

Good morning

Today's forecast:

Cloudy with a good chance of snow showers. Highs near 30 degrees. Variable winds 10 to 20 mph. Low near 15.
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Agency says, 'Try again'

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Blaine County commissioners plan a May vote on financing for a new jail.
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A pretty piece of road

Ninety miles of Cassia County road could be designated a "scenic byway."
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Golf rates set

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Too soon to celebrate

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Players adamant

Some of baseball's best say they won't give an inch even if they don't play next year or ever again.
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Buyers ignore rate rise

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Newt Gingrich is chosen speaker of the House by Republicans while the White House takes him to task for charges of drug use and term limits backs call his comments on that measure "a betrayal."
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Canyon rims remain unprotected

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS A proposed canyon-rim zoning law fell into a coma Monday night, with no chance of revival before 1995.

The City Council was set to vote on a zoning law that had taken almost a year to draft. Some councilmen, however, said they weren't ready to act.

The law, which would create special zoning regulations for development within 1,000 feet of the Snake River and Rock Creek canyons, was tabled for a 52-vote

Vice Mayor Art Frantz and councilmen Howard Allen, Tom Condie, Lance Clow and Chris Talkington sided against council

action. Mayor Gale Kleinkopf and Councilman Jeff Gooding voted in the minority.

City Attorney Eric Wondolich told the council that the law could not be considered anew without more advertised hearings. That cannot happen before Dec. 11.

Wondolich said a debate then ensued among the councilmen over the reasons for the non-vote.

Clow tried to force the issue back to a vote. He was able to get Allen to agree, but the motion to reconsider failed to get two-thirds support of the council.

Gooding called the council's non-vote "a miscarriage of justice." Kleinkopf said he thought the council's three public hearings were supposed to have been the forum

for council members to voice their concerns.

Talkington said the law, as written, left him with too many unanswered questions. Condie agreed, saying the threat of legal action needed to be dealt with before the city passed the law.

Kleinkopf said Wondolich had briefed the council fully on the constitutionality of the proposed zoning regulations.

"I could say he needed to hear more before voting," he said. "I don't think that's not doing your homework," he said. "I think that's smart politics."

Dale Riedesel, an engineer who served on the city's special canyon-rim advisory committee earlier this year, said the coun-

cil should have, and could have, prepared for Monday's vote.

After the first meeting (two weeks ago), they should have set up a committee to make recommendations to the ordinance, Riedesel said.

A small Committee of council members, city officials and volunteers could have ironed out the law to address everyone's concerns adequately, he said.

Wondolich said there are that individual council members can meet in groups as large as three, without having to justify the public. Any gathering larger than that would constitute a voting majority and would have to comply with the state's open meetings law, he said.



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Fine day for doing a good deed

Wilma Routt of Twin Falls clears snow from a friend's car to give her a surprise on Monday. Routt said a neighbor had cleared her driveway so she decided to do a favor for someone else.

Snow blowers turn into hot item

By Karen Baumer
Times-News writer

'Plows roll out - B1'

TWIN FALLS A two-day storm finally left the Magic Valley Monday, leaving in its wake aching backs, snow-packed streets, 2,100 people without power and storekeepers anxious over a nationwide snow-blower shortage.

Both Price Hardware and Kregel's Tree Value Hardware are sold out of snow blowers, according to store owners.

Ernst Home and Nursery began Monday morning with 19 and were down to

seven early Monday afternoon, nursery department Manager Louis Sandborn said.

And, according to Jim Gage, area sales manager, Sears had one left Monday afternoon after selling seven earlier in the day.

Residents of Eastern states, recalling last year's storms, have made a run on snow blowers, creating a shortage.

"I called the factory in Chicago. They are out for the season," said Jerry Frisch, the owner of Kregel's.

Other merchants were also busy.

Said Miles Stewart, the owner of Snake River Tire Center: "We're swamped. We're snowed in. We're snowed under."

He said his workers have been putting on snow tires until 8:30 p.m. each day.

"Since Thanksgiving, it's just been a zoo," he said.

With the increase, Snake River Tire Center, Les Schwab Tire Center and Big O Tire Store have sold out of a few sizes of snow tires. But they said that restocking is easy.

Good tires were mandatory for car-pooling parents of school kids; there were no school closures in the Magic Valley despite the snow.

The Twin Falls School District said the roads were safe enough to keep school in session.

"We've had people call unhappy because we didn't let it out this morning," said Rosa Steffens, Superintendent-Terrill Donich's secretary. "The buses were able to make it. If we let school out, a lot of people don't have baby-sitters."

Please see SNOW/A2

Card limits TV use time

The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. Bill Stewart and his friends had the same problem: Their beloved offspring were turning into teen-age couch potatoes.

So they put their heads together and, after some false starts, came up with a solution: a new gizmo called Time Slot.

Parents can use the device to dole out a limited number of hours for watching television and playing video games. Each family member is issued an individual card, which is passed through a slot to "buy" tube time.

"It had to be simple so we hinged it to the credit card," said Stewart, marketing director for Synaptic Designs of Raleigh, which he co-founded with boyfriend friends Wayne Poole and Steve Smith.

"Thousands of consumers have paid \$149.95 each for the device. What it does more than anything is establish the value of time spent in front of the set," Stewart says.

"The thing I noticed right off was how my kids became misers with their TV time," Stewart said. "They no longer kept the set on as background noise while they were doing something else. And they started watching shows that meant something to them, not just a bunch of reruns."

In addition to monitoring how long the TV is used, the device can be programmed to block out particular viewing times, such as late-night hours.

"We created a nation of children addicted to TV. This is a way of realizing it's time to wean off of it," Stewart said.

Molester receives life term in prison

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS Still denying that he ever kidnapped and molested a 4-year-old girl, Herman Clifford "Bunch" Kay was sentenced Monday to spend the rest of his life in prison.

There is no cure for a child molester, 5th District Judge Roger Burdick told the 46-year-old Kay, who was shackled hand and foot.

"You took an innocent child off the streets of this town and you molested her," Burdick said. "The one mitigating factor is

that you returned the child safely.

"If you had not returned her, you would be facing the death penalty in this court."

Kay will serve his life sentence for first-degree kidnapping; at the same time, he will serve a sentence of 25 years to life for the charge of level conduct, Burdick said.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor G. Richard Bevan said it was the first "fixed" life sentence he had seen in his two years in office.

Kay's criminal record goes back nearly two decades. He was placed on probation in 1976 for sexually attacking an 11-year-old girl in the 1980s. He spent five years

in prison for level conduct.

Two months ago, jurors convicted Kay of the two recent felony charges for taking a girl and molesting her; he returned her to a spot near her Twin Falls home.

Although the 4-year-old failed to identify Kay in court, police had found the girl's fingerprints in the bathroom of Kay's house, more than 10 miles from the girl's house.

Kay's lawyers contended police lied to the jury and manufactured evidence to frame him. But jurors sided with Bevan, who described Kay's crime as "the most cowardly and despicable imaginable."

Bentsen denies resignation rumors

Journal of Commerce

WASHINGTON Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Monday reports of his resignation are "premature."

He told a National Press Club gathering that "you will be among the first to know" when he decides to resign. Meanwhile, he said, he will act as host for a meeting of Western Hemisphere Finance ministers this weekend in Miami, during the 34-nation Summit of the Americas.

But if, in fact, Bentsen does resign soon, it may prove untimely for the Clinton administration as it seeks to deal next year with a Republican-controlled Congress, analysts here said.

Bentsen, a former Senate Finance Committee chairman, "is a special relationship with key legislators. Not few, if any, other Clinton administration officials enjoy, they said, "He is seasoned and a voice of reason," said Robert McNellie, vice chairman of the Emergency Committee for American Trade, a group of U.S.-based multinational firms.

Those kinds of qualities, others said, may be critical next year, as the administration reacts to Republican efforts to advance their new "Contract with America"

agenda, including important tax and budgetary proposals. International trade legislation also is expected to figure prominently on Capitol Hill.

Without Bentsen, said one observer, the administration's "clout" in Congress is likely to be diminished.

Bentsen, said McNellie, played a key role in Congress's passage this month of the Uruguay Round trade agreement and was even more effective in helping get the North American Free Trade Agreement passed last year.

The treasury secretary is credited, too, for helping push through a budget-cutting bill that has apparently helped reverse the ballooning federal deficit.

"He deserves tremendous credit for that," said William Cline, a senior fellow at the Institute for International Eco-



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nomies.

U.S. financial relations with other key nations also seem more collegial since Bentsen became secretary, Cline said.

Lower German interest rates and Japanese economic stimulus programs of the sort Bentsen had urged are helping to lay the basis for a better world economy.

Bentsen himself alluded to that Monday.

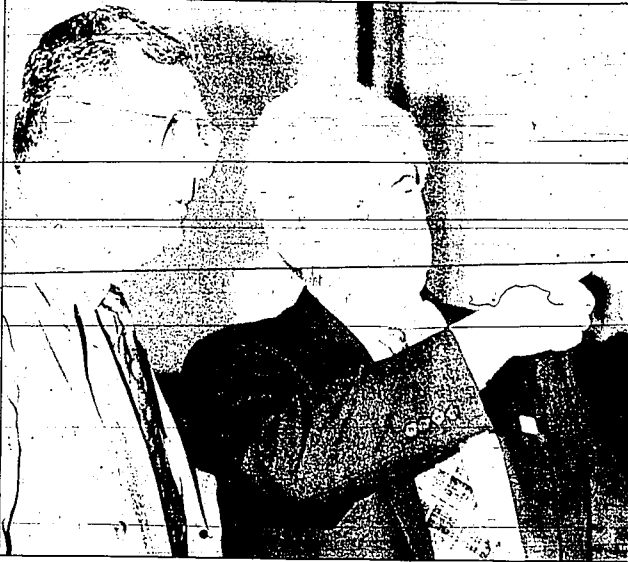
"I work with finance ministers the way I work with Congress. When I have an idea or an issue to discuss, I pick up the phone."

Bentsen's handling of the yen-dollar relationship over the last two years also won praise.

Bentsen's early exchange rate commitments helped raise the yen to a needed boost and since then the yen-dollar rate has more or less stabilized.

Nation

House Republicans pick Gingrich, Armey, DeLay



Newt Gingrich of Ga., right talks with Rep. Dick Armey, R-Texas on Capitol Hill Monday after their fellow Republicans voted Gingrich as House Speaker and Armey as Majority Leader.

WASHINGTON (AP) — To chants of "Newt, Newt, Newt," jubilant Republicans chose combative, conservative Newt Gingrich on Monday to be the first GOP speaker of the House in four decades.

He vowed action to improve "economic opportunity and the safety of virtually every American."



DeLay

Gingrich said Republicans would move swiftly beginning on the first day of the new Congress in January to implement their "Contract With America," a campaign manifesto that helped power many GOP candidates to victory last month.

He cited recent polling information that said the public backed Republican plans for tax cuts, tougher crime measures, and welfare reform by eye-catching margins. "We were elected to keep our word," said the Georgia Republican. "We will keep our word."

While Gingrich's elevation won't become official until the 104th Congress convenes on Jan. 4, his unanimous selection by GOP lawmakers came at a midpassage of an ambitious overhaul of House operations. The Georgia Republican, 51, let drop one additional word during a four-hour speech: With deep staff cuts in the works, the GOP caucus is likely to vote today to sell one of the federal buildings that House workers occupy.

In other leadership races, Texas Rep. Richard Armey was unanimously elected majority leader, followed by Tom DeLay won a three-way race for whip, the No. 3 job in the hierarchy.

The all-Southern cast to the GOP leadership reflects the importance of the Sun Belt as a power center for the

new Republican majorities in the House and Senate. Of the party's top five leaders in the House and Senate, only Majority Leader Bob Dole, of Kansas, 71, is from a different region of the country.

Gingrich's remarks to the caucus were a blend of the personal, political and professional. He choked up briefly as he thanked his wife, Marianne, for her support, suggested all Republican lawmakers read the Declaration of Independence and other works, and offered a sobering political caution to those still celebrating last month's triumphs.

Not since the 1920s, he said, have Republicans held a House majority for two consecutive terms.

His speech was more like a presidential nominee's remarks or an inaugural address than an elected legislator's. It was sprinkled with references to Franklin Roosevelt, Ronald Reagan and Margaret Thatcher.

Recalling Roosevelt's Depression-era declaration, Gingrich said, "I think we want to say to the nation that we have nothing to fear but fear itself—that we can reach out together as a family, all Americans, and we can dramatically improve the quality of life, the economic opportunity and the safety of virtually every American between now and the year 2000."

Armey, 54, was first elected to the House a decade ago. He worked with Gingrich in shaping the "Contract With America," and is known for an occasional acerbic remark. "Your president is just not that important to us," he blurted out to Democrats during floor debate on a major crime bill this year.

DeLay, 47, and like Armey first elected in 1984, triumphed over two rivals in the whip's race. He gained 119 votes to 80 for Pennsylvania Rep. Robert Walker, who had Gingrich's support, and 28 for Rep. Bill McCollum of Florida.

White House refutes Gingrich's charges

WASHINGTON (AP) — Suggesting a pattern of Republican recklessness, President Clinton's top adviser said Monday "we cannot do business" with Newt Gingrich if the new House speaker insists on making unfounded allegations.

From chief of staff Leon Panetta to first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, the administration pounced on Gingrich for his charges that up to a quarter of the White House staff had used illegal drugs.

"His charges are absolutely false," Panetta said angrily.

"The time has come when he has to understand that he has to stop behaving like an out-of-control radio talk show host and begin behaving like the speaker of the House of Representatives," Panetta said.

Saying he saw signs of "a troubling pattern," Panetta compared Gingrich's remarks with Republican Sen. Jesse Helms' recent warning that Clinton would need a bodyguard if he ever visited North Carolina.

"I think it is so unfair," the first lady

said of Gingrich's remarks. She said she hoped it was "a momentary lapse."

If any Republicans were bothered by Gingrich's accusations, there was no sign of it as House GOP members joyfully installed him as the next House speaker, cheering, "Newt, Newt, Newt," in victorious speeches. He was praised as a visionary.

Rep. Bob Walker, R-Pa., a close Gingrich ally, said, "This White House is going to have to learn that they no longer have tap dogs on Capitol Hill... They're also going to have to learn there's a new majority here."

Gingrich ignited the latest flap between Republicans and the White House when he charged in a television interview that up to a quarter of the White House staff had used drugs in the past four or five years.

Gingrich, who has admitted smoking marijuana as a youth, said the source of his information was a senior law enforcement official, whom he did not name.

Panetta said that in the White House uses drugs. "If Newt Gingrich

has evidence to the contrary, he ought to tell me that, he ought to make it public and I'll fire them," Panetta said.

The White House seized on Gingrich's remarks as evidence that Republicans are out of control and willing to go to any length to undercut Clinton.

"The bigger concern that I have," Panetta said, "is that this is part of a troubling pattern that we see with Jesse Helms and now with Newt Gingrich in which they engage in reckless accusations. They impugn the integrity not only of the president but now every member of the White House staff without facts, without evidence, without any foundation."

Helms, who is taking over as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, eventually said his remark was a mistake.

The White House was slow to react to Gingrich's charges Sunday, with administration officials saying they didn't want to dignify his comments with a reply. Once Gingrich's comments made a front-page splash, the

White House hit back.

Panetta invited reporters to his office at midmorning to respond to Gingrich. When television reporters asked if he would do it again in front of cameras, Panetta readily agreed.

"He's speaking of the House of Representatives. Words matter," Panetta said. "And he's no longer just the majority whip... He's not the editor of a cheap tabloid. He's not just an out-of-control radio talk show host."

Panetta said, "The main point is that we cannot do business here with the speaker. We cannot do business with the speaker of the House who is going to engage in these kinds of unfounded allegations."

"We need to work with him... We can't do business on the basis of unfounded allegations and on innuendo."

Panetta said Clinton has the toughest anti-drug policy of any administration. All job applicants are required to take drug tests, make full disclosure of prior drug use, undergo FBI background checks and submit to random drug testing.

Newt's stand on term limits called 'betrayal'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Incoming House Speaker Newt Gingrich says he favors term limits that would allow him and other incumbents to serve 12 more years in Congress — leading a term-limits lobbying group to charge "betrayal."

Arguing three terms should be enough, Paul Jacob, executive director of U.S. Term Limits, which claims 70,000 members, said his group would sue Gingrich, who voted for the six-term limit that Gingrich endorsed over the weekend.

"If they vote down three terms in favor of their own watered-down term limits, that is a betrayal, no question about it," he said in an interview.

In the GOP's pre-election "Contract With America," Gingrich, R-Ga., promised a House vote within 100 days of the opening of the 104th Congress Jan. 4 on two proposals for a constitutional amendment. One would limit House members to three terms, and one to six terms. Senators would be limited to two six-year terms.

Gingrich said Sunday in a "Meet the Press" interview on NBC that he supports the six-term limit. He said limiting representatives and senators to the same number of years is "a matter of the long-run balance of power in Washington" and "is constitutionally better."

Jacob dismissed that argument as "flimsy," contending that the Founding fathers "wanted the Senate to be the more deliberative body" and provided for six-year Senate terms to achieve that.

He said the philosophical goal of term limits proposals is to create a citizen legislature rather than one composed of career politicians. "Twelve years is a career," he said.

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White House travel office faces hearings

WASHINGTON (AP) — The former chief of the White House travel office expects to be indicted on embezzlement charges. His attorney promised a vigorous defense Monday in the case that has already embarrassed the Clinton administration and will generate new congressional hearings.

Steven C. Tabackman, attorney for Billy R. Dale, fired in a purge of the travel office in May 1993, said federal prosecutors plan to ask a grand jury Wednesday or Friday to charge Dale with stealing \$69,000 in money paid by news organizations for their reporters' travel with the president.

An affidavit that month found the office kept sloppy records. But controversy began when it was learned initial complaints came from Catherine A. Cornelius, a 25-year-old distant cousin of President Clinton, who was assigned to the office and wanted to run it, and from Harry Thomason, a Hollywood producer and friend of Clinton's who wanted travel office business for his charter company.

Five of those fired were rehired elsewhere in government; a sixth retired.

The firings already have been criticized in an internal report by then-White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty and by Congress' General Accounting Office. The House Government Operations Committee intends to hold hearings next year.

The trial, which might not begin until June, could produce testimony from Hillary Rodham Clinton, who, according to the previous inquiries, was briefed about the travel office and once told a top White House aide to get "our people" info the office.

Tabackman would not discuss individual witnesses he might call but said, "We intend to examine closely all the people who had any role in the Clinton administration's plans to give away the potentially lucrative travel business to a private entity."

Dale, 57, began work at the White House more than 30 years ago and in 1982 took charge of the travel office where he was paid about \$75,800 a year. He is starting a legal defense fund, Tabackman said.

"No one who has worked with Billy Ray Dale or who has had any contact with him either personally or professionally during the 31 years that he served the White House and the media believes for an instant that Mr. Dale embezzled a cent from the travel office," Tabackman said.

Gay lobby chooses new director

WASHINGTON (AP) — The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, a lobbying group beset by recent budget and personnel problems, has chosen a leftist San Francisco health commissioner as its new executive director.

Melinda Paras, 41, was named Monday by the task force's board to lead the 32,000-member civil rights and educational organization. Paras spent the last four months as the group's acting executive director after the previous officerholder, under pressure from the board, returned to her old job as public policy director.

But even before Paras was offered the post permanently, she drew fire from gay and lesbian activists for her leftist political views and for her role as a leader of the Shanti Project, a San Francisco AIDS-service organization.

Paras has belonged to Marxist-Leninist political groups and was arrested in the Philippines in the 1970s, accused of working with guerrillas attempting to overthrow then-President Ferdinand Marcos.

Paras resigned last year as deputy executive director of the Shanti Project amid charges that sloppy accounting records could not explain where the group had spent more than \$300,000 in public funds.

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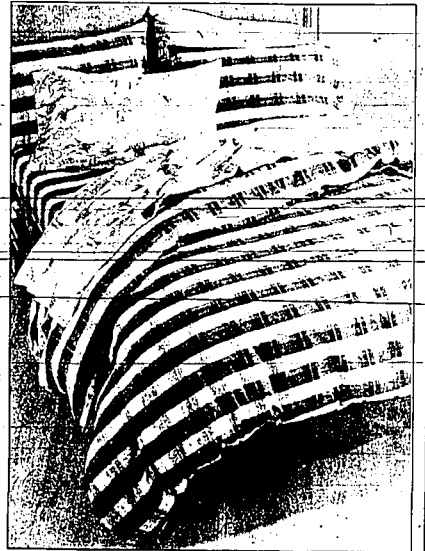


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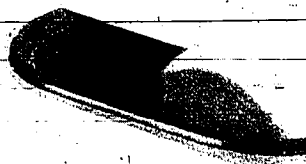
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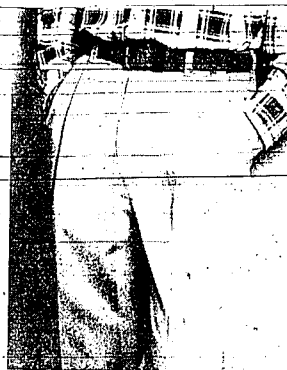
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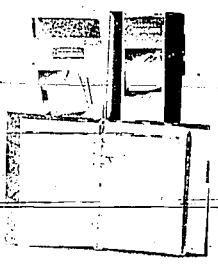
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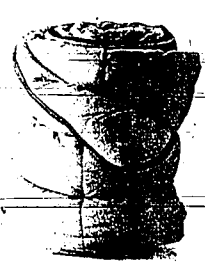
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Opinion

Editorial

Religious issue shouldn't obstruct Wood's execution

Wonder why lawyers have such a dubious reputation?

