

Good morning

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Glitch found near Shoshone

The "mystery glitch" that cut electrical power to 2 million Westerners Wednesday began in a line near Shoshone.
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Money released to groups

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Boise State challenges Youngstown State in the NCAA Division I-AA football national championship today.
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Salmon plan saves water

The Northwest Power Planning Council's new salmon-migration plan will take less water from Idaho next year than salmon efforts required last year.

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Low pay, little respect

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Dee Dee departs

Dee Dee Myers, the first female press secretary in White House history, leaves a legacy: her use of laughter when times were tough for her boss.
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Tax cut benefits? Maybe by 2000

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The administration disclosed Friday the tax cuts President Clinton proposed in his nationwide speech wouldn't become fully effective until the year 2000.

Meanwhile, the White House and Republicans traded barbs over whose tax plan was fairest to the middle class. And the administration signaled it was not rejecting out-of-hand a GOP idea to cut capital gains taxes.

Late Friday, the Treasury Department released details about the tax-cut plan. They showed that Clinton's proposed \$500

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tax credit for families with children 12 and younger and the \$10,000 deduction for education expenses would be worth much less than that in 1996 when the program is to begin.

Eligible families would be able to get only a credit of \$200 in 1996, rising to \$300 in 1997, \$400 in 1998 and then \$500 in 1999 and thereafter.

The \$10,000 deduction to eligible families for college and vocational education expenses would begin at \$2,000 in 1996,

rising by \$2,000 per year until reaching \$10,000 in 2000.

While Clinton said in his speech Thursday night that the tax cuts would be phased in, he did not spell out how it would be done or how long it would take. White House fact sheets highlighted the Jan. 1, 1996, starting date for the program.

Administration officials said they did not hand out the details sooner because Treasury was still checking the numbers. Officials said the longer phase-in period was needed to make the benefits less costly, thus requiring fewer spending cuts to pay for them. The administration put the cost of the tax package at \$60 billion.

The timing for the tax benefits was not the only part of the president's plan still under review.

Administration officials said there would be a series of meetings starting next week to make final decisions on budget cuts needed to pay for the tax reductions without inflating the deficit.

White House economic adviser Gene Sperling said it was possible that if budget cutters come up with additional money, the current proposed phase-in period would be accelerated.

"We are considering further cuts to speed up the phase-in period and ways to phase in the deductions," Sperling said.

Beyond the goal



John Vanderglessen, left, and Jeffrey Lee count cans and food items collected by students at Robert Stuart Junior High for the Salvation Army. The students more than doubled their goal of 500 food items by collecting 1,185.

'Kidnap' victim held on drug charges

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A "recovering" drug dealer who says five men kidnapped him in a turf battle last month was himself arrested Thursday during a raid of his home and charged with dealing drugs and pointing a gun at a detective.

Justin Schoenauer, 23, was being held Friday at the Twin Falls County Jail on a \$100,000 bond — along with the five defendants in a separate case in which Schoenauer is the victim, said Twin Falls County Prosecutor Richard Bevan.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled at 9:30 a.m. on Dec. 23 to determine the extent of evidence against Schoenauer, who was arraigned in Magistrate Court Friday.

Police burst through the rear door of Schoenauer's home Thursday night after a police informant purchased a plastic sandwich bag containing 3.9 grams of methamphetamine from Schoenauer earlier, ac-

cording to the affidavit of Detective Chuck Dudley of the Twin Falls Police Department.

As police searched the home, a special agent with the Idaho Bureau of Narcotics peered around the doorway of a bedroom and saw Schoenauer leveling a rifle at him, Dudley wrote.

The agent jerked back; Schoenauer dropped the gun and it went off as it hit the floor, Dudley wrote. A bullet tore through the doorway; a wall; and into the stairway, near where two police officers stood, Dudley wrote.

"We're really lucky someone didn't come out of there in a body bag last night," Bevan said Friday.

A background check on the rifle, a lever-action Winchester, showed that the weapon had been reported stolen two months earlier, Dudley wrote.

Police found a large freezer sack containing resin of methamphetamine, two electronic scales and several hundred small resealable plastic pouches at Schoenauer's

home, according to the affidavit of state narcotics agent Stuart M. Robinson.

Schoenauer is charged with three felonies: aggravated assault against a law enforcement officer, delivery of a controlled substance and possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver, according to a criminal complaint.

Another man, Scott Kersen, is charged with a misdemeanor: frequenting a place where drugs are known to be present; Bevan said.

Schoenauer's arrest may harm his credibility against the five men he accuses of kidnapping and beating him in November, Bevan said. Defense lawyers for the five are trying to prove that Schoenauer wasn't kidnapped at all, and was still involved in the drug trade, he said.

"No doubt it will have an effect on that," Bevan said.

