thing down there,"

Schottenheimer said. "We had 200 yards of offense in the first half, we couldn't get it in there and all we got was six points. We can't get it in there and it's plagued us for quite some time."

"It's a failure to make the throw, a failure to make the catch, a failure of the back to hit the hole. If it was one player, you could deal with that. If it was play energy ... but it's not play energy."

Montana, whose fourth-quarter heroics certainly would have helped against Seattle, was hurt when he stepped up into the pocket to avoid the rush and was tackled from behind as he threw. He tried to return on the next series, but came out after one play.

"He had his foot on the ground as he was delivering the ball and a guy fell on it and he got it twisted," Schottenheimer said. "He went back out there and it bothered him and he felt like he had to come out and I think he made the right decision."

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Up to the minute

SKI INFORMATION

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- McCall
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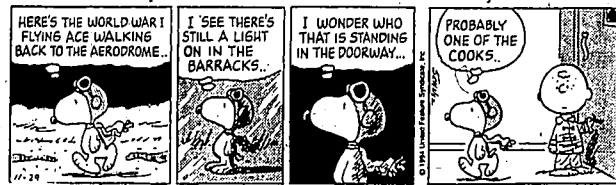
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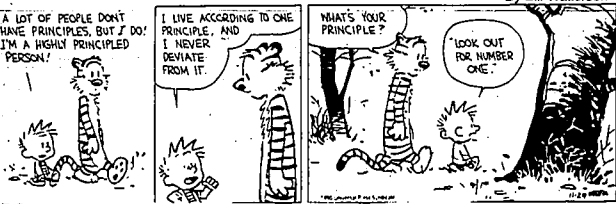
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Garfield



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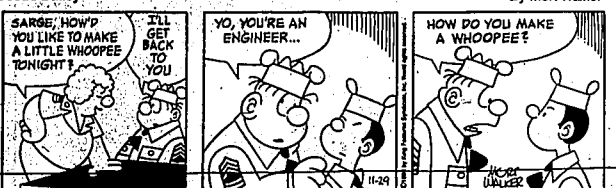
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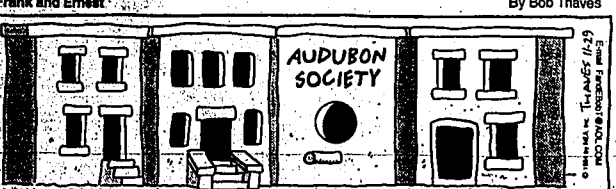
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Beetle Bailey



Frank and Ernest



The Born Loser



For Better or For Worse



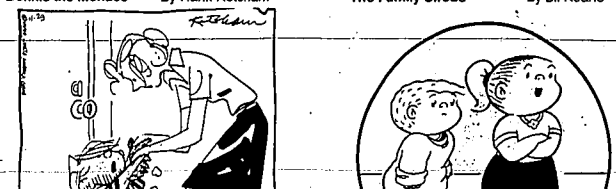
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Dennis the Menace



The Family Circus



1 HAVE * TO GET DIRTY OTHERWISE I'D BE TAKING A BATH FOR NO REASON!

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF NOVEMBER 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You changed your name on more than one occasion, you are unorthodox, controversial, possess an abundance of sex appeal. Cancer, Leo, Aquarius persons play fascinating roles in your life. You are interested in how the "other half" lives, concerned about language, food, travel. You'll experience your most joyous holiday season during December. July and September will be your most memorable, romantic months of 1995. **NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS:** ARIES (March 21-April 19): New approach to partnership, marriage, public opinion featured. You'll break free from any tendency toward premeditated non-communication. **TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Time is on your side, refuse to be intimidated by one who wants something for nothing at your expense. **Attention:** revolves around home, security, direction and material status. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Spotlight on "extravaganza." Where you are will be the "big show." Emphasis on personal magnetism, style, sex appeal. No limitations. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Sensitive. Focus says, "I will never doubt you again!" Legal commitment boosts financial prospects. **SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Look behind scenes, get verification of references, pay close to chest. Spotlight on organization, responsibility, time limitation. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Stress universal appeal, get message across via advertising, publicity program. Libra moon highlights ability to win friends and influence people in all areas of life. Go for it! **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Answer to question: Affirmative, make fresh start in different direction. Libra moon stresses promotion, production, unique honor presented by organization. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Moon position emphasizes vision, philosophy, publishing. Accent the unorthodox, utilize elements of "bling," surprise. Partnership, marital status figure in scenario. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Attention to question: Affirmative, make fresh start in different direction. Libra moon stresses promotion, production, unique honor presented by organization. **Attention:** revolves around money, therapy, publishing. Accent the unorthodox, utilize elements of "bling," surprise. Partnership, marital status figure in scenario. **Attention:** revolves around money, therapy, publishing. Accent the unorthodox, utilize elements of "bling," surprise. Partnership, marital status figure in scenario.

Yesterday's Puzzle solved:

10 Grass-covered plain	11 Kind of bean	12 Indigo	13 Phi	14 Kappa	15 Land of	16 Leprochauns	17 Gloomy	18 Fend a fire	19 In pursuit of	20 Penniless	21 Down	22 Implore	23 Condition	24 Artless	25 Nautical word	26 Weather word	27 Somnolence	28 Uctuous	29 Operate	30 Submerged	31 Go by boat	32 Anderson of TV	33 Gypsy Rose	34 Creature of legend	35 Something mired in	36 Role	37 Dug for ore	38 Spoken	39 Bank or Lugosi	40 Airborne spook	41 Toy that flies	42 Enigma	43 Charished	44 Signal for an actor
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Bullhead babies risk being dinner

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Just read a lengthy article on those fish called bullheads. It details how the female lays 250 eggs on the lake bottom, and how the male swims guard for up to 30 days, fin-fanning the young until they hatch. The piece ends: "Any babies that stay longer than one month are eaten by their father."

When the shapers of the English language changed the word "beaustif" to "buffet," they didn't do much for the pronunciation, did they?

The British novelist, Asella Brockner played professional football, pro teams didn't sell tickets, they passed the hat.

California's Syndicalism Act held that anybody who joined a "forbidden" organization could be jailed for up to 14 years. In 1925 under its provisions, 72 people were sent up.

Is it too personal to ask whether you've ever regretted your mispent youth? The British novelist Asella Brockner implies you shouldn't. Said she: "Time mispent in youth is sometimes all the freedom one ever has."

Add memorable country western song titles: "I Told You I loved You in 32 Bars, Now You Can Buy Your Own Beer, Dear!"

In the basket of a hot air balloon in 1785, a pair of well dressed air pioneers, Pierre Blanchard and Dr. John Jeffries, made quite an impression on spectators as they drifted up from England to cross the Channel. They made quite an impression on spectators as they drifted down at the shore's edge in France, too. The wind had died. They'd jettisoned everything. They were stark naked.

How many manmade contraptions have not been modernized in the last century. Start a list. With piano.

That some snakes can go a whole year without eating anything is well known, but how do they do it without losing weight? Most mysterious.