Consider the legal eagles trying to get confessed child killer James Edward Wood off Death Row.

Boise attorneys Roll Kehne and John Adams, who are being paid by the taxpayers to handle an appeal Wood once said he didn't want, have spent the past week trying to convince 6th District Judge Lynn Winnill that Wood was improperly condemned to death for killing 11-year-old Jeralee Underwood.

The reason? Because both Wood and his victim were Mormon.

Never mind that Wood repeatedly confessed to abducting Jeralee on June 29, 1993, while she collected from customers on her Pocatello newspaper route. Forget that he shot her to death the next day, sexually violated her body a week later, then cut it up and dumped it into the Snake River in Idaho Falls.

Wood, Kehne argues, was just a victim of circumstance.

That's because the Pocatello public defender who handled his case, Monte Whittier, is a Mormon and was a law partner of the former bishop of the Underwoods' LDS ward, and because Whittier allowed another law partner and the president of the Underwoods' Mormon stake to talk to Wood about what he had confessed to doing and his Mormon faith.

Kehne also says that Winnill himself, who sentenced Wood to death, is

prejudiced because he served in the same LDS leadership group with Jeralee's father.

The upshot is that the Underwoods, who already went through the agony of hearing the details of their daughter's murder and mutilation in open court, now have had their faith put on trial.

And for what? To prove that in a community where many Mormons live, a lot of them know each other socially and are active in their religion?

Wood (who was fond of calling reporters from his Hamock County Jail cell to describe his crimes and who asked Winnill to sentence him to death) had the option at any time of telling Whittier, his partners and anyone else who broached the subject of religion to take a hike.

But repentance served his purposes then, and it has come in handy now — a wedge to milk the appeals process for a reduction in his sentence, or possibly even a reversal of his conviction.

Wood has decided that he can forgive himself after all, and maybe he can persuade an appellate court to do the same — if his lawyers can successfully portray Whittier and Winnill as avenging angels.

In their pain, the Underwood family must wonder how high the price of justice really is. We think they've long since paid it.

Now it's James Edward Wood's turn.

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GOP should turn attention to reforming U.S. schools

HONOLULU — When the new Republican congressional majority finishes strategy planning for lowering taxes and shrinking government, the very next agenda item should be restructuring the way this country educates its children. If the economic and governmental New Deal ended on Election Day, then the intellectual Rav Deal should have ended, too.

Hillside College's Shayan Institute fired a big shot in the opening round of the ongoing debate on how to restructure the schools at a seminar held in Hawaii called "Educating for Virtue: The New Values Revolution." George Roche, president of the 150-year-old Michigan school, said the reason we have a values crisis is "because of the public school's failure to teach the difference between right and wrong, virtue and vice." Roche contended that "the education establishment has been seduced by relativism" and that "morals are no longer a concern to educators."

Roche compared contemporary public education to the failed Soviet agriculture system that imposed decisions from the top down. He said the huge amount of money spent on education has subsidized failure. "The public schools, on balance, have done more harm to education than any other source."

Test scores comparing government schools to private schools support his view. In the last of many surveys which, over a number of years, have confirmed a trend, Stanford Achievement and Iowa Basic Skills tests consistently show that private school students do better in every category than their counterparts in government schools. Schools affiliated with the American Association of Christian Schools scored above the national average on the Stanford test in grades K-11 and were equal to the national average in 12th grade. Similar results were reported in the Iowa tests. Home-schoolers fared even better. They outperformed their public counterparts in every category they placed in the top one-third nationally.

Supporters of government schools contend that the statistics are skewed because they must take everyone, while private schools can be selective. That's why private school parents do better, they say.

Let's tell that to Paul Adams, a former participant, who is the principal of Providence-St. Mel School in one of Chicago's highest crime areas. Of those inner-city kids who graduate from Adams' school, 100 percent go on to four-year colleges. There are no drugs, gangs or truancy allowed. Adams' focus is on hard work, discipline and honesty.

Adams says that academics alone aren't enough to produce the type of young person we say we want but too often fail to create. The school takes no government money. "We don't want the government telling us how to



Cal Thomas

do what they failed to do," says Adams. And it is funded entirely by donations from corporations, individuals (Oprah Winfrey recently gave \$1 million) and foundations. It costs \$5,200 annually to educate a student at Providence-St. Mel. Just less than the government schools, and the product is better.

"We don't buy into the welfare mentality," says Adams. "Every family must raise at least part of the tuition toward the student's education." While the discipline is strict, the rewards are generous. Students get straight A's as a reward for good behavior, and there are cash benefits for those who do well well above average.

The government schools, like the postal service, remain a monopoly, and any monopoly eventually loses its qualitative edge in the absence of competition. As long as public schools remain a protected monopoly, they cannot and will not improve, no matter how much money is spent.

In fact, between 1963 and 1989, when education spending increased substantially, national SAT test scores fell 77 points. Iowa Achievement scores also declined. One-fourth of students didn't finish high school during that 26-year period. At the college level, half of entering students didn't graduate and those who did were often ill prepared and lacked basic skills.

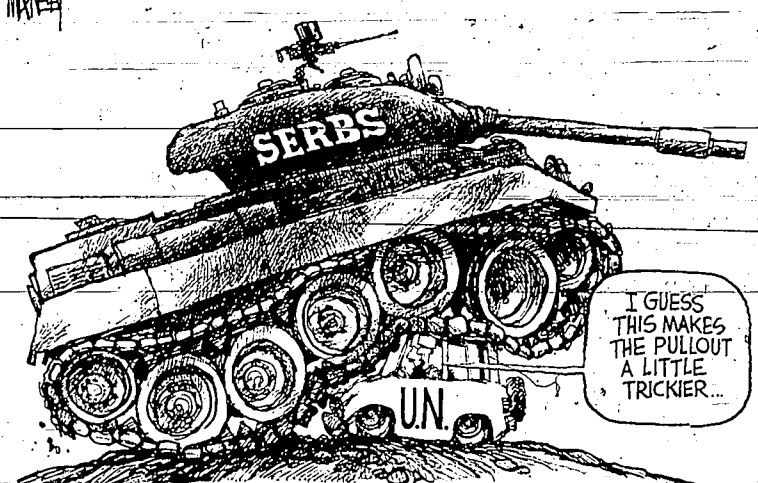
No more reforms. What is needed is a transformation, opening up the system to competition and returning to parents the role of primary decision-makers for where their children are educated and which curriculum promotes their values.

The Swiss school system can serve as a model. In Switzerland, parents vote on whether to retain teachers in a system of accountability. Most remain because teachers work harder knowing that a good performance will mean membership in a teachers' union will protect their jobs.

There's a clear immediate, radical and workable step that must be taken to transform education in ways that will produce intellectually strong and morally sound individuals for the new millennium. The new Republican Congress can begin the process by removing the federal presence from education and returning power to the people and to local communities.

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White males find their voice: the vote

Milton Viorst

our own times lies in the globalization of the workplace, unprecedented in human experience.

American workers once blamed their ills on faceless capitalists in New York and lashed out at blacks and immigrants for trying to steal their livelihood. That tradition remains, but now the facelessness belongs to traders in Tokyo, bankers in Hong Kong, industrialists in Munich. The workingman is more frustrated than ever at his lack of recourse.

The Toyota that the American male drives in itself confirms the power that foreign economies have over him. Global competition is real, not imagined; it exercises a serious drag on the rewards of his labor. The white male of today turns a deaf ear to old-fashioned appeals to class conflict. Instead, he senses that the North American Free Trade Agreement and the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade — inevitable as globalization of the economy may have made them — will, at least in the short run, worsen his plight. American capitalism has adapted to the new conditions, but in the process the American worker has become much more vulnerable.

But are not black men equally vulnerable? Maybe the answer is that a sense of insecurity is so natural to blacks that they take it for granted and vote as they always have.

Surely, however, another factor — perhaps linked to globalization — is also gnawing away at the white male voter. A couple of decades ago, he was the sole breadwinner

and the proud master of the household. Today, the two-income family has become the norm, and the wife often earns more than he does. Patriarchy is finished, and the man of the house has to learn to share not only the decisions but also the dishes.

It is the profound cultural and economic transformation of our civilization rather than specific political grievances that are at the root of the anger that voters expressed last month. A few weeks ago, a white male taxi driver in a Southern town growled to me about "your stupid president and her husband." In pointing an irate finger at Hillary Rodham Clinton, he was conveying the anxiety that many men feel with the higher status that women have attained in our culture. No doubt the women's movement — and perhaps the black and gay movements — have diminished the white man's sense of himself and shifted the way he casts his vote.

Not long ago, Americans needed to safeguard the government to defend them — against communists, but the Cold War is over. Now they can safely turn to candidates who promise to dismantle the institutions of the state and even to third parties that propose to wreck some of them entirely.

The American male seems to feel alone and frightened. He is angry at the system for failing him, but the problem may be so far beyond the powers of government that there is little that Clinton or anyone else can do to correct it.

Milton Viorst is a Washington writer who wrote this commentary for the Los Angeles Times.

Letters

Bring back Mary, Baby Jesus

I am furious with the postmaster general. Next year, there will be no Christmas stamp showing Mary and the Baby Jesus. There are those out there trying to erase Christianity from our lives and just look at the terrible state our once-great country is in. This country was founded under God, and it will not survive as a great nation without him.

Please join with me and write to the postmaster general protesting the removal of a religious Christmas stamp. There have always been two stamps — one with Santa Claus and one with Mary and Baby Jesus. Let the public decide which it wants to buy and use.

Don't just sit back and take it, get out your pen and fight back by writing to the Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service, 475 Lenfant Plaza S.W., Washington, DC 20268-6800.

May your celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ be glorious.
RUTH BROWN Gooding

Environmentalists need glasses

Where do the midcent environmentalists get their money? I think they should use some of their money to get their leaders better glasses.

Doonesbury



for fire protection and I'm sure we'll respond as soon as possible.
RAYMOND FABELA
Castelford

Stop snooping into private lives

I have not written very many letters to the editor but feel that I must respond to the article that was written about Tom Condie in the Nov. 26 paper.

I have rarely read an article that I felt was in such poor taste as this one. It was journalism at its poorest to feed on the health and financial problems of Mr. Condie. Everyone has a right to privacy, and his was violated by Mr. McCarthy's insatiable probing into his private affairs.

Journalism is to report news, offer opposing points of view and to editorialize on current issues. I do not think that Mr. McCarthy did any of those. He stooped to petty gossip, sensationalizing and maligning a good man's reputation.

It might be argued that Mr. Condie's difficulties are newsworthy because he is a former mayor. I can only say to Mr. McCarthy that if his life ever happens to take a turn for the worse, I hope that it is printed in detail in the Times-News because he is a Times-News writer.

BONNIE HAMILTON
Jerome

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

Yeltsin accuses U.S., NATO of excluding Russia

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Upstaging a 52-nation security summit, Russian President Boris Yeltsin on Monday accused the United States and its NATO allies of trying to exclude and isolate it.

"Why sow the seeds of mistrust? After all, we are no longer enemies — we are all partners now," Yeltsin said in an uneasy start to the two-day conference on reducing tensions in an increasingly unstable Europe.

"No major country is going to live by the laws of isolation," he said in attacking NATO for agreeing last week to draw up conditions for admitting former Warsaw Pact forces. "Any such country will reject (having) such a game played with it."

The conflict in Bosnia, raging not far from this picturesque Central European capital, also threatened to upset the summit of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe.

Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic heaped scorn on the West for doing so little to stop the carnage that has left 200,000 dead and missing.

"What is happening in Bosnia is the weakness of the West," he said in an address unusual for its bitterness. "It is nothing more than that."

President Clinton, in his speech, sought to focus attention on fresh moves to end nuclear confrontation on the European continent.

Standing side by side, Clinton and Yeltsin formally put in force the



President Bill Clinton, right, and Russian President Boris Yeltsin sign the Non-Proliferation Treaty in the Budapest Convention Center Monday, the first day of a two-day summit meeting in Hungary.

Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty, the first accord ever to reduce long-range nuclear weapons.

"Today we herald the arrival of a new and safer era," Clinton said at a

ceremony also attended by leaders of the former Soviet republics of Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine.

Under the START II accord, long-range missiles stockpiled by the

United States and the former Soviet Union will be slashed by about one-third, and the stage set for U.S. Senate action on the START II accord and its provisions for deeper,

50 percent, reductions.

At the same ceremony, Ukraine, the world's third largest nuclear power, renounced its arsenal of nuclear arms inherited from the Soviet breakup.

"It's hard to overestimate the importance of the event that has just taken place," Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma said after signing the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons.

Ukraine will become nuclear-free around the end of the century.

Summit participants are searching for ways to use the CSCE to defuse European tensions. But Yeltsin's remarks underscored the difficulties in agreeing on security measures in the post-Cold War era.

Russia has long sought to make the CSCE the premier security organization in Europe. The United States favors a more assertive CSCE, though not at the expense of the 16-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

Created in 1975, the CSCE was the only institution in which NATO and the Soviet-led Warsaw Pact came together to discuss security and human rights issues.

Speaking ahead of Yeltsin, Clinton sought to head off the

Russian's criticisms of NATO membership plans by saying the alliance "will not automatically exclude any nation from joining."

In an obvious reference to Moscow, he added: "No country outside will be allowed ... to veto expansion."

But Moscow clearly saw the allies' move to draw in its neighbors as a potentially hostile one.

With Clinton signing not far away, Yeltsin

thundered, "Europe has not yet freed itself from the heritage of the Cold War (and) is in danger of plunging into a Cold Peace."

In a slap at Washington, Yeltsin said it was a "dangerous delusion" to think the "destinies of continents and of the world community in general can somehow be managed from one single capital."

The alliance, in ordering a year-long study of entry requirements, thought it had found a clever formula for meeting East European demands for membership without upsetting Moscow.

The allies promised not to identify front-runners for membership. Poland and Hungary are considered leading candidates, nor set a date for entry. Moreover, it offered Moscow a special dialogue on security and other issues.

Why sow the seeds of mistrust? After all, we are no longer enemies.

— Boris Yeltsin

In Taiwan and China, similarities bring out countries' differences

By John Leicester
The Associated Press

TAIPEI, Taiwan — The outdoor theater was packed.

Couples hugged, old men waved flags, a child stuck a campaign sticker on his nose. One by one, to cheers from the crowd, people took the microphone and spoke their minds.

Analysis

The occasion was an election rally in Taipei, but the scene took me back to Beijing in 1989, when similar scenes were acted out day after day in a clamor for the democracy long denied to the Chinese people.

In the 1980s the governments of the two rival Chinas were confronted with restless populations and hard choices. China's Communists chose repression, and the democracy movement crashed in flames at Tiananmen Square. Taiwan opted for democracy, and Saturday's elections brought it close to full bloom.

For a visitor who was in Beijing in 1989 and in Taipei last weekend, the sense of déjà vu was strong: the crowd's cries of "Jia You" — Go For It! The enthusiastic faces and eagerness to regale a foreigner with political opinions; the banners swirling from bamboo poles.

There were the swarms of young Taiwanese on flag-festooned motorbikes, waving and cheering to passersby, so like their kinpeople in Beijing who cycled daily to Tiananmen Square, chanting "We want change!"

Most of all, it was the atmosphere during the brief two months of the Tiananmen Square movement. A people silenced for centuries by tyrants suddenly felt free.

Yet, for all their insistence that there is only one China, the two sides have taken sharply divergent paths.

Taiwan's ruling Nationalists fled to this island in 1949 after China's Communists beat them in a civil war. Despite their different ideologies, their



A worker piles up campaign flags from a Taipei street Sunday after Saturday's elections for governor and mayors passed peacefully.

styles were not much different, both suppressed free speech, jailed dissidents and banned democracy.

But when public pressure for change reached the bursting point in the 1980s, their reactions could hardly have been more different.

Taiwan's Nationalists lifted martial law in 1987, and legalized the opposition. Two years later China's Communists sent troops and tanks into Tiananmen Square.

The gunshots in Beijing killed the democracy movement dead. Last week, the nearest sound to gunfire in Taipei was celebratory firecrackers.

In China, the political outlook after 50-year-old paramount leader Deng Xiaoping dies is hazy. In Taiwan the road ahead looks open and secure.

Saturday's election for governor and mayors passed peacefully. The opposition Democratic Progressive Party captured Taipei City Hall. In 1996, Taiwan will elect its president for the first time.

China's choice of force in 1989 was surprising, because it seemed at odds

with economic reforms the regime was carrying out with the aim of catching up with Asian economic powerhouses like Taiwan.

Those reforms are creating a middle class not dissimilar to Taiwan's, with their cars, phones and rock 'n' roll. Huge private Taiwanese investment in China is fueling an economic coming-together, but politically the two Chinas have drifted far apart.

Both governments cling to the ideology of reunification, but the longer China resists democracy, the less ordinary Taiwanese believe in it.

"Our living standards and points of view are so different from the mainland that it is impossible to immediately reunify," says Hsu Shui-chen, the Nationalist Party chair.

President Lee Teng-hui boasts that Taiwan is the world's first all-Chinese democracy. His hopes events like Saturday's election will embolden China's leaders to follow the same path.

Taiwan provides a powerful retort to China's argument that democracy is an alien Western concept unsuited to China.

Court orders release of jailed Islamic lawyer

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — A court on Monday ordered the release of an Islamic fundamentalist lawyer jailed seven months ago on charges he was a middleman for Muslim extremists.

Montasser el-Zayat frequently defied members of the outlawed al-Gamaa al-Islamiya, which has been waging a 26-year-old campaign of violence to replace Egypt's secular government with Islamic rule.

His wife confirmed the release order but expressed fear that the Interior Ministry would issue another arrest warrant under emergency laws in effect since 1981.

El-Zayat and 27 other lawyers were arrested in Cairo on May 18, a day after police clashed with attorneys protesting the death of a colleague in police custody. The other lawyers were freed in July.

El-Zayat was charged with acting as a link between al-Gamaa leaders outside Egypt and their followers inside. The case was never taken to court.

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Britain's Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind, left, and Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, commander of U.N. troops in Bosnia-Herzegovina talk to the press after their meeting in Divulje Barracks in Split, Croatia Monday.

U.N. sharply condemns Serbs for failing to free peacekeepers

OSARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — The United Nations condemned Serb forces Monday for reneging on their promise to release hundreds of peacekeepers and warned that food was running desperately short in government-held enclaves.

Even news that Bosnian Serbs had agreed to allow two civilian aid convoys to pass through their territory Tuesday en route to the towns of Srebrenica and Gorazde was greeted cautiously.

"We'll see how they go," said Kris Janowski, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokesman in Sarajevo.

In an uncharacteristically blunt assessment of U.N. operations in Bosnia, the chief U.N. political spokesman in Sarajevo accused the Bosnian Serbs of "a deliberately designed, carefully calculated insult against the United Nations, which can only be allowed to pass at great cost."

"The international community should understand clearly that the Bosnian Serbs are not only waging war against the Bosnian government, but that they are targeting UNPROFOR, detaining its personnel, denying others essential supplies," said Thant Myint-U.

UNPROFOR stands for United Nations Protection Force.

The toughly worded statement, which appeared to be a plea for international attention rather than a threat, came as the U.N. commander in Bosnia, British Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, met with Britain's defense secretary on the future of the U.N. mission.

After talks in Split, Croatia, Rose said the United Nations had a "moral duty" to continue operations in Bosnia. British Defense Secretary Malcolm Rifkind acknowledged increasing pressure for a withdrawal of the 24,000 peacekeepers in

Bosnia. But he said the peacekeepers were "doing very valuable work" despite their deteriorating position.

Bosnian Serbs continued holding 349 peacekeepers, despite a promise Friday from their leader Radovan Karadzic for their release. The peacekeepers were detained after NATO airstrikes two weeks ago.

'The situation seems to be more stuck, and much less workable, than during any other crisis in the past.'

— Kris Janowski, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

Rose was expected to meet Monday night with Bosnian Serb military leader Lt. Gen. Ratko Mladic to discuss the detained peacekeepers.

Serbs on Sunday released 53 Dutch and British peacekeepers who were accompanying military supply convoys for Srebrenica and Gorazde.

In Sarajevo, dependent on an airlift that has been suspended since the NATO airstrikes, UNHCR food stockpiles were projected to run out on Dec. 14, Janowski said.

The picture elsewhere, particularly for the 472,000 mostly Muslim civilians in the isolated eastern enclaves of Srebrenica, Gorazde and Zepa, was worse.

Thant said food shortages in Srebrenica had already caused "a noticeable rise in tension," recently, and added that the Bosnian Serbs "deserve nothing but contempt" for holding up humanitarian aid.

Added Janowski: "The situation

seems to be more stuck, and much less workable, than during any other crisis in the past."

On the battlefronts, increased fighting was reported around the northwestern enclave of Bihać, whose civilians are also suffering food shortages, and in Velika Kladusa, a government-held town just north of Bihać.

Maj. Hervé Gourmelon, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo, said several rounds of anti-aircraft fire had hit the wall of Bihać hospital. There were no reported casualties.

Gen. Manojlo Milovanovic, the Bosnian Serb military chief of staff, accused Bosnian government forces in Bihać of using the hospital as a shield and warned that "cannot be tolerated anymore."

Serbs from Bosnia and neighboring Croatia have been trying to roll the Bosnian army from the Bihać area. There were also reports of continued fighting between Serbs and Bosnian Croats, who are allied with the government, south of Bihać around Livno.

As Bosnia grew bleaker, world leaders meeting at the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe summit pondered what to do and received a stern warning from Bosnia's President Alija Izetbegovic.