The five men will plead guilty or innocent to those charges at 10 a.m. Jan. 3 before 5th District Judge Roger Burdick.

Woman, son escape home fire

Buhl firefighters' swift response saves lives of pair

By Frank E. Lockwood
Times-News writer

BUHL — A pre-dawn Christmas tree fire in a home lacking smoke detectors nearly claimed two lives Friday.

A 2:17 a.m. phone call from Kristine Swanson, 28, and quick action by the Buhl Fire Department may have saved her life and the life of her 8-year-old son, Bradley. Firefighters were on the scene within six minutes, pulling the unconscious pair from the fire.

The Swansons, suffering from burns and smoke inhalation, were rushed by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Later Friday, they were flown to the burn center at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City.

A hospital spokesman said the Swansons were in critical but stable condition Friday night.

Firefighter Sean Knutz, suffering from smoke inhalation, was also treated and released.

The blaze, ignited by a string of Christmas lights, spread thick, acrid smoke and intense heat throughout the Swanson residence in Buhl. Buhl Fire Chief Mark P. Grimes said Swanson was barely able to dial 911.

"She called in, gave their address, said she needed a fire truck, then passed out. The dispatch actually heard her drop the phone and go down," Grimes said. Bedroom doors were all open, allowing the smoke and heat to reach every corner of the home.

Grimes said firefighters barely got to the house and its inhabitants in time. Smoldering presents and the tree had boosted temperatures to perilous levels.

It was very near a backdraft when we arrived," he said.

A backdraft is rapid combustion caused by air rushing into a hot, oxygen-deprived area.

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Vets return, remember Bulge battles

The Associated Press

BASTOGNE, Belgium — Gray-haired now, veterans of America's bloodiest battle in the war against Nazi Germany returned Friday to the town where 50 years ago they had a "taste of hell."

Just as on Dec. 16, 1944, when Adolf Hitler's panzer brigades launched the surprise attack that began the Battle of the Bulge, snow and rain chilled the U.S. veterans' bones.

But instead of snipers and shellfire, the returning Americans were greeted with hugs and smiles of thanks from townsfolk they defended.

"I have no words to describe it," said James I. West IV, a former lieutenant from Apopka, Fla. "When we look back, I say it was a taste of hell."

As West spoke outside

Bastogne's rebuilt St. Peter's Church, a local woman walked over and hugged him.

"Thank you," said the woman, who was in her 20s at the time of German assault, "God bless you."

At a giant star-shaped monument to the 20,000 Americans who died in the battle, Belgium's King Albert and Madeleine Albrigh, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, led a ceremony marking Friday's anniversary.

"These service members secured the freedom that Americans hold so dear today," President Clinton said in a message printed in the official anniversary program. "The world remains eternally grateful for their selflessness."

Many of the 200 returning U.S. veterans were touched most by the re-



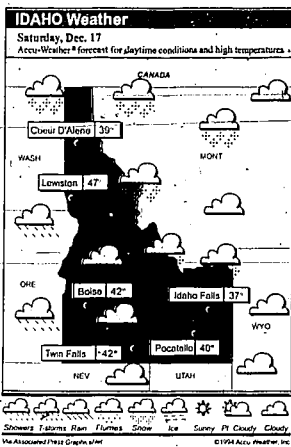
Donald Deam of Jasper, Ark., right, is kissed by two Belgian school girls during 50th anniversary commemoration ceremonies in Bastogne Friday. Deam was among American veterans who returned to scenes of the Battle of the Bulge for the event. Above, Tom Goode, a U.S. soldier based at Ramstein, Germany, wears World War II uniform as he distributes

walnuts to children on the streets of Bastogne. In icy weather to pay homage to their defenders.



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Weather



Almanac

Idaho	Twin Falls
Boise 42 32 02	Yesterday 38 17
Burley 40 15	Last year 29 17
Fairfield 0	Normal 40 22 03
Gooding 35 m	
Hagerman 16	
Idaho Falls 35 22	Month to date: 1.57
Jerome 34 13	Normal mo. to date: .67
Lewiston 46 33 tr	Water year to date: 5.12
Malad 35 12	Normal year to date: 2.62
Malla 50 18	
McCall 34 20	Humidity at noon: 78 pct.
Pocatello 38 24 tr	Bareness at noon: 30.16 R
Salmon 37 16	
Stanley 34 11	
Sun Valley 30 9	

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:03 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full Dec. 17; last quarter Dec. 25; new Jan. 1; first quarter Jan. 8.
Visible planets:
Morning: Mars, Venus, Jupiter.
Evening: Saturn.

Idaho Forecasts

Magic Valley

A good chance of rain today. Highs in the lower to mid-40s; South winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight and Sunday a chance of rain. Lows near 30. Highs in the mid-40s. The ultraviolet index forecast for today is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast

Monday through Wednesday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow in the valleys and snow in the mountains each day. Lows in the 30s east with lower 30s to lower 40s west. Highs in the mid-30s to mid-40s.