"What shall be the result of the war in Bosnia, which is now being prolonged due to a mixture of incapability, hesitation and sometimes even ill-will of the West?" Izetbegovic asked. "A discredited United Nations, a ruined NATO; Europeans demoralized by a feeling of inability to respond to the first crisis after the Cold War."

The United States, Russia, Britain, France and Germany last week unveiled an amended peace proposal that would allow Bosnian Serbs to form a confederation with Serbia, one of their stated goals in the war.

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World



Alberto Savi, center, is escorted by Italian police after being questioned. Savi, an alleged member of the "Uno Bianco" gang, was arrested in connection with the killing of three members of the Carabinieri paramilitary force in January 1991.

Suspected police crime ring stirs talk of wider scandals

ROME (AP) — The police car skidded to a halt to avoid the trash bins blocking the street.

Suddenly, machine-gun fire pierced its doors and windows. Three members of the Carabinieri paramilitary force died in the January 1991 ambush in Bologna that seemed to be an isolated attack in a dangerous neighborhood.

Now police have been hit with another blow: allegations that some of their own masterminded the slayings. The attack — and at least 15 other killings that included Arabs and Africans — were part of a four-year murder and robbery campaign driven by greed and racial hatred, officials charge.

The girlfriend of one suspect reportedly has given prosecutors a vivid picture of the gang's twisted motives: deep hatred of Third World immigrants and a lust for firepower.

Five police officers are among those arrested in raids that have shaken the credibility of law enforcement. The probe is prying open the tight ranks that long shielded Italian security forces from outside scrutiny.

"No one is untouchable," promised Interior Minister Roberto Maroni. "The investigation will stop at nothing and no one."

"We will move ahead like a bulldozer," said Bologna's police chief, Aldo Giannini.

Such comments have added resonance in Italy these days.

Corruption probes toppled the political elite and are pressuring their successors, including Premier Silvio Berlusconi.

For ardent conspiracy hounds — and there are many in Italy — the

police arrests touched off speculation of hitting the motherlode. They see the arrests as a possible key piece in a puzzle interlocking police, the intelligence service and terrorist cells.

The final picture, they claim, could shed light on many of the nation's unsolved crimes and expose the "Falange Armata," or Armed Phalanx, a group that has taken credit for many acts of violence but whose terrorist credentials have never been verified.

"I would not be surprised if it comes out that (the police suspects) were linked to the secret services," said Massimo D'Alema, head of the Democratic Party of the Left, the former Communist party.

Police brass insist there is no evidence to connect the police suspects to a grand conspiracy.

But they are still grappling with the gang's motives. Were their bank robberies just personal or to fund a larger organization? Was the police killing random or planned?

The Carabinieri is under the Defense Ministry and has rivalries with national and local police forces.

"It's disturbing ... but it's dangerous to jump to conclusions," said national Police Chief Fernando Masone.

In the court of public opinion, however, the law enforcement establishment is on the defensive in the latest disgracing probe.

Dozens of tax police officials are accused of demanding bribes from businesses, including Berlusconi's media and retail company. The domestic secret service has been wracked by embezzlement scandals. Some suspects in train bombings

and other attacks have secret service ties.

"It's a worrisome phenomenon when any officer is involved in crimes," said Luigi Federici, head of the Carabinieri.

The terror attributed to the policed gang was concentrated around the cities where they worked: Bologna and the Adriatic resort of Rimini.

The group became known as the "Uno Bianco" gang for the white Fiat Uno cars used in many of the bank robberies and other crimes.

The first arrest came Nov. 21. Roberto Savi, a Bologna police officer, was taken into custody and his house was searched. Authorities found a small arsenal that included a Beretta machine gun — the type used in the Carabinieri shooting.

Later that night, police arrested Savi's stepbrother, Fabio Savi, a truck driver.

On Nov. 24, another Bologna police officer, Pietro Gugliotta, was arrested as he drove toward the Austrian border with his girlfriend, Eva Mikula.

The others charged include Roberto Savi's younger brother, Alberto, a police officer in Rimini, a police officer from Bologna and another from the small city of Cesena.

Italian media have quoted friends and relatives of the suspects saying they openly discussed their racist views and sometimes toasted after a slaying.

The Romanian-born Mikula, who is cooperating with police, is expected to testify Friday at the trial of four other men already charged in the Carabinieri shooting.

Nigeria to pull troops from Liberia

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — Nigeria will begin pulling soldiers from Liberia, a death warrant for the peacekeeping force trying to end the 5-year-old civil war there.

The decision, announced Monday by Gen. Sani Abacha, is also a major setback to international hopes that regional peacekeeping operations will resolve African conflicts.

Citing frustration with the lack of progress in Liberian peace talks, Abacha told a military conference he has "already issued instructions for the reduction."

Abacha did not say how many of Nigeria's 10,000 troops would be withdrawn, and he warned: "Events may compel us to take more drastic measures."

Nigeria heads a seven-nation West African peacekeeping army that entered Liberia in 1991 to try to end the war that began two years earlier. It supplies most of the troops in the force, and any reduction will almost certainly lead other nations to follow suit.

Nigeria's announcement came two days after an attack on peacekeepers on the outskirts of Monrovia. The gunmen apparently had tried to free Gen. Charles Taylor, who led a failed coup attempt in September, peacekeeping sources said Monday.

The attackers did not get to Taylor, who is being held outside the city center on suspicion charges. Troops backed by tanks patrolled the area Monday.

More than 150,000 people, most of them civilians, have died in Liberia's war, and about half the population of 2.6 million has been displaced.

Western governments, including the United States, had hoped the West African peacekeeping force would serve as a model for regional cooperation to resolve future conflicts. That would relieve pressure on the West to send in troops, as it did to Somalia.

U.N. relief aid arrives in Afghan capital

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The first U.N. relief aid to reach the Afghan capital in six months arrived Monday, bringing hope to a hungry population preparing for a bitter winter.

Two U.N. trucks rolled into Kabul carrying about 25 tons of medical supplies, said Alan Brody, the acting chief of U.N. operations in the capital.

Several hundred more tons of aid, mostly food, was en route to Kabul and was expected to arrive by Wednesday, Brody said.

Relentless fighting between Afghanistan's factions has prevented food supplies from reaching the capital and driven food prices beyond the reach of most residents.

Much of the city has been ruined since Jan. 1, when forces loyal to former Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hekmatyar tried to overthrow President Burhanuddin Rabbani.

Neither side has made many military gains, but the fighting has driven hundreds of thousands of people out of the capital and made hundreds of thousands more homeless within Kabul.

Many people have set up makeshift stalls selling household goods to pay for increasingly costly food.

Hekmatyar's troops have virtually blockaded the capital for months, allowing in only a trickle of food and other supplies.

Monday's shipment was the first U.N. convoy to reach Kabul since June. The International Committee for the Red Cross has managed to get an occasional convoy into the city to replenish its stocks of medicine and hospital supplies.

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Achille Lauro survivors arrive on shore

MOMBASA, Kenya (AP) — Survivors of the Achille Lauro fire sang and laughed Monday as they came ashore from four rescue ships, but some had harsh criticism for the cruise ship's captain and crew.

The first of the 498 passengers and crew ferried to this Indian Ocean port arrived rain-soaked from a morning downpour but singing "You are My Sunshine" and waving from the boat's deck.

"We are safe!" exclaimed one survivor as the group was herded past reporters for buses that took

them to a nearby resort hotel.

"It wasn't too bad," said another. "We're all right."

But some survivors criticized the captain and crew.

"Their behavior left a lot to be desired," said Pauline Best, 58, of Britain. She accused some crew members of abandoning elderly passengers in lifeboats as they scrambled onto rescue ships.

Another survivor, Hille Stockmann, 68, said the crew appeared to be inexperienced in launching the lifeboats.

"There were no supplies, not even a

bucket to bail in case we took on water," Mrs. Stockmann said. "There were no engines in some of them; no water to drink, no blankets, no nothing."

The Italian cruise ship's owner, Milan-based Starline, today rejected the criticism.

"Naturally there are some passengers who complained about some things. But these things are marginal in a rescue operation that involved 1,000 people, lasted over 10 hours — off the coast of Somalia," said chief spokesman Natale Arcuti.

8 mountain climbers freeze in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — Eight people and a mountain-climbing dog froze to death in the Balkan Mountains, media reported Monday.

A mountain rescue service said the eight probably lost their way in a snowstorm. The area was a popular winter sports center.

The bodies were found below 2,000 meters (6,500 feet) and strong winds were blowing from the north.

A group of climbers had been attempting to climb the 2,800-meter (9,186-foot) peak of Rila, the highest of the Balkan Mountains range, that cuts

from the coast to the east to the interior.

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Around the valley

Police locate shooting victim 6 hours later

BUHL — A man who had been shot at by someone from a moving car was in no hurry to seek help for his wounds. Police say it took six hours Saturday to find him.

Randy Lee Birdwell, 43, accepted only minimal treatment from paramedics for three bullet scrapes, said Sgt. Robert Gauthier, of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Birdwell was walking along Cemetery Road about one-half mile east of Buhl at about 2:45 p.m. Saturday when a car drove by and bullets started flying, Gauthier said. Three small-caliber slugs grazed Birdwell's upper left arm and right thigh, Gauthier said.

The injured Birdwell walked back into Buhl and went several places — including Gith's Bar, Gauthier said. Bar patrons alerted police after Birdwell left, he said.

Eleven officers from the city and county searched until they learned that Birdwell had gone to a home, Gauthier said. Birdwell was treated for his wounds at the Buhl Police Department just after midnight, he said.

Additional sections of AIDS quilt go on display at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Three more sections from the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt are on display at the College of Southern Idaho.

Five 12-by-12-foot sections of the world-famous patchwork are now on display. Karen Fothergill, co-coordinator of the Magic Valley Arts Council, said \$500 more was raised to bring the additional three sections.

The quilt sections are on display from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays until Dec. 14 in the Evergreen Building Atrium.

Twin Falls crime prevention will hold meeting Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Crime Prevention Association has planned its regular meeting for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the classroom at the Twin Falls Police Department on Third Avenue East.

Projects and items to be discussed include the city, neighborhood and county watch programs; crime prevention booth, information fairs and educational events; Crime Stoppers; the Magic Valley Mall Police Station and other citizen-based programs sponsored with local law enforcement agencies.

Any person living or working in the city or county of Twin Falls who has an interest in crime prevention is welcome.

For more information, call Jim Munn at the Twin Falls Police Department at 736-1534 or Bill McDaniel at the Twin Falls Sheriff's Department at 736-0400.

The Crime Prevention Association is a combined city and county association that is involved in various projects to help reduce crime in the area.

Newspaper seeks stories from participants in Battle of Bulge

TWIN FALLS — Dec. 16 marks the 50th anniversary of the beginning of the Ardennes Offensive — the Battle of the Bulge — the 1944 conflict between German and American troops in Belgium that resulted in more U.S. casualties than any other battle except Gettysburg.

The Times-News is preparing a story on the anniversary. If you were a member of an Army or an Army Air Force unit involved in the fighting in Belgium in December 1944 and January 1945, we'd like to hear from you.

Call Steve Crump at 733-0931, Ext. 223.

Castleford public meeting postponed, will be rescheduled

CASTLEFORD — The public hearing scheduled for Thursday has been postponed.

The city of Castleford and county planning and zoning commission had intended to hold a hearing on a proposed "area of impact" map for the city.

That hearing will be rescheduled for a later time.

Compiled from staff reports

Attorney reacts to murderer's dad

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

GOODING — The lawyer for a confessed murderer has blasted back at his client's father for a complaint the father sent to the Idaho Bar Association.

Hailey attorney Keith Roark wrote in a letter to Robert T. Johnson Sr. that his comments about Robert Terry Johnson Jr.'s upbringing during the killer's Oct. 22 sentencing hearing were "mild, compared to what he could have said."

In a letter to the bar association, Johnson Sr. had accused Roark of "knowingly presenting a falsehood" during Johnson Jr.'s sentencing when Roark

suggested that Johnson Jr. deserved some leniency because his parents had raised him poorly.

"In my 18 years of law practice I have never misrepresented a single fact to any court before which I have appeared," Roark wrote. "Your son may indeed be, as you assert, a compulsive liar, but I am certainly not required to assume that fact."

Robert Terry Johnson Jr., and his cousin Thomas Peterson, pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree murder in the Sept. 1993 battering, slashing and raping of Connie Allen and the killing of Ricky Lee Mangum in the couple's rural Gooding County home.

During the sentencing of Robert Johnson Jr., Roark had never asked the court to "judge you or to find that if Robert had a good father, the atrocities he committed would not have occurred," he wrote.

Instead, Roark wrote that he was trying to "give the court a feeling for Robert's childhood as he reported that childhood to me."

Roark wrote that his oral arguments to the court were "in the interests of that totality of what your son had to say about you."

"Furthermore, after reviewing your correspondence, I believe I better understand where your son may have obtained

his inability to accept responsibility for his acts," Roark wrote.

Before Johnson Jr. was sentenced to life in prison, Roark tried to portray his client as a victim. He criticized the Johnson family for not attending the hearing, and said, "If Robert (Jr.) or Ricky Mangum, he would not be here."

Roark wrote to the father that he has a "moralized letter from a relative that paints a worse picture than what he stated in court."

In telephone interviews Monday, Johnson Sr. denied the accusations in the relative's letter.

Take that!



Twin Falls youngsters Phetsamone, left, and Nalin Phimmason have fun bombarding each other with snow on Monday. Their father, Sakhone Phimmason, was taking pictures of the children playing in the snow to send to his parents in Thailand.

Bliss dairy falls short in latest round

By William Brock
Times-News writer

BLISS — State water officials say a Bliss-area dairy developer failed to exercise "reasonable diligence" and missed his chance to bolster his request for a water-right transfer.

According to the Idaho Department of Water Resources, the transfer request by Jake Bosma should be denied. However, Bosma is free to withdraw his current transfer request and start anew with a revised application.

The decision does little to allay fears of the Butler family, which lives downhill from Bosma's dairy. Since 1925, the Butlers have drawn their drinking water from a spring located between their homes and Bosma's land.

"A dairy at this site still jeopardizes the quality of our spring," Stacy Butler told The Times-News. Corals for Bosma's cows are only 1,500 from the spring, she said.

Bosma declined to comment Monday.

A lengthy hearing on Bosma's request was conducted Oct. 24, but he tried to submit additional information after the hearing officer recommended denial. He said he is seeking to "split" a 1989 groundwater appropriation right and pump water from a new well for his 1,400-cow dairy.

Though his water right is still up in the air, Bosma says he has spent more than \$1.75 million on his dairy. An unusually large-diameter well, ostensibly for "domestic" purposes, has been drilled next to the barn.

The irrigation well on Bosma's land has rarely been used — and water for crops has historically been drawn from the North Side Canal Co., according to farmers who have worked the land.

The Butlers contend that any water pumped by Bosma's dairy would increase the area's groundwater consumption — and diminish flows at their spring — and diminish flows at their spring.

Water Resources agreed. "As proposed, the application for transfer will clearly encroach the use of water for the agricultural irrigation right," wrote Glen Saxton, hearing officer.

However, Bosma could reduce the impact of pumping by dedicating shares in North Side Canal Co. for groundwater recharge, Saxton suggested.

"A credible proposal — could provide mitigation for the increased use of groundwater," Saxton wrote.

Further, the Butlers fear it's only a matter of time before feces-contaminated water from the dairy's sewage lagoon soaks into the porous soils and pollutes their spring.

"We are still very concerned about the future of our water quality," Stacy Butler said. According to dairy industry estimates, a "typical" 1,000-pound cow produces more than 1.3 cubic feet of manure every day.

Please see DAIRY/B2

Call out the snow plows

Snow barrage pushes city, county resources to the limit

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some sat in parking lots. Others lay waiting along the side of the road. They were Monday morning motorists, left to spin their tires and wonder when the snow plows — or other Good Samaritans — would pry them loose from winter's icy grip.

Getting the roads snow-free takes all day, and sometimes longer. For the city's street department.

City Manager Tom Courtney said city crews plow all major and secondary roads after a significant snowfall and when forecasts call for additional precipitation.

"We did those today," Courtney said. "Plows bit into snow on Blue Lakes Boulevard, Washington and Eastland streets, the two second avenues and other heavily-traveled roads around town. But a thin layer of winter-remains-on-those-roads, while residential streets remained under a thick blanket of white."

"In extreme conditions we would plow residential streets," Courtney said.

Residents just outside the city limits look to the Twin Falls Highway District for help on snowy mornings. District Supervisor Dave Burgess said all of the district's 11 snow plows, including road graders and trucks, were dispatched at 5:30 a.m. Monday to begin the process of clearing 714 miles of county roads.

"We have had real good luck with it today," Burgess said. "We still have some widening to do."

Take it easy out there

Driving on slippery roads? Remember these safety tips:

- Slow down.
- Make sure your tires, lights, wipers, defroster, brakes and battery are "road-ready."
- Carry emergency gear: tire chains, jumper cables, a shovel, emergency lights and a blanket.
- Keep your distance from other vehicles, and allow more time to stop in intersections.
- Clear your windows before driving.
- Be courteous.
- In a skid, don't slam on the brakes. Ease off the gas and turn into the direction of the slide.
- Plan a route and tell someone, who can notify authorities if you break down.
- Expect the unexpected.

Source: Idaho State Police

The district's 11 plows and three sand trucks gave county roads near Twin Falls the once-over Monday, plowing roads 100 to three-fourths of their normal width, he said. The trucks would make a return trip to plow the sides of the roads today, he said.

By Monday, the district had dispatched its

snow plows four times already this winter. Only one trip was needed last winter, Burgess said.

He said the highway district does not try to predict winter snowfall in its maintenance budget. Money left over from last year's dry winter was used this summer for seal coating and oiling projects on county roads, he said.

State funds for Magic Valley winter road maintenance average out to about \$875,000 per winter, said Lytle Gaskill, district maintenance coordinator for the State Department of Transportation in Shoshone.

The district has almost 1,000 miles to maintain along rural state highways and Interstate 84, Gaskill said.

The department has 60 to 70 plow trucks, six road graders and four rotary snow blowers to handle the district. The department also mixes sand and salt and stockpiles the mixtures in various locations. The district has 11 maintenance stations: Shoshone, Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome, Bliss, Fairfield, Hailey, Stanley, Carey and Shoshone.

The plows average between 15 to 30 mph, depending on the conditions, Gaskill said.

"In a storm like last weekend, they pretty much ran probably, on an average of 20 out of 24 hours, and they pretty much stayed up with" the snow, Gaskill said.

Snow drifts have frustrated Idaho's plow drivers in winters past. But not this year. "So far we haven't had any problem," Gaskill said. "But we haven't had the wind, which helps."

Blaine County to ask voters to foot bill for new jail

By Barbara Neiwert
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — With a 20 percent increase in occupancy at the Blaine County Jail and repeated lawsuits from the American Civil Liberties Union concerning crowded cells, county commissioners feel it is time to ask voters for money to build a new jail.

The amount of a new bond issue has not yet been determined, but commissioners have set a May target date to hold a bond-issue election.

Commissioners said having property secured for a new jail site will be critical to

Medical center board retains Quorum

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board has decided Monday night to renegotiate a five-year contract with Quorum Health Resources, Inc. to manage the hospital.

That decision, however, was not unanimous, since board member Larry Braga voted against the measure. After the meeting, Braga said he was concerned by the difference averaging more than \$100,000 a year in management fees between Quorum and its competitor, Bainbridge Healthcare.

Quorum proposed a fee of \$575,000 a year to manage the county-owned medical center, which includes the salary and benefits of the administrator and chief financial officer. The fee will be adjusted annually

according to the Medical Consumer Price Index.

Brim had proposed, with a three-year contract, to manage the hospital for a basic fee of \$150,000 the first year, \$200,000 the second year and \$240,000 the third year. Those fees did not include salaries and benefits for Brim administrators at the medical center, and they also would be adjusted according to the Medical Consumer Price Index.

Braga said the two management companies should have been asked to supply comparable figures. Since they did not, the board and management selection committee, which recommended Quorum, Brim, should have thrown out the bids and asked for specific quotes before making their decisions, he said.

As part of the contract the board wants to

negotiate, Quorum would have to:

- consider changing its management fee, which Brim said after the meeting was not adequate;
- release Administrator John Bingham, one of two Quorum employees at the medical center, from any employment-restrictive covenants related to anti-competitive issues;
- develop a business plan for hospital operations by April 1;
- develop goals, objectives, standards and benchmarks in the business plan for each department;
- restructure senior management;
- provide board education in a retreat setting at least annually;
- give the board a 120-day "opt-out" opportunity at the end of the first and third years.

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Forest health plan would log salvage timber in roadless areas

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government's tentative plan to ease fire threats in the West calls for salvage logging and thinning on as much as 500,000 acres of national forests, up to five-fifths in controversial areas without roads, an agency document obtained Monday shows.

The Forest Service anticipates anywhere from 1.5 billion to nearly 2 billion board feet of timber could be cut over the next two years in the efforts to restore forest health, combating fire threats, insects and diseases, according to the agency's draft summary obtained by The Associated Press.

Most of that, an estimated 700 million to 850 million board feet, would come from salvaging burned wood in areas with roads.

By comparison, President Clinton's Northwest forest plan calls for about 1 billion board feet of logging of live trees annually in national forests in Oregon, Washington and Northern California.

The "Western Forest Health Initiative" covers all states from Colorado to the West Coast. The conservationists said they expected most of the salvage and thinning would be done in Idaho, Montana, Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington.

The summary indicated harvest of burned wood would produce 700 million to 850 million board feet on 100,000 to 150,000 roadless acres and another 300 million to 400 million board feet on 40,000 to 55,000 roadless acres.

Harvest and thinning of unburned wood would produce 500 million to 600 million board feet on 200,000 to 330,000 acres of roadless acres and another 30 million to 55 million board feet on 30,000 to 50,000 acres of roadless acres.