Wood River Valley

A chance of snow today. Highs in the mid-30s. Tonight and Sunday a chance of snow. Lows 15 to 20. Highs in the mid-30s.

Treasure Valley

Rain likely today. Breezy. Highs in the mid-40s. Southeast winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight and Sunday a good chance of rain. Lows in the mid-30s. Highs in the lower to mid-40s.

Northern Nevada

Mostly cloudy today. A slight chance of snow late. Highs upper 30s to upper 40s. Tonight mostly cloudy. A slight chance of snow. Lows teens to low 30s. Sunday mostly cloudy. A slight chance of snow. Highs upper 30s to upper 40s.

Northern Utah

Fairly cloudy with highs in the upper 30s today. Tonight partly cloudy. Patchy valley fog. Lows near 20. Sunday increasing clouds. Highs in the mid- to upper 30s. The ultraviolet index forecast for today is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Idaho weather summary

A series of Pacific weather systems passed through most of Idaho Friday afternoon bringing warmer air and precipitation to the state.

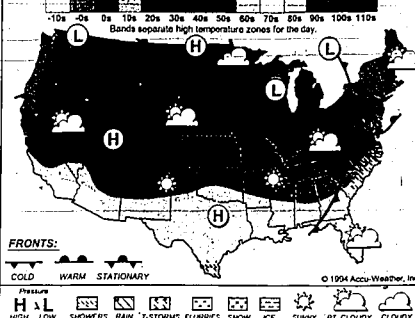
Snow showers fell in the northern, west central and southwestern areas early Friday, and the central and eastern sections in the afternoon.

Snow showers in the Mullan area turned to drizzle by late in the day, and Lewiston reported light rain showers at 3 p.m. Precipitation reports were heaviest from the central and northern sections of the state and included Mullan 48 inch, Lowell 27, and Coeur d'Alene .05. A few traces and lighter amounts were recorded in other areas.

More precipitation in the form of snow in the higher elevations and mixed rain and snow in the valley floors is expected today as the next vigorous Pacific frontal system neared the Oregon coast.

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Saturday, Dec. 17.



Temperature extremes

Idaho: High, 51 degrees at Emmett. Low, zero at Fairfield.
Nation: High, 82 at McAllen, Texas and Miami. Low, 11 below at Pinalde, Wyo.

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Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.33 MHz or call 423-4423.

National temperature

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	50	28	
Atlanta	49	48	.02
Boston	32	29	.05
Chicago	39	35	.20
Dallas	55	49	.06
Denver	59	19	
Des Moines	36	29	.07
Detroit	40	33	.34
Honolulu	82	71	
Houston	79	34	1.05
Indianapolis	47	36	.53
Kansas City	42	35	.12
Las Vegas	54	35	
Los Angeles	47	50	
Memphis	53	48	
Miami Beach	82	65	
Milwaukee	39	34	.12
Minneapolis	35	20	.13
New Orleans	70	60	.49
New York	54	32	.35
Oakland	54	32	.35
Omaha	39	27	
Phoenix	67	38	
Pittsburgh	48	32	.02
Portland, Me.	32	17	
Portland, Ore.	54	47	.55
Reno	50	30	.49
San Antonio	66	39	
Salt Lake City	38	22	
San Francisco	58	44	
Seattle	43	33	.44
Spokane	38	31	.20
Washington	48	36	

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More heavy rain drenches Texas, Louisiana

The Associated Press

Heavy rain flooded parts of south and east Texas-Friday, dropping more than six inches of water in some areas and up to three inches in others.

A series of storms also dumped snow on the Pacific Northwest, with up to 9 inches on Blewett Pass, Wash., and 1 to 4 inches across the Columbia Basin, central Idaho and parts of northern Oregon.

Light snow fell in the upper Mississippi Valley and across the upper Midwest. A few spots got a mix of rain and snow, or freezing drizzle.

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Mostly, the storms brought strong winds. Along the Oregon coast, winds gusted to near 60 mph and as much as 100 mph at Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood.

Hawling winds were also reported along the eastern slopes of the Rockies, with 50 mph gusts common in parts of Montana, Wyoming and Colorado. Livingston, Mont., had a peak gust of 71 mph.

Temperatures around the lower 48 states ranged from a low of 12 below zero at Presque Isle, Me., to readings of 86 in Miami Beach, Fla. The lowest wind chill reported was 24 below zero at Snowbird, Utah.

Today's weather fact

The term "blizzard" made it into the vocabulary of meteorology handbooks on Dec. 8, 1876. The true definition of a blizzard is a storm that brings considerable falling snow, along with wind-driven snow, packs winds of at least 35 mph and reduces visibility to a quarter of a mile or less for an extended period.