As a prelude to the overall initiative, the Clinton administration announced a series of pilot projects last month for Eastern Washington and the Idaho Panhandle.

Assistant Agriculture Secretary James Lyons, who oversees the Forest Service, told the AP the 36 projects would stretch over two years and cost about \$50 million. He said most of the money already was budgeted for general areas that now will be utilized for the specific demonstration projects in Wenatchee and Colville national forests of Washington and the Payette, Boise and Idaho Panhandle national forests of Idaho.

Environmentalists said they have scheduled a meeting with White House officials later this week to voice their opposition to the proposal to enter as many as 105,000 roadless acres over the next two years.

"It's a guise to short-circuit the process and jump into roadless areas," said Barry Rosenberg of the Inland Empire Public Lands Council, based in Spokane, Wash.

Agriculture Department spokesman Tom Amatore said the administration had no comment on the status of the forest health plan. But he said no roadless areas would be entered without conducting the required environmental analysis.

Death notices

Hazel A. Brishin

RUPERT — Hazel A. Brishin, 95, of Rupert died Saturday, Dec. 5, 1994, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at the Rupert Cemetery, with Dr. Terry Figgins of the Rupert First Christian Church officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Oliver E. Woodall Elmer

BURLEY — Oliver E. Woodall Elmer, 88, of Burley died Saturday, Dec. 3, 1994, at the Orchard Park Care Center in Orem, Utah.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, with Bishop Darrell Ruskoff officiating. Burial will be at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday at the funeral chapel.

Rochelle Thompson

MALTA — Rochelle Thompson Huffman, 55, of Malta died Monday, Dec. 5, 1994, at her home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Pedro Trejo

TWIN FALLS — Pedro "Pete" Trejo, 58, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1994, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

A vigil service with Rosary will be held at 7 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. The funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral chapel, with Father Carlos Perez of St. Edward's Catholic Church officiating.

Harold Livingston

JEROME — Harold Livingston, 84, of Jerome died Saturday, Dec. 3, 1994, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Grant H. Buir

TWIN FALLS — Grant H. Buir, 77, of Elko, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1994, at West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Christian A. Parrott

TWIN FALLS — Christian Allen Parrott, 72, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 5, 1994, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Bishop Bill Workman officiating. Interment will follow at the Pioneer Cemetery with military rites by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliaries.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary. A complete obituary will appear at a later date.

Gilbert E. Callen

JEROME — Gilbert E. Callen, 68, of Jerome, died Sunday, Dec. 4, 1994, at the Veterans' Administration Medical Center in Boise.

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

Services

Luella M. Hoffman, of Boise, 10 a.m. today, Cloverdale-Chapel of God, Boise. Burial, 3:30 p.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls. (Allen-Waggoner Chapel in Boise.)

Rose Ann Hamblen, of Rexburg and formerly of the Mini-Cassia area, Burial, 11 a.m. today, Pleasant View Cemetery, Burley. (Flamm Funeral Home in Rexburg.)

Rena Asson, of Burley, Mass of the Christian Burial, 1 p.m. today, St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 802 F. St. in Burley. Viewing, one hour before the funeral at the church, (Payne Mortuary in Burley.)

Jaye Brian-Wigley, of Burley, 1 p.m. today, View LDS Ward Chapel.

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Iva Frances McCauley, of Buhl, 2 p.m. today, First-Baptist Church, Buhl. (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.)

Naomi L. Baxter, of Buhl, 11 a.m. Wednesday, Buhl 1st Ward LDS Church, Main Street. Viewing, 2 to 8 p.m. today, Moffett's Memorial Chapel in Buhl.

Erma Walker Bollwinkel, of Twin Falls, noon Wednesday, LDS 14th Ward Chapel, 824 Casswell Ave. W., Twin Falls. Viewing, 11 to 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls.)

Daniel Montishaw, all of Burley; Antonio Lopez, John Gill and Virginia Onishi, all of Rupert; and Gaye Johnson of Heyburn.

A baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thales Zollinger of Burley.

Admitted

Kelly Johnson and Barbara Hale, both of Rupert.

Released

Mary Fraley of Twin Falls.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER — Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Released

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Admitted

June Cole, Sandra Byington and Thera Vann, all of Burley; Roberto Orozco of Declo; Lucia Orrozco of Parma; Amy Jensen of Malta; and George Grant of Rupert.

Released

Bonnie Jo Zollinger, Candice King, Frank Toner and

Obituaries



Gary T. Harvey

TWIN FALLS — Gary T. Harvey, 47, of Twin Falls, died peacefully at home and went to be with our Lord on Friday, Dec. 2, 1994, of complications from diabetes.

He was born Dec. 24, 1946, in Twin Falls, the son of Woodrow (Red) and Maxine Harvey. His mother died in 1948, and he went to live with his grandparents, Fred and Jack Transue, for whom he had deep love and devotion. Gary worked for Amalgamated Sugar for the past 13 years. He was known for his sense of humor and his love of drawing and painting.

He has been reunited with his mother in the arms of our Lord. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Friday, Dec. 9, 1994, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with Ray Lewis officiating. Interment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary.

Ramona K. Needles

HEYBURN — Ramona Kathleen Mannars Needles, 84, of Heyburn, died Saturday, Dec. 3, 1994, at Providence Elder Place in Portland, Ore.

She was born Aug. 16, 1910, in Parker, Kan., the daughter of William and Deana Bender Mannars. She attended schools in Parker and graduated from Parker High School in 1928. She married Charles B. Needles on May 16, 1906, in Paola, Kan. He preceded her in death on Oct. 8, 1951. During the 1930s, Mrs. Needles was a widowed mother who drew and earned title to a home near Hazelton. She worked for the J.R. Smith Company as a full-time lab technician and part-time janitor from 1934 until 1975, when she retired.

She was a member of the Methodist Church. Her hobbies included traveling, raising cattle, gardening and working on her beloved Heyburn farm.

guests that memorials be given to the Salvation Army and may be left at Payne Mortuary.

Mary C. Decker

HAILEY — Mary C. Decker, 84, a lifelong resident of the Wood River Valley, died Thursday, Dec. 1, 1994, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

She was born Dec. 1, 1909, in Bellevue, the daughter of Carrie and John Sharp. She attended schools in Hailey and married David Cooper in 1929. He was killed in a mining accident in 1941. She married Carl Decker in 1946, and he died in 1988. She worked as a maid at many of the area hotels and motels, and retired about six years ago from her occupation as a homemaker for the College of Southern Idaho.

Mary was active in the Blaine County Democratic Party for many years and worked on the election board. She was a past Worthy Matron in the Order of the Eastern Star and a past Noble Grand in the Rebekah Lodge. She also served as president of the Wood River Bowling Association for over 20 years.

Survivors include her son, David Eugene Cooper of Plantwoud, Mont.; her daughter, Joan Neal of Hailey; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. She was preceded in death by one daughter, two brothers, three sisters and both her husbands.

Funeral services will be announced by the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey. Memorials are suggested to the Alzheimer's Association, 4620 Overland Road No. 211, Boise ID 83705, or given to the Wood River Funeral Chapel.

Authorities release accident victim's name

The Times-News

HAZELTON — Authorities Monday released the name of a man who was killed Sunday when he lost control of his car full of relatives on an icy road.

Sergio Vega Castro, 32, died of his injuries after being thrown from the family's full-sized Ford Bronco one-fifth of a mile east of the Hazelton exit of Interstate 84, Cpl. Butch Edwards said.

Other family members and relatives were being treated at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Monday. Evenings were taken from the vehicle except Castro's 8-month-old son, Fernando, who was strapped into a child seat in the car, Edwards said.

Castro's wife, Laura, 27, was in guarded condition at the hospital; Castro's 4-year-old son, James, was in fair condition, his son, Benjamin, 5, was in stable condition, according to the nursing supervisor at the hospital.

Castro's sister, Leticia Castro, was in stable condition. Her 2-year-old daughter, Tiffany, was transferred to St. Luke's Regional Medical Center. No information was available on her 1-year-old son, Richard.

Rail station will be transportation center

SPOKANE (AP) — The newly remodeled Northern Pacific Railroad station will become an overland transportation hub.

The Trailways and Greyhound buses are moving into the station, which is already Amtrak's home. City buses and airport shuttles also will operate at the center.

The new center is the first of its type in the Northwest and one of a few in the country, said Glenn Miles, who has overseen the project for the Spokane Regional Transportation Council.

Some \$9 million has been spent refurbishing the 104-year-old passenger train depot.

Eight granite columns and a 100-ton granite boulder line the entrance to the depot, a \$60,000 art project created by University of Washington Professor John T. Young.

"Hopefully, it makes for a grand experience as you walk from the street to the building," Young said. Waitress Terri Kramer at the 11

Alaska town tries data dumping

PETERSBURG, Alaska (AP)

— Talk about data dumping. The town plans to buy 750 garbage cans equipped with computer chips so residents are charged for pickup based on the weight of their trash.

A computerized system hooked to Petersburg's two garbage trucks will scan the chip and read the weight when the trash is dumped from the cans.

Eli Lucas, superintendent of the Public Works Department, said he got the idea from industry magazines. It will cost

about \$55 a can and \$20,000 to upgrade the two trucks in the town of about 3,000 people south of Juneau.

The system should be in place by July.

The town's 750 residential customers are now charged by an estimated garbage volume. Lucas said the computerized system will make trash collection more efficient.

Toter, Inc. in Statesville, N.C., designed the system. Marketing manager Jim Pickett said Columbia, N.C., is experimenting with a similar system.

Court rules statute of limitations applies to Simplot contractor

BOISE (AP) — A company which designed and built a sulfuric acid production plant for the J.R. Simplot Co. can employ the statute of limitations as a defense from a suit by the agribusiness, the Idaho Supreme Court ruled.

In 1984, Simplot entered into a construction contract with Chemetics International to build the Pocatello plant. Simplot signed an acceptance certificate on the completed plant on Jan. 21, 1986.

When the plant failed to produce the amount of acid anticipated, Chemetics agreed to work with Simplot to improve it, but failed. Simplot later brought the plant up to the desired level, without Chemetics' assistance, at a cost of \$3.4 million.

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Being a geologist, I like things with wheels and tracks, who works for the U.S. Bureau of Mines. "It's kind of a reflection of Spokane."

An open house at the newly remodeled depot is scheduled for next Monday. A reception for Young is planned at the depot restaurant upstairs.

Quorum

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For this year, Quorum's basic fee to manage the medical center was \$282,716, but that did not include \$157,900 for the administrator's benefits and chief financial officer's salary and benefits.

Also at Monday's meeting, the board approved the next step of the obstetrics department renovation, allowing architects to finish project drawings. The project's cost will not exceed \$2,516,316, and construction on the year-long project will begin in mid-January.

The board approved jointly hiring a consultant with Magic Valley Health Network, an organization of local doctors that wants to form a physician-hospital organization with the medical center. The fees for the Seattle consultant are not to

exceed \$50,000 without written approval of the medical center and the doctors group, and the medical centers and doctors group will split the cost.

Board members also extended a contract with the health network for family-practice physicians services from Jan. 1 to April 1. The medical center's cost for the services is estimated at \$110,000.

million would be spent every year for the new town, he said.

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He submitted the new information in a sworn statement to Water Resources, and asked Saxton to convene a supplemental hearing on the matter.

Dairy

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The State Division of Environmental Quality issued Bosma a waste containment permit, but later asked him to resubmit his plans for the sewage lagoon.

Water Resources has no authority over the location, construction and operation of dairy sewage lagoons.

After Water Resources recommended denial, Bosma offered to

sink his new well to a depth of 400 feet, thus punching past the shallow aquifer that feeds the Butlers' spring. He offered to encase the well to prevent water from leaking out of the shallow, "perched" aquifer.

Further, Bosma made a pitch to Water Resources that his dairy would employ about 15 workers and generate about \$270,000 in gross annual wages. Some \$1.3

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Election

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The successful passage of the bond. A previous jail bond issue failed in July of 1990 primarily because the county did not have property in hand and would have had to condemn land wanted for the jail site, said commissioner Leonard Harlig.

For several months, the county has been in a "standstill" over the jail. The land trade-acquisition to build the jail on four acres just west of Friedman Memorial Airport.

The deal hinges on whether Harlig's annexation of approximately 60 acres.

experience this past year. Felling said in 1993 the jail logged 6,200 jail days.

For the first 11 months of this year, the jail has seen 6,900 jail days and Felling anticipates that will reach 7,500 by year's end, an increase of nearly 20 percent.

These kinds of increases I don't think they ever planned for, Felling said, suggesting the population growth and building boom be factored into any future projections.

Approaching the jail bond cautiously, commissioner Tom Blanchard said the county now has a willing seller and will not have to condemn a site.

If the negotiations with Sharp do not result in an earnest money agreement and signed contract prior to bond election, the commissioners agreed they would re-evaluate and possibly back out of the bond election until the land was secured.

A citizens' jail study committee which investigated alternatives several years ago will be reconvened to develop suggestions for the new jail.

The county has a conceptual design for the building, but has not developed firm plans for the facility because the site hasn't been selected.

"The commissioners will 'take up' the bond issue at 3 p.m. Dec. 12."

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Briefly

Boise man dies in mobile home blaze

BOISE — Despite bystanders' attempts to save him, an elderly Boise man was found dead after a mobile home fire, Whitney District Fire Chief Bill Squires said.

Whitney District and Boise city crews responded to the report of a trailer fire Monday morning. When they arrived, nearly half of the house was ablaze.

The victim was identified as 71-year-old Charles White.

Bystanders tried to enter the trailer and rescue White, but were turned back by the flames, Squires said. After the blaze was brought under control, firefighters discovered his body on the living room floor.

The fire is under investigation but it appears White died of smoke inhalation, he said.

Vandals damage city park decorations

MCCAMMON — Vandals did an estimated \$500 in damage to Christmas decorations in McCammon's city park early Sunday.

Mayor Martel Gunter said 500 Christmas lights were broken, an oak chair for Santa Claus was smashed and obscenities were painted on a fence and risers.

"It's discouraging," Gunter said. "A lot of people put time and money into decorating the park." City officials plan to continue decorating the park with lights. Gunter discovered the damage about 3:30 a.m. Sunday on his way home from work.

Cox pleads guilty in canine cop death

POCATELLO — Gerald Cox has pleaded guilty to a reduced charge in an altercation that led to the death of a canine police officer in Bannock County.

Cox, 37, appeared before 6th District Judge Lynn Winnill Monday to plead guilty to aggravated assault on an officer. The county dropped a second assault charge and a malicious-injury charge.

Cox was involved in a March 6 standoff with police near McCammon, saying he wanted to be killed and take officers with him.

Bannock County sheriff's deputies sent a canine officer, Kai VonDorhechel, to subdue Cox. Cox fired, striking the dog in the leg. Officers returned fire and hit Kai in the jaw. The dog was euthanized.

Sandpoint tells sheriff to take down sign

SANDPOINT — Bannock County Sheriff Chip Roos put up the lighted reader board on the courthouse lawn to remind residents how much it costs to continue operating the old jail.

He didn't know it was illegal.

"The city of Sandpoint ordered the sign removed Friday, one day after it was installed.

"Reader boards aren't permitted. It's a violation of the city codes," city planner Jim Hendrixson said. "The county is being treated like any other business in town."

State investigates former superintendent

SANDPOINT — Accusations of misconduct have prompted a state investigation of former Bonner County Schools Superintendent Gary Barton.

"There have been allegations filed with our office and a case has been opened," said Jim Smith, supervisor of teacher certification for the Idaho Department of Education.

A local resident has accused Barton, 54, of unethical conduct for telephoning three teachers in August to threaten them.

Compiled from wire reports

Facility director awaits changes

ST. ANTHONY (AP) — The Idaho Youth Services Center could get a new boss and a new name next year.

But the current administrator of the St. Anthony juvenile detention facility is hopeful its fundamental mission will not change.

"The Youth Services Center certainly enjoys a good reputation in terms of the quality of its program," said Kurt Friedenaue, who has been the center's director for 12 years. "I think that's recognized and I don't think moving into a new agency is going to have any impact or alter the basic philosophy of this institution."

The Legislature's Interim Committee on Juvenile Justice recently finalized a recommendation that the state create a new Department of Juvenile Corrections. It would take over functions like the Youth Services Center now assigned to the state Department of Health and Welfare.

Besides the name, the committee's recommendations would change little at the Youth Services Center. Its budget and mission would be unchanged, said Jeff Noland, special legislative counsel for the committee.

The center operates rehabilitation and education programs for young offenders in St. Anthony and a satellite operation in Nampa. Although it includes a secure lock-down facility for children who are at risk of escape

or hurting others, the Youth Services Center is virtually an open campus with no fences. Students are assigned to groups that police themselves under a system called Positive Peer Culture.

It has been considered a successful program. The debate has centered on the need for an additional boot camp and a more responsive probation system.

The prospects for passage seem good because Republicans have overwhelming majorities in the Legislature and will control the governor's office and state agencies for the first time in 24 years.

GOP Gov.-elect Phil Batt embraced removing Health and Welfare from the juvenile justice system during the campaign. His Democratic opponent, Attorney General Larry Echo Hawk, backed Health and Welfare's efforts to retain control while improving its administration.

Friedenaue, a gubernatorial appointee, was coordinator of a Health and Welfare task force on improving the agency's handling of juvenile justice. It completed work Nov. 1.

How well the legislative plan works depends on its details, but Friedenaue applauded efforts to make the system more accountable.

"It's hard to tell what the end product of all this is going to be, but I'm convinced that it's going to result in a better system," he said.

Technology connects with teachers, students

BOISE (AP) — Before teachers can teach, they have to learn. That is the idea behind US West's new "Connecting Teachers with Technology" award.

US West believes the potential of communications technology in education can be realized only if teachers understand and use that technology.

The Connecting Teachers project, an outgrowth of US West's Keycard "Outstanding Teachers" program, will provide resources to teachers to enable them to use technology in their classrooms — in the process transferring their knowledge

and experience to students.

The new program will recognize teams of teachers in elementary through secondary schools in each of the 14 states in US West's operating territory, including Idaho. Teams of up to four teachers each will receive a laptop computer, printer and modem for implementation of a technology project.

US West said it encourages the teacher teams to work with students and community members.

Deadline for application is Jan. 31. Awards will be announced March 15.

Blackfoot couple likely to get probation for child's death

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Through plea negotiations, a Blackfoot couple likely will get probation rather than a prison term for starving their 18-month-old son to death.

Troy Mickelsen, 23, and Carmie Mickelsen, 20, had maintained their innocence to the original felony charge of injury to a child, which is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

They pleaded guilty to a reduced misdemeanor injury to a child charge a few weeks ago and will be sentenced next Monday in 7th District Court. They face up to one year in the county jail and a \$300 fine.

Cody Johnson was discovered dead in his crib at the couple's

home on Dec. 29, 1993. He was Mrs. Mickelsen's son by her first husband, Lloyd E. Johnson.

The child's death initially was listed as sudden infant death syndrome and relatives who testified at a preliminary hearing said the child ate well in their presence in the days before his death.

But an Idaho Falls pathologist testified that Cody died from lack of food and water. There were only traces of food in his digestive system.

A Blackfoot physician also said Cody developed "failure to thrive" syndrome from lack of nourishment, and a Blackfoot detective said the child lacked parental care and nurturing.

Judge lifts injunction on Nez Perce logging

BOISE (AP) — A federal judge Monday lifted the injunction on logging and road-building in the Cove-Mallard area of the Nez Perce National Forest, the scene of heated protests against timber cutting.

The ruling could renew a three-year-old battle that sparked more than 150 arrests of activists.

They contended the Cove-Mallard is the largest remaining contiguous roadless area in the lower 48 states and a migration corridor for wildlife.

Environmental groups say they will file an appeal and ask for a new injunction from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We've anticipated for a long time that this would happen and we're looking forward to a favorable decision by the 9th," said Erik Ryberg, of the Ecology Center in Missoula, Mont.

"Of course we're disappointed," added Bernard Zalheia, attorney for the Sportsmen's Coalition, Ecology Center, Alliance for the Wild Rockies, the Federation for North American Wild Sheep and other plaintiffs.

A National Marine Fisheries Service's biological opinion identified many areas where the Forest Service did not have information it should have acquired before logging. Zalheia said. The fisheries service is directing efforts to save Idaho's salmon runs, including protecting the watersheds, where the fish spawn.

That biological opinion demonstrates why the logging projects violated the National Environmental Policy Act, which requires full disclosure of all environmental effects, he said.

They won a temporary injunction last February from U.S. District Judge Harold Ryan.

The case was later reassigned to U.S. District Judge Alan McDonald. After listening to arguments from both sides on Monday, McDonald went with the Forest Service and granted its motion for summary judgment and lifting the injunction.

The Cove-Mallard is located between the Gospel Hump and Frank Church-River of No Return wilderness areas.

For three years, Earth First! and the Ancient Forest Bus Brigade have protested the 81 million board feet of timber cuts and 135 miles of new logging roads proposed for the Cove-Mallard.



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Business

Buyers ignore mortgage rates as new home sales climb

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American home buyers ignored rising mortgage rates in October and boosted sales of new houses for the fourth straight month to the highest level of the year.

"What is surprising is that despite these surging mortgage rates, the housing markets are holding steady," said David Lereah, an economist with the Mortgage Bankers of America.

Lereah said the explanation apparently is that higher borrowing costs are being offset by growth in jobs and incomes and a switch from 30-year, fixed-rate loans to less expensive adjustable-rate mortgages.

Sales rose 1.3 percent in October to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 726,000, the Commerce Department reported Monday. That was the highest since 817,000 last December, when the housing sector is believed to have reached its current peak.

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Many analysts had predicted a decline to less than 700,000.

Sales would have been even stronger except for a double-digit decline in the Northeast. They rose in the Midwest, South and West.

The report also showed much stronger sales in September than originally estimated. It revised September sales to a 717,000 rate, up from 703,000.

The government estimated a seasonally adjusted

330,000 new homes were for sale in October, the highest since 335,000 in October 1990. It represented a slight rise from the current sales rate, down slightly from 340,000 in September.

The median price paid was \$130,500 in October, compared to \$129,300 a month earlier and \$125,000 a year earlier. The median is the midpoint, meaning that half of the homes cost more and half cost less.

Nationally, sales plunged 33 percent in the Northeast, to a 63,000 annual rate. Many analysts had cited the 23.7 percent advance in September, to 94,000, could not be sustained.

But they rose elsewhere, including a 44.4 percent rise in the Midwest to 117,000. They were up 8.3 percent in the Midwest, to 117,000, and 0.3 percent in the South, to 31,000.

"It's very clear that the housing market," Lereah said, "is the housing market is one sector that's demonstrating that. If these higher interest

rates can't slow housing down, don't expect other less-interest-sensitive sectors to slow any time soon."

Thirty-year mortgage rates have risen steadily this year as the Federal Reserve engineered increases in short-term interest rates six times in attempts to slow the economy and keep inflation under control.

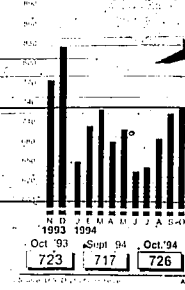
But Lereah said implicit in the continuing strength in the housing sector is more buyers with 30-year mortgage rates reaching 10 percent in mid-1995.

Rates on 30-year mortgages, which averaged less than 7 percent in early February when the Fed first acted, had risen to 8.93 percent in October and stood at 9.23 percent last week.

Shortly after the government released the housing report, House Democratic Leader Richard A. Gephardt of Missouri urged the Fed to be cautious in assessing the need for further rate hikes.

New home sales

Seasonally adjusted annual rate, thousands of units



Markets

Dow-Jones

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Most active

NEW YORK (AP) — Most active stocks	Volume	Change
IBM	3,430,000	+1.64
AT&T	3,324,000	+0.45
Comcast	2,810,000	+0.15
PPG Ind	2,082,000	+0.12
McDonald's	2,020,000	+0.12
Chrysler	2,121,000	+0.12
Merck	2,049,000	+0.12
Morgan Stanley	1,966,000	+0.12
Wal-Mart	1,944,000	+0.12
Wendy's	1,910,000	+0.12
Wal-Mart	1,748,000	+0.12

Local interest

Company	Price	Change
Alcoa	29.12	+0.12
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Closing futures

Month	High	Low	Close
Feb	67.75	67.75	67.75
Mar	67.75	67.75	67.75
Apr	67.75	67.75	67.75
May	67.75	67.75	67.75
Jun	67.75	67.75	67.75
Jul	67.75	67.75	67.75
Aug	67.75	67.75	67.75
Sep	67.75	67.75	67.75
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Beans

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Grains

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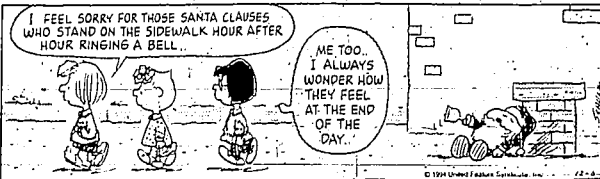
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Comics

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By Charles M. Schulz



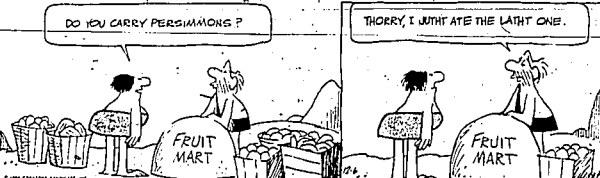
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Watterson



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



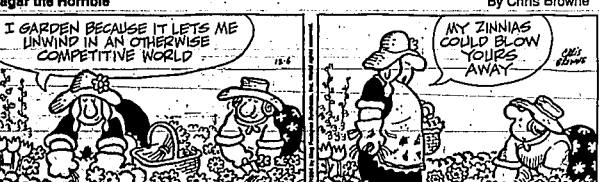
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



By Bob Thaves



The Bionic Man

By Art Sansom & Chip



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston

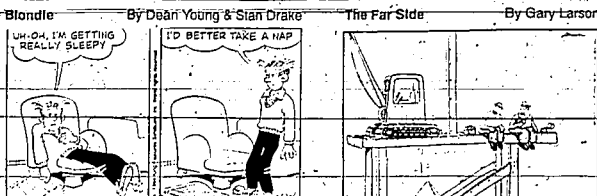


Blondie

By Dean Young & Stan Drake

The Far Side

By Gary Larson

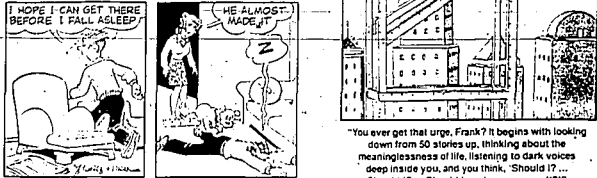


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

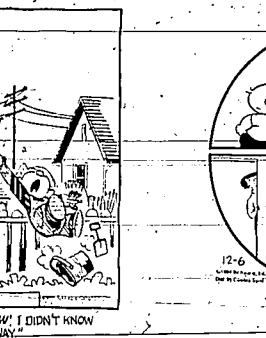
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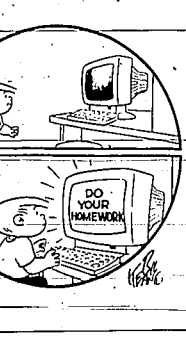
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Valley life

Grandparents' presence is the best gift to receive

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of two small boys, and with the holidays rapidly approaching, I'd like to address an open letter to my parents and my husband's parents. I doubt that I'm the only mom who feels this way.

Christmas will be here before you know it, and if I may, I'd like to make a suggestion. Before you go out shopping for your grandchildren, I know of one gift you could give the entire family—including yourselves: TIME! Our children are lucky to have four grandparents nearby, and I can't think of anything you could give them that would be more important.

To my mom: I know you really can't afford to buy the boys anything, and that's OK. But you could at least make an effort to drive over once in a while, or even call them just to say hello.

To my dad: I know you're busy, but won't you please try to remember their birthdays with a card, a phone call or visit?

To my in-laws: I know you've raised your children, but please don't think of time spent with your grandchildren as a chore.

All four of you live within a few minutes' drive, yet we seldom see you. You don't need an invitation to come to our place. Stop over and play a game, read a story to your grandsons, or ask them how their day went. Forge a relationship with them now, and they'll remember you when they grow up. Please, don't wait until they're teenagers, and then wonder why they hardly know you.

This year, give your grandsons the gift of yourselves. It's all they really need.

Thanks, Abby. I'm not bitter, just



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR DISAPPOINTED: Now, it's my turn to thank you. I'm sure many people will relate to the message in your letter.

Grandparents, building a close relationship with your grandchildren can be very rewarding. Trust me!

DEAR ABBY: Approximately 20 years ago, my wife had an affair, which devastated me. However, we stayed together, even though I periodically raised questions about the activities between her and her lover.

Recently I started pressing for more intimate details. When she refused to satisfy my curiosity, in order to get even, I told our children about their mother's affair. What a mistake! Now they tend to take their mother's side more than mine.

How can I redeem myself with my children and improve my relationship with my wife?

— REPENTING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR REPENTING: It was a dreadful mistake to try to punish your wife by dragging the skeleton out of her closet in full view of your children.

First, to redeem yourself, apologize to your wife in the presence of the children for trying to turn them against her. Next, apologize to your children for trying to poison their minds against their mother.

Then quit beating yourself up. And if you aren't able to shake the guilt that continues to torment you, please consider professional counseling.

Do patients have right to see doctors' records?

Boston Globe

Some days Albert Bush has taken as many as 10 calls from consumers who want to know if any malpractice claims have been filed against a particular doctor in Florida. Unlike officials in nearly every other state in the nation, he tells them.

"Everything is public except one bit," the name and address of the person who filed the claim, says Bush, an actuarial analyst at the Florida Department of Insurance. Over the course of a year, he talks with more than 200 consumers, sometimes giving information over the phone and sometimes suggesting that the caller come look at the files.

In West Virginia, Ellen Briggs, of the office of the state Board of Medicine, provides the same service to consumers. Her files go back for more than a decade, filling 15 volumes.

Try to get that information in other states and you'll be told it's confidential.

Some doctors, insurance officials and state regulators agree that malpractice insurance claims say very little about a provider's quality of care and could be misleading or unnecessarily damaging to a physician's reputation. Up to 70 percent of malpractice claims filed with insurers end up in a court suit, but only about 30 to 40 percent of them — or suits — result in cash settlements, according to insurance statistics.

"An insurance claim may not be proof of malpractice, patient rights advocates

say, but consumers nonetheless should have access to the data — with whatever context or caveat necessary — to factor in when they choose a doctor. That history is even more important for a physician with multiple claims, especially considering that fewer than 10 percent of doctors account for the majority of malpractice claims.

The debate is sure to be further fueled by three studies in the Journal of the American Medical Association in November.

One study concluded that a physician's past claims help predict future claims, and two studies in the current issue found that claims history may tell more about a physician's bedside manner than about the quality of clinical care. In addition, a 1990 landmark Harvard study found that, on the one hand, malpractice claims represent just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to patients injured through negligence and, on the other, that many claims are unwarranted.

"Unless and until these data are shown clearly to be related to competence and quality, I don't think they serve any purpose being in the public domain," says Dr. Joel Rubenstein, chairman of the Massachusetts Medical

Society's committee on medical services and a cardiologist at Newton-Wellesley Hospital.

Just give me as much information as possible and I'll decide for myself.

— Karen Thompson, Massachusetts coordinator for National Center for Patients' Rights

patient rights activist because of what happened to her father, Robert Brothers, while he was undergoing surgery for a lung tumor. After the surgeon accidentally cut the stem to the lung and tried to plug the hole with his finger, her father went into a coma. He died two years later. The family settled out of court.

Debate is likely to heat up soon over the secrecy of the only national repository of information about physicians' track records.

Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and Rep. Scott L. Klug, R-Wisc., are expected to file legislation in January to require that certain information collected by the National Practitioner Data Bank be made public, including malpractice claims history after a physician has settled two such claims, and any revoca-

tions of hospital privileges.

In Massachusetts, the medical society plans to file a bill this month to allow the medical board to release the names of doctors whose hospital privileges have been revoked or restricted because of incompetence, but the legislation probably will not address claims history, according to Michael Kelly, the society's director of government relations.

While all the evidence about the relationship between a physician's malpractice claims history and quality of care is not in, the recent research provides some insight.

A study in the Nov. 9 Journal of the American Medical Association examined the records of 8,247 Florida doctors and concluded that, against all odds, even one claim against him, whether or not the insurer paid any money to settle that claim, is at more than twice the risk of a future claim, compared with doctors with no claims. The study took into account high-risk specialties, although the Medical Society's Rubenstein contends that factor was not adequately considered.

"It's fairly clear that the history of malpractice claims is related to future malpractice claims," says Randall R. Bovbjerg, lead author of the study and senior research associate for the Urban Institute's Health Policy Center. "The history does have predictive power." He declines to draw conclusions about a doctor's claims history and quality of care, but adds, "There must be something to it. I can't believe it doesn't have relevance."

Valley happenings

Garden club will meet Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the home of Jan Reynolds, 175 Harrison, for the club's Christmas Party.

Those attending are asked to bring a "make or bake" item for the gift exchange. Georgella Hartwell is the menu chairman, and a Christmas program will be given by Helen Thorne.

Twin Falls PTSO meets Wednesday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Parent Teacher Student Organization has planned its December meeting for 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the high school.

All members are encouraged to attend.

Filer PTSO sponsors book fair

FILER — The Filer Middle School Parent Teacher Organization is sponsoring a Book Fair from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the library at the middle school.

Students are encouraged to read for pleasure and contribute to a worthwhile project. All proceeds will be used to purchase new books for the school library.

Students, parents and visitors are welcome.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID, 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

North Side Center offers classes for emergencies

The Times-News

certificate of completion.

GOODING — The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center is offering two classes to help people with emergency situations.

A first-aid session on how to assess victims and handle bleeding injuries, burns and more is planned for 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the North Side Center. Cost is \$7, which includes a

Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 934-8678.

CSI registration will start soon

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Open registration for the spring semester at the College of Southern Idaho begins soon.

New students and returning students who have not pre-registered are encouraged to complete registration early.

The registrar's office will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday from Dec. 8 to 16 and Jan. 3-13.

Catch up on the latest scores in The Times-News sports section.

Movies Today!

Program Info: 734-2400 & 324-8375

Mall Cinema

Interview with Vampire (R) 7:00-9:30

Jerome Cinema 4

The Santa Clause (PG) 7:10-9:10

Star Trek (PG) 7:10-9:20

Interview Vampire (R) 7:00-9:20

Junior (G) 7:00-9:20

Twin Cinema 9

The Santa Clause (PG) 7:10-9:10

Trapped (PG) 7:10-9:10

Junior (G) 7:10-9:20

Sargate (G) 7:10-9:20

The War (PG) 9:15

Miracle on 34th (PG) 7:00-9:20

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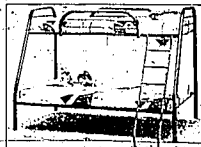
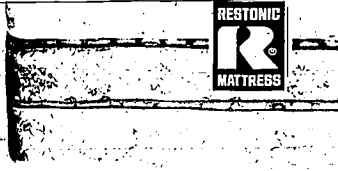
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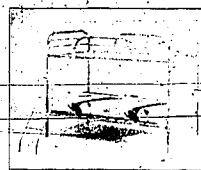
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Couple, Nature Conservancy work together to save Idaho wetland

PRIEST LAKE (AP) — Archie and Mary George spent their profits from a real estate deal, put off remodeling their Moscow home and raided their daughter's college fund to buy 60-Banner County-acres they can never develop.

Yet they do not regret their decision to help the Nature Conservancy preserve a rare wetland.

"We laid ourselves out financially, but it was worth it," George said. "This was really a unique contribution we could make to protect a special part of the state."

Finding people willing to buy and preserve land is increasingly important to organizations that work to save special places.

"With the government having less and less money, turning to the state and

federal governments isn't always the answer," said Mark Elshree, who staffs the Nature Conservancy's new northern Idaho office in Hayden Lake.

The conservancy, which has preserved more than 7 million acres nationwide, more often buys land with the expectation of selling it in turn to a land-management agency.

But private purchases "probably represent 30 percent of the protection we do," Elshree said. "There's a lot of people moving up to Idaho who want to work to protect habitat out here."

The Georges are not newcomers. Archie, 45, was born in Lewiston and spent the last 14 years in Moscow, where he is a University of Idaho administrator. Mary, 43, is a zoologist who grew up in Wisconsin.

They got involved with land stew-

ardship after selling a rental house and looking around for a place to invest the proceeds. They wanted land in the country with no buildings to maintain, and they liked the notion of protecting habitat.

George contacted the Nature Conservancy, to which the couple had made modest contributions for years. He asked if the group had identified northern Idaho land in need of protection that the couple might buy.

"One guy at the Nature Conservancy said what they'd like to have is lake-front property with large pine trees and I said, 'Yeah, right.' It was out of our league."

"So we started dealing on some farm ground as far as an investment," George said. "I figured we could build

some ponds and put in some wildlife habitat."

Then last January, the conservancy called back. Would the couple be interested in buying 60 acres that included 7-acre Hager Lake?

Ellic Wright, the owner for a half-century, wanted the land protected and a trade with the Forest Service did not look promising.

Located just west of Priest Lake, the property includes a meadow where grizzly bears might show up looking for a spring meal. But its real biological prizes are ones best seen on bended knee ("bog cranberries, sedges and weird insect-eating plants called sundews).

Hager Lake, created 12,000 years ago by a retreating glacier, is a peat bog. Its spongy mat of floating vegeta-

tion is thick enough to walk on.

The Idaho Conservation Data Center suggested that the Nature Conservancy work to protect the land if it ever went up for sale.

"Above and beyond its great biological attributes, it's got a great story to tell," center coordinator Bob Mosley said.

He said a Washington State University researcher made a complete checklist of the plants at the site 40 years ago. He documented not only the kinds of plants, but their abundance as well.

So researchers now how the plant community had changed since the 1950s. By taking core samples of the bog, they also were able to examine pollen and leaves up to 700 years old and document long-term changes.

"We found that indeed some of the most dynamic times in the bog were in the 1920s, when the area was settled," Mosley said. "There were also some big fires back then, ditching and draining, haying and logging."

The plants can be affected by even small fluctuations in the amount and temperature of the groundwater that feeds the lake. Knowledge gleaned from studies there is being used to write guidelines aimed at protecting all the Panhandle's scattered peat bogs.

The scientific information, and the beauty, was under three feet of snow when George first visited the property on President's Day weekend. But what he saw he liked. Especially the 25-acre crescent of old trees hugging the property's western and southern sides.

Gulf renews ex-executive fraud case

BOISE (AP) — Gulf USA Corp. has renewed efforts to retrieve millions of dollars from former executives accused of embezzling from the company.

A lawsuit filed in federal bankruptcy court in Boise last week restated a complaint filed earlier this year by Gulf. It includes detailed allegations on years of reckless investing and fraud while Gulf's obligations to pensioners and other credits mounted.

Some 2,000 Gulf pensioners live in northern Idaho and the Spokane, Wash., area. Gulf operated the Bunker Hill mine and owned until the early 1980s and is blamed for polluting much of the Coeur d'Alene River Basin.

"The company, now bankrupt, once hoped to fund the lion's share of environmental cleanup at the Bunker Hill Superfund site."

None of the defendants named in Gulf's lawsuit have responded. Many live outside the United States, increasing the uncertainty of Gulf's chances at recovering money.

Under the leadership of two chief executive officers — David J. Rowland and Graham Ferguson — Gulf insiders were paid millions in cash on shoddy investments and lavish lifestyles, according to the complaint.

Between 1989 and 1991, Rowland directed Gulf to invest more than \$100 million in New Zealand real estate, stolen treasure, elaborate and needless offices in London, New York and Monte Carlo, the lawsuit claims. Rowland allegedly hushed board members and corporate officers by awarding them excessive compensation and exorbitant travel.

"In the middle of his spending spree, Rowland wrote a letter to Bunker Hill's former northern Idaho employees insisting that the company was not hiding assets overseas."

Because of false assurances from Rowland, "the recipients of this letter took no action to prevent the transfer of Gulf's assets offshore," the lawsuit states.

Rowland now lives in Monte Carlo, Monaco. Lacey, who succeeded Rowland as Gulf's top officer, is accused of using Gulf's cash reserves to prop up his own struggling business, Nycal Corp. Nycal remains a major Gulf share-holder.

Lacey also is accused of enriching himself at Gulf's expense. In two years, he and his associates were paid \$2.2 million in consulting fees, even though Gulf was insolvent at the time.

Lottery novice wins \$100,000 in Powerball

POCATTELLO (AP) — Teresa Duke of Pocatello is new to playing the lottery, but dabbling in the national Powerball game earned her \$100,000.

"She's only played once," said her husband, Carl. "I'm the gambler in the family. I've been playing all along. So I finally told her, 'It's time for you to pick some numbers because you'll probably win.'"

(She) followed his advice and picked numbers based on family birthdays and anniversaries. Then she got tired of it and randomly picked the numbers and looked at the paper. "Celestial numbers," she said.

On Tuesday night's Powerball, she picked 22, 23, 21 and the Powerball was 22. She won \$100,000.

She said she had \$22,000 and was planning to buy a house. "I was in a hurry to get out of there," she said.



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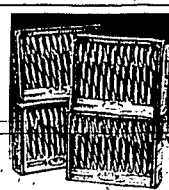
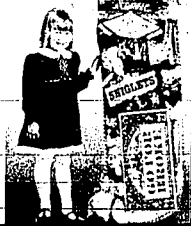
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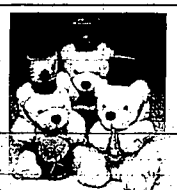
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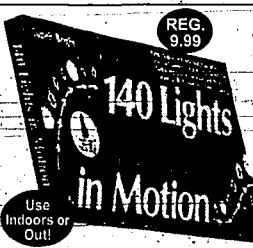
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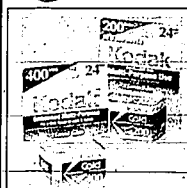
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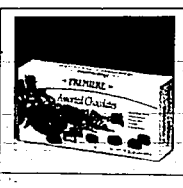
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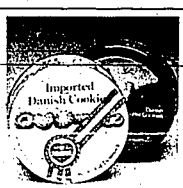
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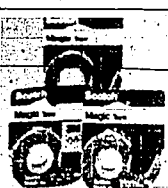
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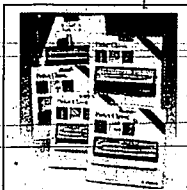
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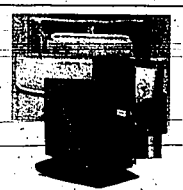
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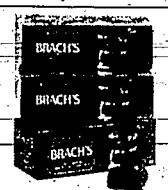
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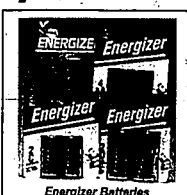
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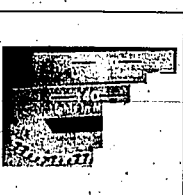
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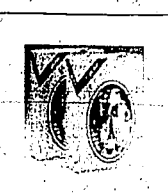
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Biologist: Wolf plan can't fail

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) - The proposed wolf reintroduction in the nation's oldest national park can't fail, says biologist Mike Phillips.