Blizzards are not a common weather phenomenon. They usually strike in Canada and the Northern Plains.

Fire

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Swanson's husband was working at the time. Notified of the fire, he rushed to be with his family. His co-workers at Pet Incorporated in Buhl have established a fund at Buhl's West One Bank to help the family.

Grimes said the fire destroyed most of the family's possessions. "The belongings and the contents (of the house) are pretty much gone." And it's too early to tell how the Swansons will fare.

"We're all hoping that everyone will recover completely and fully. At this time, everyone's crossing their fingers and saying little prayers," Grimes said.

This isn't the first time Christmas decorations have sparked house fires in the Magic Valley. Buhl has had two such fires in the past four years.

2 men held in sexual assault on woman

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Two men were ordered held without bail Friday, accused of sexually assaulting a woman, beating her on the head with a rock, urinating on her and tossing her into a river.

Fire safety tips

Buhl Fire Chief Mark P. Grimes offers these tips for yuletide fire safety:

- Place smoke detectors in every bedroom and on every level of the home.
- Use only UL-approved Christmas lights.
- Keep Christmas trees well-watered and far away from candles, flames or heat.
- Never leave Christmas lights on when the tree is unattended.
- If the tree dries out before Dec. 25, "Get rid of it — get it out of the house."

"Just about every year, if I don't see one (in Buhl) I see one on the news or I'm told about it by other fire departments," Grimes said.

The woman played dead, then swam to shore and walked a mile to get help. Kevin Brown, 23, and John Pelland, 25, both of Pawucke, were charged with attempted murder and sexual assault.

North Korea

bags chopper

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea said today it shot down an "enemy" helicopter which it claimed illegally flew over its air space.

In Seoul, the national Yonhap news agency said a U.S. military helicopter crash-landed in North Korea after crossing the heavily armed Korean border about mid-morning Saturday, Korean news.

Quoting an unnamed military source, Yonhap said neither of the two crewmen aboard the OH-58 helicopter appeared injured.

The North's Korea Central News Agency, monitored in Seoul, said the helicopter "was brought down at one shot in the area of our side in a self-defensive measure."

The helicopter was shot down near Ipho-ri in North Korea's eastern front-line, it said.

North Korean officials were investigating the illegal intrusion, the agency said.

The South Korean news agency said the U.S. chopper, on a routine reconnaissance mission, crash-landed about three miles north of the 2.5-mile wide Demilitarized Zone.

Bulge

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Woodrow Respect Nothing, one of a handful of American Indian veterans who made the journey to Bastogne, was mobbed by school children collecting veterans' autographs or just wanting to shake their hands.

"It's a pretty friendly welcome. Last time, all the civilians were inside taking shelter from the German," said the veteran from Madison, S.D. Today, a monument to American Indians who died in the battle will be unveiled.

Half a century ago, the people of this sleepy market town were preparing to celebrate their first Christmas since their liberation from four years of Nazi occupation.

But before dawn on Dec. 16, 1944, thousands of German troops, led by squadrons of mighty Tiger

tanks, crashed through pine forests along the German-Belgium border in a desperate attempt to push the Allies back to the North Sea and change the course of World War II.

The U.S. troops, many of them green recruits, were taken by surprise — the surrounding Ardennes hills had been a pocket of calm along the Western Front.

Hitler's plan was simple — to drive a wedge through allied lines and capture the strategic port of Antwerp. Demoralized and divided by defeat, the Nazi dictator believed the British and American forces would be forced to negotiate a truce.

The first German tank thrust punched a 60-by-40 mile bulge into Belgian territory.

Their armor surrounding Bastogne, the Germans demanded surrender from Gen. Anthony

McAuliffe, who headed the U.S. defense of Bastogne by the 101st Airborne Division, of which he was artillery commander.

The American's one-word reply came to symbolize the GIs tenacity. "No," he wrote back.

Three days before Christmas, the sky cleared exposing the Germans to allied air power. Days later, a relief column broke the siege of Bastogne, and within a month the German offensive was crushed.

Hitler's last gamble cost more than 100,000 German casualties. About 81,000 Americans were killed, wounded, captured or left missing, and 2,500 Belgian civilians were also killed. In one of the worst atrocities against American troops in the European theater, 86 American POWs were shot down by the SS at Malmedy, just north of Bastogne.

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For commuter pilots, life carries little pay, less respect

The Associated Press

They can spend 12 hours a day crammed in tiny cockpits, flying through a grueling succession of takeoffs and landings at tiny airports in bad weather.

Meals are snatched from airport vending machines during brief stops. And for all the stress, commuter airline pilots say their pay is even lower than the respect they get.