Habitat in Yellowstone is so good that no matter when the endangered predators are released or how far they wander, the wolves will quickly reestablish their species, the park biologist said.

"This is such a good spot, we can't really screw it up," said Phillips, who will oversee the return of wolves to Yellowstone. "This program is

doomed to succeed," he told The Billings (Mont.) Gazette.

A lawsuit by the American Farm Bureau and other factors have disrupted plans to return wolves to both Yellowstone Park and central Idaho this winter. The schedule listed in an environmental impact statement issued earlier this year already has passed.

Although the EIS says wolves will be released into the wild in Yellowstone "not later than Jan. 1" of the winter the reintroduction project begins, the government has pledged not to even import

wolves from Canada until that date. No wolves would be freed in Yellowstone until one to two months after that, officials have said.

A federal spokeswoman said government biologists have no obligation to follow dates indicated in the EIS.

"Biologically speaking, those are the ideal dates," said Sharon Rose of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. "But legally speaking, we're not bound by what the EIS says."

Phillips, who previously handled the reintroduction of red wolves to a complex of wildlife

refuges in North Carolina, said the date makes little difference.

"There is no just plan," he said. "You can have a good release program any season of the year."

However, a lawyer for the Farm Bureau said federal wildlife agencies are straying so far from the time line that the document may have to be amended or partially rewritten.

"If they wait around much longer, they will have to do something to justify the new dates," Richard Kratke said in a telephone interview from his office in Chicago.

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Desperation drove bank robber

Down-on-his-luck man felt there was no other way to feed his family

LITTLETON, Ark. (AP) — Larry Archer's story reads like a country song: a down-on-his-luck man who says he was so desperate to feed his family and pay doctors to treat his new wife's cancer that he robbed a bank.

Now food's on the table, and medical help is on the way.

As for Archer, he has been in the county jail since the holiday two days before Thanksgiving, facing bank robbery charges that could bring five to 20 years in prison. Federal charges could come next.

Police and prosecutors don't know or care, really, whether Archer's tale is true.

"He said he needed the money for his wife's surgery. But a crime is a crime, regardless of circumstances. It's out of my hands," said Jonesboro Detective Rick Elliott.

Lisa and Larry Archer were married in January. A short time later, she said, she learned she had ovarian cancer. She said her husband spent so much time caring for her as her condition deteriorated that he lost his factory job.

Archer moved his wife and her three children from West Memphis to this farming community of 1,900 people 50 miles to the northwest.

Mrs. Archer said last week that applications for public aid ran into hitch after hitch — at one point, she said, the state lost a Medicaid application. And several banks, she said, turned down their requests for a loan.

On the morning of Nov. 22, Archer took the children to school, dropped his wife off at her apartment and headed to nearby Jonesboro.

Police say he passed a note to a teller at a branch of MidSouth Bank. It read: "This is a robbery. I want \$10,000." Though carrying no weapon, he threatened to blow up the building, police say. The teller gave him all the money in her cash drawer, \$4,150.

Archer was captured in less than



Larry Archer hugs his wife, Lisa Archer in October 1994. Larry Archer is charged with robbing a Jonesboro, Ark., bank because he said he needed money to pay for his wife's doctor bills.

half an hour after crashing his wife's car in a chase that police said topped 100 mph. He confessed and was held on \$200,000 bail.

"I just hate that he got desperate enough to do something like this," Mrs. Archer said.

"He cries a lot when I talk to him. He just wants to come home," she said. "It's sad. We were going to have Thanksgiving at our house, and after dinner put up decorations and make plans for Christmas. We don't have any plans now."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Pat Harris said he doubts Archer's story would earn him a lighter sentence in federal court.

"That's certainly worthy of sympathy and heartfelt," Harris said, "but still not a good reason for robbing a bank."

Archer has been in trouble before, pleading guilty to forgery when he was 17. He got five years' probation.

Still, his mother, Joyce Cant, said her son's actions were entirely out of character, driven by pressure from mounting bills and fear of losing his wife.

"Larry had a stepbrother to die of cancer, and a great aunt to die of cancer. (Lisa) had a cousin," she said. "It just put a shock into Larry, knowing what they went through. Larry just went over the edge."

Since Archer's arrest, the utilities have been turned off and his wife has moved in with her mother-in-law. Her children are with grandparents.

But Mrs. Archer said the state finally approved the family's application for food stamps, and they're on an emergency waiting list for housing. A doctor has offered to treat Mrs. Archer free, she said, and Medicaid now is expected to pay related costs.

State social services officials will not confirm any of her story, citing confidentiality rules. The same is true for the hospital where Mrs. Archer said she was diagnosed with an ovarian cyst. The doctor who has offered free treatment hasn't met his patient yet.

The manager of Elite Mastercraft Lamp Co. in West Memphis, where Archer said he had worked, did not remember Archer and said personal records are private.

Prosecutors and police said they have no proof, but they believe Archer about his wife's condition.

"But that aspect of it doesn't have a whole lot of bearing on what he did," Elliott said.

Not everyone loves city matchmaking

ELMSFORD, N.Y. (AP) — An admittedly offbeat town supervisor wants to bring government closer to the people — and some people closer to each other.

His idea: a matchmaking service, compliments of Town Hall, just to prove that politicians really do have a heart.

"Why go to the bars when you can go to government?" reasons Cupid-wannabe Paul Feiner. "Instead of being totally upset and disgusted with politicians, people might say, 'Gosh, that's really nice; somebody cares.'"

Feiner, who concedes that "I see government a little differently than others," credits the matchmaking idea to an offhand comment dropped by constituent Merna Youdelman while they were working on a civic project.

But there was a hitch: Feiner wasn't hitched. "People would say it was a conflict of interest," he said. "That's no longer a problem. Thanks to a relative's matchmaking efforts, Feiner is now engaged. After the wedding next spring, he himself can become a matchmaker."

Youdelman says she'll be one of the first to sign up. "Absolutely!" said the 57-year-old divorcee. "Everybody wants to meet somebody... in a comfortable atmosphere, not hanging out in a bar."

Not everyone is in love with the

proposal. Some council members have expressed unromantic concerns about potential liability. And residents of Glenburgh, about 25 miles north of New York, aren't sure what to make of it.

On Friday, after the news appeared in suburban papers, Feiner was reveling in way-to-go calls from supporters and sloughing off angry-crazy barbs from critics.

Feiner himself isn't sure how his love connection will work. Maybe, it could happen at his Sunday supermarket stops, where he listens to residents' complaints and problems — sometimes personal problems.

"It would be neat if people went to my supermarket hours and first complained about potholes, then told me they want to meet somebody," he said.

Shoppers at the Grand Union in Dobbs Ferry, where Feiner sometimes holds his Sunday forums, rolled their eyes or did double-takes when asked about his latest proposal.

"You're kidding," said Nanette Markey, 64. But after a moment's reflection, she added: "Why not?"

Kathy Fleming's first reaction was, "Oh God!" But she recalled that she had met her husband in a bookstore, and said that the supermarket might not be a bad location for a matchmaking service.

After all, she said, "Everybody has to shop."

Toddler trips motion detector, is mistaken for burglar, killed

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — A toddler enthrallied by Christmas tree lights tripped an anti-crime motion detector in his living room and was shot to death by his stepmother, who had mistaken the 3-year-old for a burglar, police said.

Jonathan Hicks' death was ruled an accident, and police planned no charges against his stepmother, whom they refused to identify.

On Saturday night, the woman grabbed a .38-caliber semiautomatic handgun and fired when she saw movement.

Jonathan was shot in the head as he stood inches from the Christmas tree.

"He loved Christmas lights. He would jump up and down. He just liked looking at it," said his grandmother, Georgia Hicks.

The shooting took place in a drug-infested west Jackson, where anti-crime devices such as motion detectors and burglar bars are common in many homes.

The largest city in Mississippi has had the 12th-highest homicide rate among U.S. cities last year, according to the FBI. The city of near-

ly 200,000 people has surpassed its 1993 record of 87 slayings with 89 so far this year.

"They were imprisoned in their own home," said retired police Officer Nicki Temple, who worked in the neighborhood during his 21 years on the force.

Temple recalled the open trade in crack and the sound of gunshots at night.

"If you hear gunshots all night long, you're going to stay in a certain state of fear," he said.

Katherine Stevenson, who lives a couple of blocks from the shooting scene, said she isn't ready to take up a gun, even though burglaries are common in the area.

"This neighborhood is not that bad," said Stevenson, a mother of three. "I'm not frightened to the point where I grab a gun every time I hear a noise. The first thing I would have done is checked on my child."

Temple, who now teaches gun safety classes, said he understands the fear that drives homeowners to buy guns. But he urged them to be careful.



Deirdre Henderson, granddaughter of one of the world's most noted teddy bear collectors, the late British Col. Bob Henderson, holds his most prized bear 'Teddy Girl'.

Teddy bear brings world record price

LONDON (AP) — A teddy bear whose owner was an adviser on the D-day landings sold for a record \$171,600 at auction Monday.

"Teddy Girl," manufactured by Steiff of Germany in 1904, was purchased by Yoshihiro Sakaguchi, who intends to put it in a toy museum near Tokyo. The bear was one of about 800 offered at auction by Christie's.

The bear was owned by the late

Col. Bob Henderson, who took the toy along during his service as an adviser to Gen. Bernard Montgomery on the D-day landings.

Christie's said the value was enhanced by the rarity of the bear, made just a year after Steiff introduced the first jointed plush teddy bear.

The previous record price was \$78,000 for a 1920 Steiff bear, sold by Sotheby's in 1989.

Quayle hospitalized extra day

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Dan Quayle didn't get out of the hospital today after all.

Quayle is "doing extremely well," said the former vice president who was hospitalized until today. Quayle is taking blood

thinners to keep new clots from forming.

Blood clots, called pulmonary embolisms, often occur in people who have been in bed for long periods of time.

Quayle was taken to a private hospital in Indianapolis after he was hospitalized for a pulmonary embolism, a lung-and-heart condition that deprives the body of oxygen.

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Found: Grey shorthair cat, Shih Ave, off Manning area, Very friendly, Call 733-1249.
Found: Mopeds, ring, the MV Mark parking lot, Call 326-5234 to identify.
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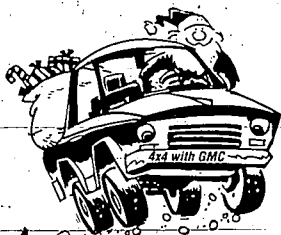
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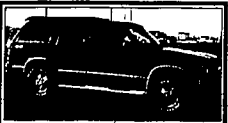
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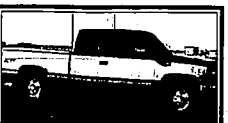
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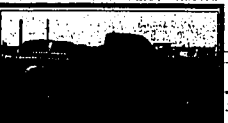
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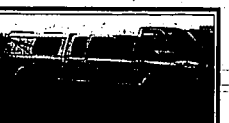
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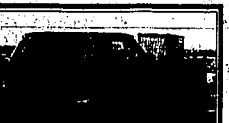
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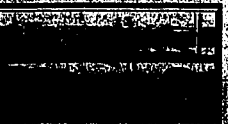
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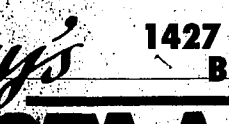
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Sports

Council raises golf fees, dumps \$2 round charge

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News sports editor

Golf course fees

The new fees at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course approved Monday by the City Council will be:		Juniors/students:	
Season passes		9 holes:	\$100
Single:	1994 \$275, 1995 \$350	Greens fees:	
Couple:	\$425 - \$500	9 holes:	\$6 - \$8
Single w/child:	\$400	18 holes:	\$9 - \$11
Couple w/child:	\$480 - \$550	18 holes:	\$13 - \$15
Senior citizen (single):	\$235	Cart fees:	
Senior citizen (couple):	\$370 - \$450	On-course storage:	\$135 - \$200
		Haul-on:	\$85 - \$100

required to shell out \$2 every time they played a round. Under the fee schedule adopted Monday, season passes will jump \$75 or more, but Lanting said golfers would rather pay that than

a per-round surcharge. The Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course has operated at a deficit for the past few years, and the Council decided to raise the cost of playing in order to better maintain the course and get the course back into the black. The city estimates the course will need to raise about \$274,000 in 1995 to break even. "We need to start building a nest egg out there," said Councilman Howard Allen, a member of the golf advisory panel who moved for passage of the \$2 fee. But he and Mayor Gale Kleinkopf were the only ones to vote for the measure. The people who use the course, the most are the ones who should pay the most, Kleinkopf said. He pointed out that pass holders play about 70 percent of the rounds tallied at Twin Falls, but they contribute 40-45 percent of the revenue. The rest comes from golfers without passes who pay per-round green fees. But Councilman Lance Clow said he was reluctant to "run off the loyal season pass holders" who help to maintain the course. "We are in a competitive situation" with other courses, Clow said, urging the councilmembers to keep the price of golfing at Twin Falls enough for everyone to afford. After the surcharge failed, Councilman Jeff Gooding proposed the raise and greens fee increase, which passed unanimously.

Morning line

Sportsquote

"When I saw him play in college, I thought he'd be a great player in this league in two years. I've revised that from two years to two months."

— Joe Dumars of the Detroit Pistons on rookie teammate Grant Hill

Briefly

Applications sought for asthma scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the 1995 Asthma Athletic Scholarship program for high school scholar-athletes with asthma. "The Will to Win" is the theme for the 11th year of the Asthma Athletic Scholarship program. Five \$1,000 scholarships, four \$5,000 scholarships and a prize of \$10,000 will be awarded. Applicants may be obtained by calling 1-800-778-2327. Deadline for applications is March 31, with scholarships being awarded in June in New York City.

BSU, Weber State hoopers share 1st Big Sky award

BOISE — Boise State center John Coker and Weber State forward Kirk Smith are the first Big Sky Conference men's basketball players of the week. Big Sky Commissioner Ron Stephenson announced the awards Monday. Coker, a 7-foot, 245-pound senior from Bremerton, Wash., helped Boise State to a 2-1 start the first two weeks of the season. His steady play helped guide the Broncos to victories over Utah State, 81-68, and St. Mary's, 80-56. In the three games he shot 57.5 percent from the field, scored 53 points, grabbed 23 rebounds and blocked nine shots. "Smith, a 6-7, 210-pound senior from Belize City, Belize, was a major factor for the Wildcats as Weber State also started its season at 2-1. In those three games he pulled down 41 rebounds, including two games of 13 each against Lewis-Clark State and Wagner, and one game of 15 against Delaware. Overall he averaged 13.7 rebounds a game and scored 33 points.

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Today

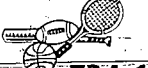
- College men's basketball: Gonzaga at Idaho
- Pro boys' basketball: Buja County at Wood River, 6 p.m. (WFOZ) at Midvale, 7:30 p.m. (JH) at Shoreline, 7 p.m. (JH) at Rockford, 7:30 p.m. (JH) at Oakley, 6 p.m. (JH) at North Gate, 6 p.m. (JH) at Ketchikan, 7:30 p.m.
- Pro girls' basketball: Capital at Twin Falls, 4:15 p.m. (JH) at Rigby, 6:15 p.m. (JH) at Gering, 7:30 p.m. (JH) at Kimberly, 6 p.m. (JH) at Valley, 6 p.m. (JH) at Coalinga, 6 p.m. (JH) at Rancho, 6 p.m. (JH) at Carson, 6 p.m. (JH) at Del Norte, 6 p.m. (JH) at Ketchikan, 6 p.m.
- PRCA rodeo: NFR, Las Vegas

Sports on TV

- 11:00 a.m. — Channel 13, golf, Dunlop Phoenix Tournament
- 5:30 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, George Washington at Duke
- 6:00 p.m. — Channel 31, NBA basketball, Houston at Seattle
- 7:00 p.m. — Channel 23, boxing, Thunder vs. Turbo, heavyweight
- 7:30 p.m. — Channel 5, college basketball, Mississippi State at Ohio
- 7:30 p.m. — Channel 13, college basketball, Florida State

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Inside

Scores and stats D2

Jerome's Hamilton leads team

The Times-News

JEROME — Outside hitter Trent Hamilton, named the league's most valuable player, led three Jerome teammates on the 1994 South Central Idaho Conference volleyball team. Setter JaNae Tolman and Gwen Roberts, an outside hitter, joined senior teammate Hamilton while Tiger junior middle blocker Tomia Burk was one of four underclassmen to make the All-Star aggregation. The other three non-seniors will be back for Wood River, which represented District 4 in the Class A-2 state playoffs, next season. Morgan Hogue, a junior middle blocker, sophomore hitter Summer Hanson and setter Summer Williams, a freshman, gave the Wolverines the second best representation on the squad. Buhl's Jany Black and Mountain Homes Emily Elliott, both senior outside hitters, rounded out the first team. Three more Wood River netters, Sunny Healey, Katie Albright and Jessie Perry, were accorded honorable mention. Senior honors went to Jerome's Lanie Barnes and Kim Burton as well as Jana Wain and Wendy Schweindinn of Buhl. Brenna Taylor and Marci Peterson of Burley joined the ranks of those receiving honorable mention as did Mountain Homes' Kori Wormsbecker.

Lady Vols look worthy of ranking

The Associated Press

Tennessee is proving to be a deserving No. 1 in The Associated Press women's basketball poll. In four games, the Lady Vols have defeated two Top Ten teams and crushed two unranked foes. Monday, they were a unanimous choice for No. 1 by a nationwide media panel for the third straight week. "Tennessee does have a new challenger in the No. 2 spot after disposing of the team that used to be there, Connecticut moved into that position in place of Stanford, which lost to Tennessee 105-69 in Knoxville and dropped to fifth. Connecticut was third last week. No. 3 Louisiana Tech and No. 4 North Carolina moved up one spot each. North Carolina's move comes one day after the Tar Heels' Charlotte Smith became the first woman to dunk in a college game since 1984. She put one down in the first minute of a 115-58 victory over North Carolina A&T. With all 31 first-place votes, Tennessee had 775 points. The Lady Vols also have knocked off Louisiana Tech this season and have routed Memphis and Maryland, the latter by a 95-29 count Sunday despite the absence of leading scorer Nikki McCray, who's out two weeks because of a broken bone in her right hand. The Lady Vols' next challenge is Tuesday against No. 15 Purdue, which will get its shot at Tennessee on Jan. 16, had 727 points, Louisiana Tech (4-1) had 703, North Carolina (5-0) 670 and Stanford (3-1) 634. The rest of the Top Ten is unchanged from last week. Alabama is sixth, followed by Penn State, Washington, Vanderbilt and Colorado. Texas Tech remains 11th and there was some shuffling after that, resulting from Iowa's losses at Southwest Missouri and Stephen F. Austin. The Hawkeyes dropped from 12th into a tie for 19th with Mississippi, which was 20th last week. No. 12 Virginia, No. 13 Florida and No. 14 Kansas each moved up two places. Purdue continued dropping despite winning three games during the past week. The Boilermakers (3-2) were second in the preseason poll but have fallen every week since. They were 13th last week. Georgia went from 17th to 16th, now No. 17 Western Kentucky climbed two spots and George Washington remained 18th. No. 25 Southwest Missouri is the only newcomer. Florida International, which had been 21st, dropped out after losing to Southern Mississippi. At 21 through 24, it's Texas A&M, Seton Hall, Auburn and Southern California.

NY nicks 76ers in OT

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — John Starks and Charles Smith combined for nine of New York's 11 points in overtime as the Knicks beat the Philadelphia 76ers 101-96 Monday night. Starks had five of his 16 points and Smith had four of his 20 in the extra period, giving the Knicks their fifth win in seven games. Sharonne Wright's baseline jumper 20 seconds into overtime put Philadelphia up 92-90, but Starks' 3-pointer, followed by Smith's jumper midway through the extra period, gave the Knicks the lead for good. Patrick Ewing led all scorers with 25 points, Dana Barros led the 76ers with 22 points, while Willie Burton and Wright had 19 apiece. After trailing by 10 midway through the final quarter, the 76ers rallied to tie the game at 90 on Burton's baseline jumper with 52 seconds left to play. Both teams had a chance to end the game in regulation, but Starks put up an airball with five seconds to play and Burton's 10-foot jumper at the buzzer was no good. The 76ers took their first lead of the game early in the third quarter when consecutive baskets by Shawn Bradley put them ahead 47-45, but Ewing's work at both ends of the floor helped the Knicks go back in front. A steal by Derek Harper led to a dunk by Ewing that put the Knicks ahead 49-47 with 9:50 left in the quarter. When Bradley left with his fourth foul shortly after that, New York rebuilt its lead to 80-70 midway through the final period. The Knicks opened a 23-8 lead 10 minutes into the game as the 76ers hit only four of their first 16 shots. But Ewing picked up his third foul — accompanied by a technical called on coach Pat Riley — midway through the second quarter and Philadelphia used Ewing's absence from the middle to get back into the game. Three Knick shots were blocked in the first half's final minutes — two of them by Bradley — and a baseline jumper by Sharonne Wright with 32 seconds left brought the 76ers within four, 45-41, at the break.



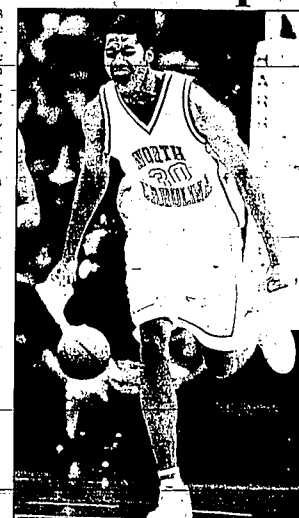
Philadelphia 76ers center Shawn Bradley fights for the loose ball with New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing during the first quarter in Philadelphia Monday.