Dwight Anjewierder, a \$25,000-a-year first officer with SkyWest Airlines in Utah, has to hold down a second job with the Army Reserve to make ends meet.

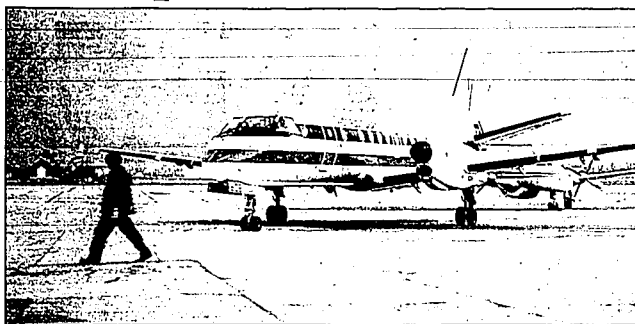
"The times I'm worn out are from working my second job," he said. "I love my job, but I've got to support my family."

The safety of commuter airlines has come under greater scrutiny since the deadly crashes of two American Eagle planes in the past six weeks.

Federal investigators suspect ice on the wings may have contributed to the Oct. 31 crash of an ATR-72 in Indiana that killed all 68 aboard.

In Tuesday's crash near Raleigh, N.C., the pilots spoke of engine failure in the moments before the plane went down, but the Jetstream 3200 should have been able to fly with just one engine. Fifteen of the 20 people aboard died.

Commuter pilots interviewed by



An American Eagle Saab 340 bound for Nashville, Tenn., prepares to depart Friday from South Bend, Ind. American Eagle canceled flights between South Bend and Chicago until pilots receive more training on these planes, which are replacing ATR-42 and ATR-72 aircrafts.

The Associated Press acknowledged they face greater risks than pilots of larger commercial jets.

They talked of constant weather problems and small airports where runways are icier and control towers shut early. Some are so small that pilots must turn on landing field lights via radio signal.

"Without question it is one of the

most demanding flight environments that exist," said Jeff Brundage, a Jetstream 31 captain who flies for a Northeast carrier. "A majority of accidents take place in the takeoff and landing situations and that's where we do a majority of our flying."

Pilots joke of dizzying schedules that require dashes for food and bathroom stops in the 10 minutes

they have between flights.

Another SkyWest pilot described a recent day that started with a 25-minute flight from San Diego to Los Angeles. Forty minutes later, the plane took off on a short hop to Santa Maria, Calif., then, after 20 minutes on the ground, returned to Los Angeles.

After a quick refueling, the crew

flew to San Luis Obispo, then made a 30-minute hop to Santa Barbara. The day ended up a 90-minute flight to Sacramento.

"You have to rubbneck constantly because of all the traffic at that altitude," he said. "My first officer is too busy with the navigation and checking the charts. He is constantly on the radio, getting weather, calling the company, giving fuel estimates."

Despite taxing workloads, a majority of the 11 pilots interviewed insisted that travel on commuter airlines is safe. Many of them broke company rules by being interviewed and spoke on condition of anonymity.

"It's frustrating to see how this is being portrayed," said one captain with five years experience at a Midwestern regional airline. "What's lost in all the news is the fact we get as good training and in some ways more experience than the guys with the major airlines."

But there are differences. While pilots with the major airlines can spend a major portion of their flight time cruising at 35,000 feet on autopilot, commuter air crews fly at much lower altitudes, watching for other aircraft while they prepare for landings, usually soon after takeoff.

According to the Regional Airline Association, the average distance of a commuter flight is 201 miles, and most routes take less than an hour to complete.

Many of the pilots interviewed said they enjoyed the challenge.

"I like a lot of takeoffs and landings," said Chris Forrest, a 25-year-old pilot with Fort Worth-based Lone Star Airlines. "The more you have, the more proficient you're going to be in that airplane."

Forrest and others also spoke with pride about their planes, usually sleek jet-engine turboprops that carry 30 passengers or fewer. Like jetliners, the commuter planes are designed to continue flying if one engine fails.

"The misconception is that losing an engine in a big jet is somehow safer than if the same thing happens with a smaller aircraft," said Steve Watson, another Lone Star pilot. "If anything, the safety margins are a little better."

But when it comes to salary, the margins for regional pilots are less knal.

An Air Line Pilots Association survey shows regional pilots average \$29,000 a year, compared with \$99,000 for an experienced pilot with a major airline.

Starting pay at regional airlines can be as low as \$14,000 a year; some carriers require new hires to pay up to \$7,000 for their training.

"Most people who go to the commuter airlines try to go onto the major airlines," Forrest said. "It's kind of a steppingstone."

American Eagle commuters search for alternative routes

CHICAGO (AP) — Passengers' travel plans got scrambled again Friday as American Eagle suspended Midwest flights for the second time in a week, this time because the pilots said they need more training in cold-weather flying.