Tar Heels take top basketball spot

The Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Ask Dean Smith about being ranked No. 1 in March, when he really cares. No. 1 North Carolina became the third college basketball team to ascend to the top spot Monday in The Associated Press poll after sweeping the field in the Tournament of Champions in conjunction with a loss by Massachusetts, the previous No. 1 team. Smith doesn't concern himself with the polls now, anyway. He'll be happier when it matters most, at the end of the season. That means another banner in the Smith Center to acknowledge that the Tar Heels finished a season ranked No. 1, even if they don't win a national championship. "I don't think it's ideal to be No. 1 at any time except the final poll," Smith said at his weekly news conference. "That means you've had a great season." "The important thing is the (NCAA) tournament. It's just like it used to be in the ACC tournament," Smith said of the era when only the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament champion went to the postseason and everyone else either went to the NIT or stayed home. Smith also isn't enthusiastic about the attention that accompanies the ranking. "Probably the worst thing with the No. 1 rating is the false impression it gives to our team's fellow students," he said. The Tar Heels (1-1) received 54 first-place votes (1,633 points) from the 66 members of the national media panel. That's far ahead of UCLA, which had five first-place votes and 1,501 points. The Bruins (2-0) improved three spots

with an 82-81 victory over then-No. 3 Kentucky in the other game at the Wooden Classic. Smith has always subscribed to the idea that rankings are based in part on what a team did at the end of the previous year. Thus, he felt getting a No. 2 ranking before the 1994-95 season began was based on the play of Jerry Stackhouse and Rasheed Wallace, now sophomores and mainstays of the Tar Heels this year. "Our preseason rank was really a mystery to me," Smith said. "Honestly, I realize Stackhouse and Wallace are great talents. They're both improved." But to be top-rated in December? Forget it, Smith said. "No, I don't think we should be, but we can't control it," he said. "And, I don't think we are at this point. We have a lot of work to do." Arkansas (2-1), No. 1 in the preseason poll until losing to Massachusetts in the season-opener, was No. 1 on three ballots and moved up from fourth to third. Kansas (2-0) received the same number of No. 1 votes and jumped from seventh to fourth. Massachusetts (1-1) fell to fifth, while Florida (3-0), which received the other first-place vote, jumped from eighth to sixth. Kentucky was seventh, followed by Arizona, Duke and Connecticut. The Duke-Connecticut placement was unusual, given that the Huskies, 10th last week, downed the Blue Devils who were sixth at the time, in the Great Eight



North Carolina's Rasheed Wallace scores in the championship game of the Dier Pops Tournament Saturday. North Carolina became the 3rd college basketball team to top the Associated Press poll this season.

Cowboys' title means little to team

IRVING, Texas (AP) Three consecutive NFC East championships don't mean much to the Dallas Cowboys.

"Third consecutive Super Bowl victory is all that will make them celebrate."

"Winning the NFC East didn't make us jump around," wide receiver Michael Irvin said. "We don't want a pat on the back until we win another Super Bowl. We have to do anything we can to get a third ring. We don't want to look back in 10 years and regret we didn't give it our all."

Dallas beat Philadelphia 31-19 on Sunday to stretch its record to 11-2.

It was the 16th division championship in club history and gave the Cowboys a 21-6 record in games after Thanksgiving.

"This isn't that special," offensive guard Nate Newton said. "Super Bowls are special."

Safety Darren Woodson, who returned an interception 94 yards for a touchdown to put the Eagles away, said the Cowboys were unemotional after the victory because they had anticipated winning the division.

"We expected to win it, so when it happened it was not that big a deal," Woodson said. "We're the unluckiest 11-2 team you'll ever see."

The Cowboys have lost to Detroit and San Francisco, also 11-2. If Dallas and the 49ers win out, then San Francisco would own the home-field advantage in the NFC playoffs.

"We want to go back to the Super Bowl even if we have to go through San Francisco in San Francisco to do it," Woodson said.

The Cowboys have won the last two weeks with backup quarterbacks. Rodney Peete took Dallas to victory on Sunday. On Thanksgiving Day, Jason Garrett beat the Green Bay Packers.

Troy Aikman, who has a much-improved sprained ligament in his left knee, was expected to return to practice and possibly start against Cleveland on Sunday in Texas Stadium.

"We got our general back this week," Irvin said.

Dallas coach Barry Switzer said Aikman "is feeling much better."

"We'll know more about his status tomorrow. We don't want him to go unless he is feeling 100 percent," Switzer said.

Elway may be back for clash with Raiders

DENVER (AP) — John Elway's knee injury isn't as serious as first thought, doctors said Monday, leaving a chance he could play Sunday against the Los Angeles Raiders and keeping the Broncos in the playoff picture.

"It's real encouraging right now," coach Wade Phillips said at a news conference. "There is a possibility he can play. It depends on how he responds to treatment."

Elway twisted his knee during a quarterback sneak on an 18-play drive in the first half of the fourth quarter against Kansas City Sunday. He was sacked twice and hit hard two other times, limping off the field after a third-down completion to Glyn Milburn.

Hugh Millen stepped in and led the Broncos to a 20-17 overtime victory over the Chiefs. Both teams are 7-6 and tied for second place in the AFC West. But nobody views the journeyman Millen as the man to lead Denver to the playoffs.

Doctors examined Elway's left knee Monday and diagnosed it as strained muscle and some mildly stretched ligaments, Phillips said.

"John is probably one of the most durable quarterbacks there is. A lot of his durability is because of his off-season work with lifting weights and running and watching his weight," said Phillips.

Elway first injured the knee in high school and then hyperextended it in 1985. He had the anterior cruciate ligament removed, and he has worn a heavy brace ever since.

Phillips said the outside chance of Elway suffering an injury was one reason why the Broncos this year signed Millen, a nine-year NFL veteran.

Phillips speculated that Elway likely will take some snaps during practice this week, but said it will be up to him whether he will play.

Millen said, "I have to have the mindset that I'm going to play, but it's up to John. He's as tough as there is."

The Broncos are facing two difficult road games, first against the Raiders on Sunday and then against the 49ers Dec. 17. Their final game is Dec. 24 at home against New Orleans.

Elway's injury is just another setback in a long string of disappointments for the Broncos this season.

"You'd rather not play without John Elway, but you'd rather not play without Mike Pritchard or Rod Bernstein either," he said. Both Pritchard and Bernstein are out for the season with injuries.

"Certainly your quarterback is a key guy, but I don't think you can put so much importance on one player and say you can't win without him because we just did," said Phillips.

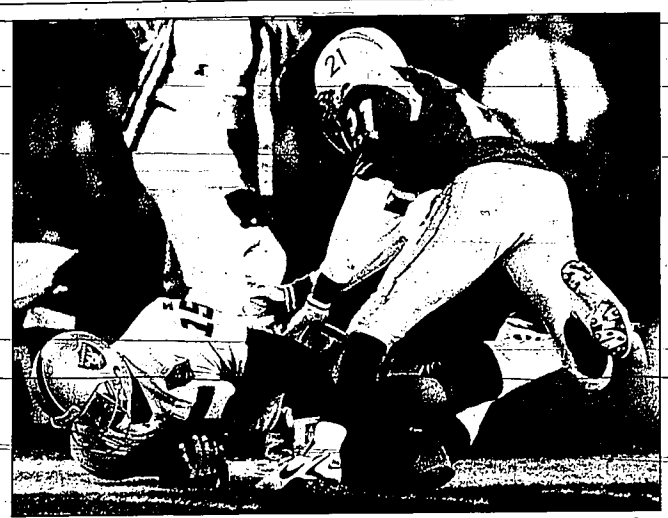
Although the injury was scary, Phillips said there have been worse times for this year.

"The biggest fear is being 0-4 and everyone is talking and telling you are going to lose your job," he said.

Since their 0-4 start, Denver has won seven of its last nine games.

Handy Raiders

Chargers' Darrien Gordon steps on the hand of Los Angeles Raiders' quarterback Jeff Hostetler during the second quarter Monday in San Diego. Hostetler left the game and was replaced by Vince Evans, but returned later. After a close battle, the Raiders won the game 24-17.



Bills sneak back into Super Bowl picture

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

Commentary

The Cleveland Browns' loss to the New York Giants was the last straw.

It's time for commissioner Paul Tagliabue to declare the NFL title game on Jan. 15 Super Bowl XXIX, and make the all-important championship game to be played in Miami two weeks later the opening of the 1995 exhibition season.

Yes, things have gotten that bad. With three weeks to go in the regular season, 13 of the 28 teams are 7-6 or 6-7. Included are the (NO, NOT THEM!) 7-6 Buffalo Bills, seeking to go back to the game they've lost four straight times.

Moreover, Dallas and San Francisco are clearly so much better than anyone, else that everyone expects them to play in Jan. 15 game, probably at Candlestick Park. That would give the Bay Area the 1999 Super Bowl, five years early.

In fact, the Niners are getting scary. After they scored 50 points against Atlanta, they were apologetic.

"It's as easy as it is looked," said Rick Walters after the Niners made it 92 points in two games with the Falcons on one ... yes, 6-7, and who last month beat one of the top AFC teams, San Diego.

But what's happening in the NFL was most evident by the Giants' 16-13 win over the Browns, who entered Sunday tied with the Steelers and Chargers for the AFC's best record at 9-3, and were playing at home.

These were not the Bill Parcells Giants or even Dan Reeves' 1993 11-5 Giants.

This was a team ravaged by free agency and the salary cap, rebuilding with neophyte Dave Brown at quarterback.

back. They came in with the NFL's worst offense and a seven-game losing streak broken only by three- and two-point wins over Houston and Washington, the league's worst teams.

Yet the Giants dominated the Browns in Cleveland Stadium, beating them in a game that was close only because Reeves was ultra-conservative and because Vinny Testaverde made one — count it, ONE! — play, a 60-yard pass that set up Cleveland's only TD.

Not only did the game expose the AFC, but it actually kept the Giants, at 6-7 (isn't everybody?) in the race for a playoff spot they'd be amazed to get.

Even the often-dour Reeves was laughing.

"I told the team," he said with a smile, "that if you win for the seven-game losing streak, we'd be undefeated."

And even undefeated, they'd be mediocre, as is the rest of the NFL outside Dallas and San Francisco — excluding the just-planned bad at the bottom of the standings.

Yes, Pittsburgh joined the Cowboys and the 49ers in the playoffs with its win Sunday over Cincinnati, but even the Steelers concede they're a defense without an offense. Sure, it might be fun to have the Steelers against the 49ers, each trying for its record fifth Super Bowl, or Pittsburgh against the Cowboys, who also would be trying for a fifth win, not to mention a record third straight.

Instead, what we'll probably get are the Cowboys or the 49ers against ... the Bills, who just won't die. Buffalo's 42-31 win over Miami left them at 7-6 instead of 6-7 and they'd be a wild-card team if the season ended this week.

Broken thumb sidelines Seattle quarterback Mirer

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — Rick Mirer's broken left thumb has cost him the rest of his Seattle Seahawks' season.

A Seattle hand specialist, Dr. Stephen Fuhs, scheduled surgery for the right-handed Mirer late Monday at Seattle's Swedish Hospital.

The Seahawks' starting quarterback for the past 29 games will miss his team's final three regular-season games.

"Rick's definitely out for the next two games and we're not in the playoff picture at this point," coach Tom Flores said. "So it wouldn't make sense for him to try to play in the third week."

Flores said Dan McGwire, the tallest quarterback in the NFL's history at 6 feet, 8 inches, will start in Mirer's place in Seattle's final three games against Houston, the Los Angeles Raiders and Cleveland.

"After Mirer was injured in the first half of Seattle's 31-19 defeat by Indianapolis on Sunday, McGwire replaced him."

When the Seahawks (5-8) play at Houston (11-2) next Sunday, Mirer will miss a game for the first time in his high school, college and NFL career.

interception and was sacked five times on Sunday.

The Seahawks committed a season-high 13 penalties for 124 yards and nine were charged to Seattle's offense.

McGwire entered the game with the Seahawks trailing 14-10. He was 15-for-24 for 145 yards and one touchdown.

"It was a tough day yesterday," McGwire admitted. "But it's hard to throw when you're second-and-10 and second-and-20 and third-and-whatever. And we were behind."

Mirer, 24, was hurt on a freak play. It happened when he threw an interception that cornerback Ray Buchanan ran back 37 yards for a touchdown with 6:54 left in the first half. While attempting to stop Buchanan before he got into the end zone, he was knocked down by a block by free safety Jason Belser, who then stepped on Mirer's left thumb.

Mirer didn't even know how he got hurt. He had to hear it from somebody else.

"I really didn't know until I heard from other people that saw it on the replay. I guess I got stepped on when I attempted to tackle him," Mirer said after the game.

Mirer fractured his ribs in a Notre Dame game as a junior, but played the following week.

Scores and stats

Football

College bowl games

Game	Score
Arizona (8-2) vs. Utah (5-7), 7 p.m. (ESPN)	Arizona 28, Utah 28
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Yale (10-1) vs. Harvard (5-8), 8 p.m. (ESPN)	Yale 28, Harvard 10

Basketball

Prep - How they fared

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National Finals results

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Double victory points Murray toward 6th straight rodeo title

Seahawks' Warren still mum on wreck



Cowboy bull fighter Joe Baumgartner, of Red Bluff, Calif., gives Nick a ride around the barrels during the Exceptional Rodeo event in the National Finals Rodeo Monday. The event pairs professional rodeo's top cowboys and cowgirls with Las Vegas-area children who have special needs in a modified rodeo performance.

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Ty Murray didn't win one go-round last year, on the way to his fifth straight all-around world rodeo championship and first bull-riding title.

The Stephenville, Texas, cowboy made certain that wouldn't happen again with two go-round victories Sunday night at the National Finals Rodeo at the Thomas & Mack Center.

Murray moved into fifth place in the saddle bronc with an 81 on Rock and Ronnie Skelton and into eighth place in the bareback after an 82 on Satans Skelton.

"I knew that bareback horse because he bucked me off to win Houston a few years ago," Murray said. "I knew tonight that if he had his day it would be my style of riding so I threw all caution to the wind and turned it loose."

"Not winning a go-round last year is overrated because I won more money at the NFR last year than I ever had (\$124,821)."

Murray has the \$12,268 at the NFR in three days to run his season earnings to \$198,816.

Former world champion Ted Nuece of Escalon, Calif., moved ahead of Murray in the bull riding with an 88 on First Blood. Nuece has won \$31,675 at the NFR and leads the average race.

Murray Garrett of Belle Fourche, S.D., maintained his lead in the bareback with a fourth-place 77 that put him over the \$100,000 earnings mark this year.

Brad Gleason of Ennis, Mont., established himself as the steer wrestler to beat with his second straight go-round victory Sunday night.

Gleason's 3.7-second time was the fastest turned in at the NFR so far and has run his earnings of three days to \$25,340. He is also leading the average, which is worth \$27,552. With \$82,490 in earnings this year, he leads Todd Fox of Marble Falls, Texas, by \$1,047.

"I'd sure like to place, but Brad Gleason is starting to get a little greedy," said Todd Boggust of Canada, who did not place despite scoring a respectable 4.5. "He's drawn some good steers. He's bound to have some bad ones coming, so it will even out hopefully toward the end."

Doyle Gellerman of Nampa, Idaho, and Britt Buckius of Dewey, Okla., won the team roping with a 4.6. However, Mark Simon of Florence, Ariz., moved into the lead with a second-place 4.7 with partner Rich Skelton of Lamo, Texas.

Calif. rider Herbert Theriot of Wiggins, Miss., ran his NFR earnings to \$22,172 with a winning time of 8.0 seconds. He is leading the world with \$132,917, but two-time defending champion Joe Beaver is leading the average and is within one round victory of Theriot.

Seattle Seahawks' Chris Warren of the Seattle Seahawks talked to the media after the first time since Thursday night's crash he left defensive tackle Mike Frier paralyzed.

He didn't want to talk about the traffic accident, but it was obvious Frier, his friend and teammate, was on his mind.

"Despite breaking two ribs in the crash, Warren decided Sunday morning to play against the Indianapolis Colts, who won 31-19."

"Of course, there was someone," said Warren, who wore a flak jacket. "It's obvious with the car wreck. You know, you have to play with injuries, someone, anyway. It's not a lesson, that's part of the game, so it really didn't bother me that much."

Warren's second play of the game. The next time the Seahawks got the ball, Warren was at the line. Warren had 23 carries for 81 yards. His teammates applauded him for his effort.

"I think playing helped Chris through it. It was his way of being at peace with himself, because I'm sure the more he sat around the more difficult it became." Seahawks offensive lineman Ray Roberts said.

Warren wouldn't talk about the accident that occurred in the rain blocks from the team's headquarters, because he's been named by Kirkland police as the driver of the car that slammed into a utility pole. The car was owned by rookie running back Lamar Smith, who was injured and was ruled out of Sunday's game.

Frier, a third-year defensive tackle who was a passenger in the back seat of the 1992 Oldsmobile Bravada, sustained a severe spinal injury. He has no movement in his legs and his arm movement in his arms.



Chris Warren avoids talk of wreck

Warren's agent, Richard Schaeffer, a Baltimore lawyer, said Warren was not driving. Smith's agent, Eugene Parker, issued a statement through the Seahawks that said Smith was the driver of the car.

Smith, who could not play Sunday because of his injuries, has not spoken to the media since the accident. Schaeffer spoke to the media Sunday after the Warren news conference. He reiterated what he said after the accident.

"We're absolutely confident that Chris was not the driver at the time of the accident," Schaeffer said. "There was a misunderstanding at the accident scene. It's a case of mistaken identities."

Warren's 81 yards gave him 1,177 for the season, a single-season career high, with three games to go. He's the first Seahawks running back to rush for more than 1,000 yards three seasons in a row.

Baseball's winter meetings lose impact

DALLAS (AP) — Once the boiling point of hot stove action, baseball's winter meetings have dissolved into another day of trading.

Instead of big trades and big-dollar free agent signings, the 93rd annual meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues has been reduced to little more than a trade show and job fair.

This is the second straight year the gathering has been relatively uneventful, a move owners forced when they unanimously voted not to attend after having spent \$250 million on free agents at the 1992 meetings.

The meatiest portion of this year's weeklong event came Monday with the major league draft of minor leaguers. The draft, held via a conference call, is a chance for teams to pluck unprotected players from other teams' farm systems.

There wasn't much news to be found, only hundreds of baseball wannabes looking at exhibits, trying to find jobs and maybe even a few headed to the scheduled pitching duel between a guy who calls himself the Bleacher Preacher and a lady who answers to the name Dynamic Woman.

In the "Employment Opportunity Work and Interview Room," six boards had job postings tacked on front and back.

Some of the fliers were call backs for extra rounds of interviews. Hopefuls crammed

against each other to check out the lists, like kids trying to see if their name was on a coach's cut list.

The jobs were for all sorts of behind-the-scenes duties.

Want to be a minor-league trainer? The Houston Astros have an opening, but only for someone bilingual.

Ever thought of sales? Well, the upcoming Women's Professional Fastpitch League has plenty of openings, although it hasn't yet picked any cities in which to play.

There's also a chance to be part of "Minor League Baseball's Most Successful Printing," as Multi-Ad Services in Peoria, Ill., billed itself on its posting.

And, if you can "make sure the (Memphis) Chicks get great media coverage," then go for a public relations job with the Class AA team.

The trade fair had everything anyone would need to get a team started and running. There were architects to design stadiums and different companies willing to provide everything from dirt to seats to scoreboards.

Several companies offered pennants and other giveaway items. Even the San Diego Chicken and Morgana The Kissing Bandit were available to schedule promotional dates.

And, of course, there were plenty of people hawking bats, balls and all sorts of uniforms. But still, no news.

Major-league players vow never to give in

ATLANTA (AP) — Roger Clemens, Cecil Fielder and 76 other striking players vowed Monday never to give in to owners — even if it means sitting out next season and possibly not playing again.

In the largest meeting of major leaguers since the strike began Aug. 12, players opened a three-day session by reiterating their solidarity.

"We will never back down," Texas pitcher Kevin Brown said.

"There's a good chance at this point that we're not going to be playing baseball in 1995," Atlanta pitcher Bob Seaman said. "I have to make decisions based on this assumption."

Clemens and New York Mets pitcher John Franco said players also talked about the chance that the strike would wipe out their careers.

"We're prepared to do whatever it takes," said Clemens, Boston's three-time Cy Young Award winner.

Union head Donald Fehr said much of the week will be spent developing a counterproposal to the owners' payroll tax plan of Nov. 17. The sides are scheduled to resume negotiations Friday in Rye Brook, N.Y., but some players said they did not think it made any difference what new offer was made.

"Whatever we come up with, I don't think it matters," Atlanta's Jeff Blauser said. "I think they've already shown that they've had in mind to impose the salary cap."

Owners, who postponed a meeting scheduled for Monday, are now planning to meet late next week, probably Thursday in Chicago. They say they will impose their own system, which includes a cap and the elimination of salary arbitration, if there is no settlement by then.

Fehr said the owners' tax plan, which calls for an escalating rate, is "not likely to provide the framework to reach an agreement."

Owners also have talked about starting next season with replacement players.

"If they do, Roger Clemens isn't going to be there and there isn't going to be a whole lot of other players there, either," Clemens said.