"Who needs this stress this time of the year?" said Bill Tenace, an accountant whose plans to fly from Toledo, Ohio, to Chicago Friday were pushed back a day because of the cancellations.

The suspended flights in and out of O'Hare International Airport affect 10 other Midwest airports. Some of the airports were swapped with long lines at counters as passengers made alternate travel plans.

Gregg Overman, spokesman for the Allied Pilots Association in Arlington, Texas, said the pilots were "highly trained and very competent" but "virtually none of them are properly trained or proficient in winter ice conditions."

He said the pilots also are unfamiliar with O'Hare, the world's busiest airport.

American Eagle had just resumed limited service at O'Hare on Thursday after grounding its ATR turboprops in cold weather Dec. 9.

Saab 340 turboprop pilots and planes had been temporarily reassigned to O'Hare and John F. Kennedy Airport in New York from warmer climates after safety ques-

tions about the ATRs. American Eagle also canceled some of its flights at Kennedy, starting Friday.

Federal investigators suspect ice on the wings may have contributed to the Oct. 31 crash of an ATR-72 in Indiana that killed all 68 people aboard.

American Airlines spokeswoman Mary Frances Fagan insisted Friday that the Saab 340 pilots were amply trained.

"The pilots are trained to fly in all types of weather conditions, and they're certified to fly in all types of weather conditions," she said.

"The airline hopes to resume service Jan. 4 with pilots from American Eagle's other three pilot unions, Fagan said. Those pilots — now in

Miami, Raleigh, N.C., and Nashville, Tenn., have been trained to fly in icy conditions, she said.

"The difference is that their union leadership has not raised the safety issue," Fagan said.

APA President James G. Sovich said the majority of the pilots in his union have had no recent experience flying in winter weather. He said the only preparation management gave them was a 400-page insert in their flight manuals along with some information on how to navigate around O'Hare — all handed to them Wednesday night.

The pilots neither "requested nor demanded" the flight suspensions, Overman said. The union did not

think the airline needed to shut down to address the pilots' concerns, he said.

"We're not talking about weeks of classroom instruction just something more thorough than what they received," he said.

Elsewhere, travel plans were also scrambled for some passengers of Kiwi International Air Lines. The company agreed Thursday to indefinitely suspend its 42 daily flights after the Federal Aviation Administration questioned the way it keeps records on pilot training. The FAA allowed one flight to take off Friday.

At least 20 worried passengers canceled flights on Tower Air on Friday after the airline said some-

one cut electrical wires in five jumbo jets in one week last month at Kennedy.

The sabotage avoided vital systems and the vandalism was detected before the flights took off.

Reaction to the latest trouble facing the commuter airline industry was mixed.

John Souza, a L. Traverser, City, Mich., was at O'Hare trying to arrange alternate transportation to his hometown in time for his daughter's third birthday.

Souza, a Coast Guard pilot, said if the pilots don't feel comfortable with their training, they shouldn't fly. "If the pilots were comfortable, I'd be comfortable," he said.

Federal agencies seek ways to cut costs, trim back waste

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials scrambled Friday to find ways to streamline their agencies. Some of the airports were swapped with long lines at counters as passengers made alternate travel plans.

Roger Johnson, director of the General Services Administration, said his agency was trying to hunt down "as much as I can get" in budget cuts that go beyond cost-cutting efforts already under way.

Johnson said the agency hopes to privatize more of its operations, such as maintenance work on federal facilities and real estate brokerage operations.

The head of another agency slated for deep cuts, Jim King of the Office of Personnel Management, headed for the White House Friday to negotiate the shape of reductions for his operation.

At the Transportation Department, details of planned reductions were elusive, but it seemed likely that there would be renewed efforts to privatize the nation's air traffic control system.

Among other cost-cutting possibilities:

• The Energy Department has put together a proposal to cut \$22 billion out of its budget over five years.

Amtrak, which recently announced a 21 percent reduction in service layoffs of 5,500 workers, could face more cuts.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development is facing \$700 million in cuts to its nearly \$30 billion budget, mainly by consolidating 60 programs into a handful of block grants to cities.

The Interstate Commerce Commission, which barely survived an effort to close it down this year, will be on the hit list again.

Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., incoming chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, wants to close down the ICC, which handles railroad, bus and trucking regulation. Most functions would be shifted to the Transportation Department.

The ICC dodged elimination last summer, but suffered a 31 percent budget cut in the process.

Shuster also wants to streamline Amtrak, which has suffered from falling ridership and a rising federal subsidy that now runs about \$1 billion a year.

"Amtrak is on life support and lot of members want to pull the plug. I want to save it ... but sometimes to

save the patient you have to amputate a limb," Shuster has said.