Atlanta pitcher Tom Glavine admitted a few major leaguers may play as



Kansas City Royals pitcher David Cone sits in the meeting room with other major league players before they begin trying to produce a counterproposal to the baseball owners' payroll tax plan Monday in Atlanta.

strikebreakers, although Kansas City pitcher David Cone didn't seem to believe too many would.

"Certainly the stigma that you're going to carry for the rest of your life, maybe the rest of your life, is enough," Cone said.

Fehr and others again strongly disputed a notion recently floated by owners that a large number of Latin players would break ranks from the union.

"Such suggestions are offensive," Fehr said.

Players from every team except the San Francisco Giants were represented. There were players near the end of

their careers, such as Ozzie Smith of St. Louis, and younger ones, such as AL rookie of the year Bob Hamelin of Kansas City.

"I think we got an even better bond on what we have," Fielder said.

Union leaders had little reaction to the announcement that Richard Ravitch, who had been management's chief labor negotiator for three years, would resign when his contract expired Dec. 31. Ravitch and Fehr did not get along, and 10 days into the strike Fehr called Ravitch a "hatchet man" for owners.

"It had been rumored for awhile," Eugene Orza, the union's No. 2 man,

said of Ravitch's departure.

On Tuesday, the players will talk with mediator W.J. Uster, who managed to persuade owners to postpone their Monday meeting. Also Tuesday, former union official Dick Moss, now a player agent, will talk about his plans for a Uptied League to start in 1996.

Originally, the players' meeting was to be held in Puerto Rico. But it was changed to Atlanta to make it more accessible for players, and also to avoid the public perception that striking ballplayers were spending their days on the golf course and in the casino of a Caribbean beach resort.

Owner will close down Arlington Racecourse

CHICAGO (AP) — Arlington International Racecourse, one of the nation's top thoroughbred tracks, will not open next year because its owner was granted a riverboat casino license.

Owner Richard Duchossois said Monday time ran out on his two-year effort to protect Illinois horse racing and breeding from competition from riverboat gambling when the Legislature adjourned last week.

"We put forward a plan to save quality racing in Illinois, but it was not to be," he said. "Others offered no alternative options, plans or proposals. We failed."

Duchossois said parimutuel betting has dwindled because of competition from riverboats and the quality of racing is suffering.

"He said with competition from a riverboat casino in Elgin, the Arlington Heights racecourse faced two unacceptable probabilities in 1995 — the demise of high-class racing in Illinois as well as the loss of the Arlington Million and 19 other graded stakes races."

Duchossois also said the track faced a projected 1995 operating loss of \$6 million to \$10 million.

preside over its demise," he said.

Mark Gordon, a spokesman for Illinois Senate President James "Pat" Philip, said he hoped Duchossois would reconsider.

"We don't want to lose any major employer in the state," Gordon said. "It'd be a real tragedy if Arlington would close."

Gordon said that starting with the next legislative session "we'd be willing to consider any reasonable package" to keep the horse-racing industry viable in Illinois.

Mike Lawrence, a spokesman for Gov. Jim Edgar, said the decision was detrimental to Illinois horse racing.

"Mr. Duchossois was not interested in anything short of having all of his demands met," Lawrence said.

Duchossois last week met with Edgar in an effort to broker a deal on riverboat gambling that would keep Arlington open.

After the meeting, Edgar said rules and regulations governing racing in Illinois might be revised with an eye toward changes that would help Arlington. Edgar said reasonable steps could be made to make horse racing viable in Illinois without giving Arlington a riverboat casino.

Ravitch announces resignation as negotiator

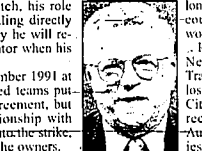
ATLANTA (AP) — Richard Ravitch, his role diminished when owners began dealing directly with the players' union, said Monday he will resign as baseball's chief labor negotiator when his contract expires Dec. 31.

Ravitch, hired by owners in November 1991 at an annual salary of \$750,000, helped teams put together a new revenue sharing agreement, but never was able to establish a relationship with union head Donald Fehr. Ten days into the strike, Fehr called him a "hatchet man" for the owners.

Ravitch's relationship with acting commissioner Bud Selig became strained during the second half of 1993 and early 1994, according to many baseball officials speaking on the condition they not be identified. But Selig and Ravitch said Monday they had gotten along well in recent months. Ravitch's announcement came on the 116th day of a strike that began Aug. 12.

"I leave with the confidence I haven't left owners in a lurch," Ravitch said by telephone from his New York office. "I'd much prefer to leave with a collective bargaining agreement in hand."

But for personal and business reasons, it's not feasible for me to consider an extension. We've faced some tough problems and I greatly admire the sustained effort on your part to achieve eco-



long haul with a lot of suits in courtrooms and my presence won't be necessary."

Ravitch, the former head of New York's Metropolitan Transportation Authority and a losing candidate for New York City mayor in 1989, began to recede from negotiations on Aug. 31 when Colorado Rockies chairman Jerry McMorris and Boston Red Sox chief executive officer John Harrington union officials. Harrington took over as lead negotiator when Selig resumed Nov. 10 under mediator W.J. Uster.

"I understand how critical it is for baseball to achieve its collective bargaining objectives, and I don't want to impair that effort in any way," Ravitch said in a letter to Selig that was made public.

But for personal and business reasons, it's not feasible for me to consider an extension. We've faced some tough problems and I greatly admire the sustained effort on your part to achieve eco-

nomie reform in major league baseball. I am confident you and your colleagues will ultimately be successful. And please do not hesitate to call upon me if I may be helpful in any way."

In August, Ravitch said he intended to stay beyond the expiration of his contract if the strike extended into 1995, but said he didn't believe that would happen. In recent weeks, he had told baseball officials he was anxious to leave when the timing was right.

Management has repeatedly changed labor leaders since John Gaberlin negotiated the deal that created free agency in 1976. Five years later, Ray Grebey was in charge. American League president Lee MacPhail would be negotiating the settlement. When MacPhail was lead negotiator in 1985, commissioner Peter Ueberroth intervened.

In 1990, Barry Rota was fired the day before talks began and his successor, Chuck O'Connor, was pushed aside when commissioner Fay Vincent intervened. Under the restructuring agreement adopted in January, the next commissioner will become the teams' chief labor negotiator.

Report accuses German swimmers of doping

NEW YORK (AP) — Olympic star Kristin Otto and other members of East Germany's record-shattering women's swimming team were part of a systematic doping program, according to secret police records published in an American magazine.

The December issue of Swimming World carries results from the Stasi, the East German secret police, showing Otto, winner of six gold medals at the 1988 Olympics, with steroid levels almost three times the limit needed to trigger a positive result.

It also quoted a chemist familiar with the Stasi documents as saying they prove that every top East German athlete used performance-enhancing drugs, administered at scientifically determined intervals to avoid drug tests.

Otto's ratio of testosterone to epitestosterone of 17.1 topped a list of test results from Aug. 9, 1989, that also included world-class swimmers Daniela Hunger (12.5-11), Dagmar Hase (10.1) and Heike Friedrich (8.8-1), according to Stasi documents quoted in the magazine.

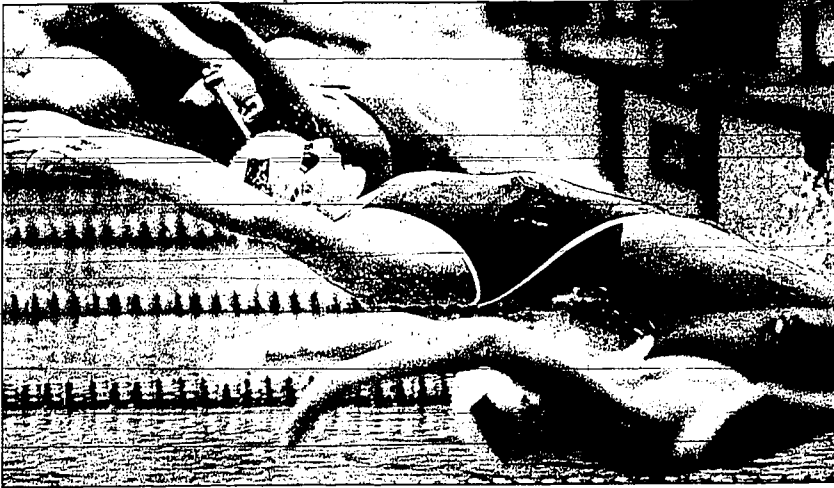
Anything over a 6-1 ratio is considered illegal under doping guidelines set by the International Olympic Committee.

"Otto had more testosterone in her than the entire starting team of the Dallas Cowboys," said Philip Whitten, the magazine's editor in chief and author of the article. "It's no wonder she was able to win six gold medals at the Seoul Olympics."

Whitten said that although Otto has long ago retired from swimming, it was important to publicize the findings of the investigation to show that Chinese swimmers using steroids to help break records and win world championships.

Old East German coaches have helped set up the Chinese swimming programs.

"I can't believe that the Chinese would be so sloppy. I'm happy that they were because they were caught."



East Germany's Kristin Otto pushes off at the start of the 100-meter backstroke at the 1988 Summer Olympics in Seoul, South Korea. Otto and other members of East Germany's record-shattering women's swimming team were part of a systematic doping program, according to secret police records published in an American magazine.

Whitten said in a telephone interview from his office in Sedona, Arizona. A copy of the Stasi document accompanying the article showed the swimmers' test with the German word "positive" after each. The report was signed by Dr. Claus Clausen, director of East Germany's Central Doping Control Laboratory.

East Germany dominated women's swimming in the 1970s and '80s, with stars such as Otto and Kornelia Ender routinely winning gold medals and then

passing drug tests. Only one top East German swimmer, 1988 Olympic silver medalist Astrid Strauss, ever failed a doping examination, and that was a national championship in 1992, after Germany had been united following the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

For the last three years, reports based on Stasi files and personal recollections have outlined a wide, state-supported system of boosting East German athletes' performances through outlawed drugs. But Swimming World

said the documents it obtained through an unidentified source were the first to detail the program and include such high-ranking athletes as Otto.

The magazine also quoted Dr. Warner Franke, a German biochemist and member of a national commission investigating Stasi files, as saying that the police documents "prove without a doubt that every single East German world class athlete was doped."

The magazine offered no documentation to support Franke's assertion.

Franke was also quoted as saying East German scientists administered drugs on the basis of "clearance curves," which predicted where the traces of steroids would leave an athlete's system.

Steroids help athletes by building muscle bulk and aiding recovery from the wear and tear of injuries or normal workouts. Testosterone is a naturally occurring male hormone that can be naturally present in women, but only in ratios of about 1-1 with epitestosterone.

6 members of Swedish Davis Cup panel resign

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — A simmering conflict among the nation's tennis officials has erupted just 48 hours after Sweden won the Davis Cup title in Moscow, reports said Monday.

All six members of Sweden's national Davis Cup Committee announced that they have stepped down, news reports said.

They said the last straw was a decision by the new Davis Cup captain, Carl Axel Hagberg, to name Anders Jarryd as assistant coach without consulting the committee, the Svenska Dagbladet newspaper reported.

Hagberg "seems to want to take all decisions on his own," committee member Thomas Eklund was quoted as saying.

Swedish Tennis Federation Chairman Jan Franke, arriving on a late flight from Moscow, told a television reporter that the new captain has "a more independent role" than his predecessors.

"But we should be able to talk this (conflict) through," he said.

The quarrel gives a sour after-taste to this small nation's fifth Davis Cup title. The victory gave new hope after a period of decline in Swedish tennis that followed the golden years with Bjorn Borg, Mats Wilander and Stefan Edberg in the 1970s and 1980s.

Sweden won 4-Lover Russia. Many attributed Sweden's success to excellent cooperation, high team spirit and raw experience.

Behind the facade, however, raged the power struggle between the board of the Swedish Tennis Federation and its Davis Cup Committee. The feud only had been suspended during the Moscow tournament.

Svenska Dagbladet said the committee, formed in 1989 to regulate Swedish tennis, had told the federation before the finals it would resign, but would wait until this week before going public.

Jonte Sjogren, who capped his Davis Cup captain career with the win, told a correspondent in Moscow that the conflict "is lamentable and very sad" for Swedish tennis.

Cracks started showing last month, when the federation announced a new Davis Cup organization, headed by Hagberg.

Hagberg, 40, has been a well-respected Davis Cup trainer under Sjogren for years. Few contested his appointment. But the committee argued when Hagberg dismissed its choice for Davis Cup trainer, Martin Bohm, the Svenska Dagbladet newspaper said.

Bohm had worked closely with players such as Magnus Larsson and Thomas Enqvist. He left his job as tennis federation trainer on hearing that he would not be the Davis Cup group.

It was unclear what degree the committee wanted the appointment of Jarryd himself as assistant coach.

Jarryd has played for Sweden for 12 years, compiling an overall Davis Cup record of 36-17, including 16-3 in singles.

player nor his club may use an unrestricted free-agent's contract for comparison. Arbitration is binding.

Free agency

NHL position: A player would be eligible for unrestricted free agency if he has reached the age of 28 and played at least 40 NHL games in each of eight seasons or 20 games in each of 10 seasons. Each club could designate one such player as its franchise player. That player would lose his right to free agency for an unspecified time (but more than three years). Clubs could trade a franchise player without his consent.

Under a system without franchise players, a player would be an unrestricted free agent at 31 if he played at least 40 NHL games in each of 10 seasons.

Union position: A player would become an unrestricted free agent if he has eight years' NHL experience, 10 years' pro experience or reaches age 28 with four years' NHL experience. Forty games on an NHL roster constitute an NHL year.

Sports writer says football season hit with bowl-flation

By Hal Bock
The Associated Press

When they were originally invented by the pastel blazer crowd, football bowl games were supposed to represent a revival of the post-season bowl-off for a successful season. Now, though, success seems to have nothing to do with it.

The bowls have become nothing more than programming filler for television networks. Can you say ESPN?

Turn on that camera and the propriety of college football will provide a bowl, probably complete with an accompanying parade. They have created a glut of games that, frankly, are mostly superfluous.

Really, now, how vital is the Copper Bowl? Or the Alamo Bowl? Or the Carquest Bowl.

Can it bowl-fication, an excess of meaningless matchups.

The Orange Bowl is necessary if Nebraska is to finally nail down a national championship. The Rose Bowl is necessary if Penn State is to complete another perfect season without a trophy to show for it. The

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Fiesta Bowl is necessary because there are people who insist Notre Dame must have some place to go, even in a 6-4-1 season. And the Sugar Bowl is necessary because New Orleans is a great party town.

Other than that, well, what exactly is the significance of South Carolina (6-5) playing West Virginia (7-5) in the Carquest Bowl, which used to be the Sunshine Classic and before that, the Blockbuster Bowl?

South Carolina's credentials include losing four of its last six games, including 56-42 to East Carolina, followed by 41-36 to Mississippi State, both at home. To its credit, West Virginia, which opened at 1-4, reversed its season by winning six of its last seven.

Because the NCAA has seen fit to certify 19 Division I-A bowl games, South Carolina has plenty of 6-5 company. UNLV, Oklahoma, Illinois, and Texas Tech, all equipped with the

same barely over break-even record, are also headed for postseason games. Besides Notre Dame, Boston College and Wisconsin take 6-4-1 records into bowl games.

Mediocre makes it in this marketplace.

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Only three teams with as many as seven wins failed to get postseason invitations. Syracuse (7-4) sealed its own fate by being shut out by Boston College and West Virginia in two of its last three games. Nevada (9-2), now 1-A, and Western Michigan (7-4) are the other left-outs.

For almost everybody else, there was a game somewhere, just waiting.

"It's very apparent that the entire postseason picture has changed," said Steve Hatchell, commissioner of the Southwest Conference. "I

think everybody will tell you there are too many bowls."

Still, Hatchell said, some of those 6-5 and 6-4-1 teams are important to have around at bowl time. "There's still name equity with some schools. Name equity allows the luxury of being selected, even at 6-4-1 or 6-5."

Illinois came into the Liberty Bowl with two straight losses but probably clinched a bid by scoring Penn State with three straight first-quarter touchdowns before losing in the last minute, 35-31.

UNLV certified its invitation to the Las Vegas Bowl — an interesting hometown connection — by losing its last game to Kansas State, 42-3. The Rebels also lost to those powerhouses from Tulsa, Idaho and Central Michigan, giving up 35 or more points in each of those games. They got another shot — for some unexplained reason — against Central Michigan in their bowl game.

Oklahoma was 4-4 — its worst eight-game record since 1965 — before recovering to a less-than

sparkling 6-5. The Sooners go into the Copper Bowl with a lame duck coach. Gary Gibbs cleaned up the post-Barry Switzer mess — he called it "a hell-hole" — but never won a Big Eight championship. That eventually that doomed him. Priorities, coach.

Texas Tech goes into the once-glamorous Cotton Bowl as the designated champion in a five-way Southwest Conference tie for first place. The SWC champ gets an automatic bid, a fact that had to thrill the Cotton Bowl folks, especially with 10-0-1 Texas A&M on NCAA sanction. Tech recovered from a 2-4 start by winning four straight before finishing with a loss at Texas Christian.

Seven of the bowl games will be telecast by ESPN and that doesn't include the Division I-AA Heritage Bowl between South Carolina State and Grambling, and the East-West Shrine and Senior Bowl all-star games, which are also not network's priorities.

The only thing missing in this lineup is an international venue. Next year, maybe they'll add the Hong Kong Bowl.

No. 4 Jayhawks thrash Coppin St.

The Times-News

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Jerod Haase scored a career-high 22 points and Raef LaFrentz added 16 as No. 4 Kansas shot its way to a 77-57 victory over Coppin State on Monday night.

College basketball

beat Coppin State 99-69 on Monday night.

Kansas (4-2), which came into the game on a high note after knocking off No. 11 Missouri on Saturday, led 12-0 after 3-point range and pulled away early in the second half.

Haase, a transfer from Cal-Berkeley, scored the first nine points for the Jayhawks on three straight 3-pointers as Kansas opened a 13-5 lead. Coppin State (0-3) countered with a 10-1 run, but seven of Stephen Stewart's 11 points in the second half were off a 3-pointer by Keith Carmichael, who finished 10-of-20 from 3-point range and with a game-high 32 points.

Michigan 87, Detroit 76

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Ray Jackson scored six of his 20 points down the stretch Monday night and No. 23 Michigan held off a late rally by Detroit for an 87-76 victory.

It was the first home game for the Wolverines (4-2), who played their first home game on the road at neutral site last week, the Wolverines lost to Arizona in the Great Eight and won at Tennessee-Chattanooga, dropping from 17th to 23rd in this week's AP poll.

Villanova 98, Seton Hall 75

VILLANOVA, N.J. — Kerry Kittles scored 25 points and Jonathan Haynes had 21 points and six assists as No. 24 Villanova defeated Seton Hall 98-75 in a Big East opener Monday night.

Alvin Williams added 20 points and a 3-point shot to lead the Wildcats (4-1) to eight wins and the school record for the most points at the Post Pavilion, which opened in the 1986-87 season.

NHL labor talks begin to show progress; gaps remain

Newsday

Negotiators for the NHL and the locked-out Players' Association reconvened Monday in Chicago, trying to reconcile positions that had resulted in a stalemate for six days before adjourning Monday night. They will meet again at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Drake Hotel. The management's negotiating team was joined Monday by Black Hawks general manager Bob Pulford.

Commissioner Gary Bettman said of the talks for new collective bargaining agreement, "I don't want to go into handicapping what is and what is not on the table."

A source said, though, the two sides moved closer on two of the three major issues: Entry-level salary structure and Group III (28 of the 30 oldest and over-free agency. Details were not available.

In another development, the union's negotiating committee sent a five-page memo to the players over the weekend detailing the sides' positions. A copy of the memo was obtained by Newsday. It shows substantial gaps between the sides.

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State, Georgia Tech, Georgetown, Syracuse and Virginia.

"Ohio University," which secured Kentucky in a loss before taking a beating as Iowa dropped from 14th to No. 21. The Bobcats were followed by New Mexico State, Michigan, Villanova and Wake Forest.

While Ohio University's drop was the biggest in a week where 11 teams fell from the rankings, Connecticut's 20-point jump was the greatest.

Eight ranked teams lost nine games last week and, except for Ohio State's loss to Iowa

and Arizona State's loss at New Mexico, all were to other members of the Top 25. The losses of Massachusetts, Kentucky and Cincinnati were in games involving two teams ranked in the Top 10.

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Islanders left wing Troy Loney said, "They've got a set number of games they want to play (54) and it's going to go to that point. It's going to be frustrating to see what the final outcome is because if something's worked out, it might be something that could have been worked out a month ago."

The memo detailed these league and union positions on key issues:

Entry-level system

NHL position: Three-year contracts would be required. First-round draft picks' salaries would be capped at \$700,000 a year, no more than 50 percent of which could be a signing bonus. There would be a minor-league cap of \$62,500 for first-rounders.

Second-round picks' NHL salaries could be no more than \$400,000 and their minor-league cap would be \$50,000. All other picks would have a \$250,000 NHL cap and a \$35,000 minor-league cap.

Performance bonuses would be capped at an amount equal to the player's salary. Clubs would retain

rights forever to all players it drafts unless the player did not play for one season. Such a player would go back into the draft.

Union position: A rookie's salary would be capped at \$125 million. His signing bonus could be no more than 50 percent of his base salary. For each succeeding year of the CBA, a player's maximum compensation would increase by the lesser of: the percentage increase in league average salary or \$100,000.

There shall be no limits to performance bonuses for entry-level players. They would not have access to salary arbitration. Two-way contracts are mandatory. A maximum minor-league salary would be bargained. The draft-eligible age remains 18.

Salary arbitration

NHL position: All awards are for two years. Clubs would have the right to release up to two players a year whose awards it views as too high.

Union position: In Group II (24 to 27 years old) arbitration, neither the

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