The search for ways to cut the budget, coupled with a Republican Congress more attuned to shifting government functions to private business, is expected to revive Vice President Al Gore's proposal for a government corporation to manage the air traffic control system.

"We certainly expect it to revive discussions of full privatization," said Jeff Boddow of the National Air Traffic Controllers Association, which backs a semi-independent government corporation but not a fully private air traffic system. The air traffic control system, run by the Federal Aviation Administration, now employs about 37,000 people and absorbs 80 percent of the FAA's \$9 billion budget.

Republicans are said to lean toward a private operation while the administration has urged a government corporation like the post office or Tennessee Valley Authority.

The search for details of other planned Transportation Department changes was less fruitful. "We are in the process of working through all of our various scenarios," said department spokesman Richard Mintz.

Report: FAA warned of cracks in engines

FRESNO, Calif. (AP) — The Federal Aviation Administration issued three warnings about possible cracks in the type of engine powering the plane that slammed into an apartment building in California this week, according to published reports.

The Klamath Falls, Ore.-based Learjet 35 crashed Wednesday in Fresno, killing 18 people on the ground.

Airsearch TFE731 jet engines, the kind used in the Learjet 35, are prone to cracks that could cause safety problems, the FAA said.

Its safety directives over the past three months mandated that the engines be checked and repaired.

It was not clear from FAA records if the Learjet's engines had been overhauled. The Oregonian in Portland, Ore., and The Fresno Bee reported Thursday.

Officials of Phoenix Aiz, the Carersville, Ga., company which owns the plane, declined to comment on the report to The Associated Press Friday.

The Learjet's pilot reported the right engine was on fire eight miles from the Fresno airport. Four miles closer in, he reported, the other engine had failed, the FAA said Thursday.

The Learjet, under contract to the California Air National Guard, had been acting as a target in war games.

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Gejdenson declared race winner

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — Connecticut's highest court Friday declared Democratic Rep. Sam Gejdenson the winner of a contested congressional race by a scant 21 votes.

After a review of 73 disputed ballots, the state Supreme Court ruled that Gejdenson had 79,188 votes to Republican Ed Munster's 79,167.

The ruling by a three-judge panel came more than a month after the election.

Both Munster and Gejdenson, who is serving his seventh term, had asked the court to review the Nov. 8 election and the recount by the state secretary of state that showed Gejdenson holding a four-vote advantage.

The high court, in its first use of a state law covering contested elections, had three options: declare a winner, call for a new election, or order a recount.

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Russians' outcry over invasion asks, 'Democracy or dictatorship?'

MOSCOW (AP) — When the Soviet Union invaded Afghanistan, few dared to speak out.

One who did was dissident Andrei Sakharov, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.

The KGB kicked him up five days later and Sakharov was banished to the closed city of Gorky for the next seven years without charges or trial.

Fifteen years later, when Russia invaded the breakaway republic of Chechnya, the outcry was thunderous. Even President Boris Yeltsin's closest allies called it the end of democracy, the beginning of dictatorship.

One especially vocal critic — a reformer once close to the president — had his direct phone line to the Kremlin briefly cut. But no one appears to have been exiled.

The public debate over Chechnya has been an orgy of free speech unimaginable here a decade ago. But there was little "democracy" involved in the decision to send Russian troops against Russian citizens. The decision was made in secret, like that to invade Afghanistan.

"Democracy does not mean the absence of power, order, discipline,"

Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin said this week. "The state has a right to use legitimate violence when it is threatened."

Precisely who decided to resort to violence, or how, or when or even why are mysteries even deeper than those behind the invasion of Afghanistan.

Archives opened since the 1991 Soviet collapse show that a small circle of elderly Soviet leaders made the Afghan decision at a Politburo meeting on Dec. 12, 1979. It was so secret that they exchanged handwritten notes referring cryptically to the "measures" to be taken in "Country A."

Fifteen days later, Soviet commandos stormed the presidential palace in Kabul, touching off the long, agonizing war that was the Soviet Union's equivalent of Vietnam.

Kremlin-watchers think Yeltsin probably decided to send tanks, troops and warplanes into Chechnya on the advice of the heads of the "power ministries" — defense, interior, and the KGB's successor spy agency.

But nobody knows for sure.

The decision flouted the wishes of the Russian people — of Yeltsin's friends and even of his foes.

By the time Russian tanks and troops poured into the tiny, mostly Muslim region of southern Russia on Sunday, leading lawmakers from across the political spectrum had already spoken out against war.

Poll after poll showed that public opinion was solidly against using force. The media, too, were almost unanimous in their opposition. Even some top generals were objecting.

Izvestia columnist Sergei Chigayev said the idea of a "victorious little war" may have appealed to Yeltsin as a way to establish the image of a strong president in advance of the 1996 elections.

But, Chigayev wrote, "such ideas surface only in regimes in their death throes."

Yeltsin has come to resemble a closeted monarch surrounded by squabbling advisers. He has purged his staff and government of its most ardent reformers, he rules Russia by decree and he rarely appears in public.

Some of the harshest critics of the decision to invade Chechnya are the democratic reformers who staunchly stood by Yeltsin, even as he grew remoter and more autocratic.



A crowd of Chechens surround Russian Major General Ivan Babichev Friday on a road west of Grozny, the capital of the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

Gore cites Russian understanding on NATO, signs range of projects

MOSCOW (AP) — At the end of three days of talks with Russian officials, Vice President Al Gore said Friday, greater understanding had been reached on "the toughest issues" — NATO and the future of Europe.

The vice president had a long talk with President Boris Yeltsin, whom he described as "hale and hearty, in good spirits."

Gore was the first foreign leader to see Yeltsin since the president underwent nose surgery last Saturday, the day before Russian troops entered the breakaway republic of Chechnya.

The discussion touched only briefly on Chechnya, said Gore, who reiterated the U.S. stand that the conflict is Russia's internal affair.

Gore played down signs of strain Washington and Moscow, telling a news conference that U.S.-Russian relations were "very much on track."

His visit came a week after Yeltsin drew down the United States and NATO at a European security summit, accusing them of trying to exclude Russia under the alliance's proposed expansion into Eastern Europe. Earlier, Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev upset a NATO conference with similar criticism and condemned NATO for growing involvement in the former Yugoslavia.

Gore told the news conference that President Clinton continues to believe Russia should be included in NATO's expansion process and "anyone attempting to describe the decisions (by Clinton) ... in ways that are at variance with what we have publicly said about it is not speaking authoritatively."

Gore said he and Prime Minister



Vice President Al Gore speaks at a joint press conference with Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin in Moscow.

Viktor Chernomyrdin spent a great deal of time over these past few days discussing the toughest issues that confront us, questions related to NATO and the future of Europe."

Gore said America is committed to "an undivided, secure and stable Europe."

The stated purpose of Gore's trip was a meeting of the commission he and Chernomyrdin chair, which is working out details of cooperative projects in space, business, energy, defense conversion, science, the environment and health.

Among the two dozen agreements Gore and Chernomyrdin signed Friday were records on preventing Arctic pollution, promoting investment to con-

vert Russian defense industries to peaceful enterprises, and exchanging information on storing and securing nuclear materials.

The commission issued statements on reforming Russia's tax code, improving customs rules and exchanges for materials gathered in space, and studying alternative energy sources to reduce Russia's dependence on aging nuclear plants.

Chernomyrdin praised the session, attended by Cabinet members, from both countries, for "concrete progress that could yield tangible results soon."

Also Friday, Gore's wife, Tipper, had to cancel a visit to a Moscow high school because of a bomb threat, the ITAR-Tass news agency said.

Panama declares Dec. 20 day of mourning

PANAMA CITY (AP) — President Ernesto Perez Balladarez declared Dec. 20 a national day of mourning marking the 1989 U.S. invasion to oust dictator Manuel Antonio Noriega.

The decree capped years of angry political debate over how to best observe the withering assault by 30,000 American troops, warplanes

and attack helicopters.

Hundreds of Panamanians died in the invasion that led to the arrest of Noriega, who was convicted of drug and racketeering offenses and imprisoned in Miami.

The day of mourning was declared "in memory of the men and women who perished in the invasion of 1989."

Men in Thailand, Brazil volunteer for AIDS test

GENEVA (AP) — Heterosexual male drug users in Thailand and homosexual men in Brazil will be the key volunteers of the first major human tests of two AIDS vaccines, the chief of the U.N. AIDS program said Friday.

Dr. Peter Piot of Belgium, appointed this week to head the new U.N. program to combat the disease, said tests will begin in 18 months to two years.

Empty-handed burglar leaves note of protest

HONG KONG (AP) — After breaking into a garment factory and finding nothing of value, a disgruntled burglar left a note warning the owner to do better next time, or else.

"Put some money here next time or I'll set fire to your factory ... You make me do this for nothing, I can't even find 10 cents," the note said.

It was written by Yu Kin-fong, 33, who was later arrested and admitted to a string of burglaries.

He pleaded guilty Thursday, saying he needed money for his child and pregnant wife in China and to support a drug habit.

The World Health Organization has just completed a master plan for the tests of two vaccines, Piot told a news conference. He said other vaccines are being developed, but are still only in the laboratory or are being tested on animals and are years away from being tested on humans.

He said the vaccination program showed promise in the long term, but that U.N. efforts to fight the disease

would have to shift emphasis from prevention to helping Third World countries cope as long-time carriers of the virus start developing AIDS.

Officials in the U.N.'s World Health Organization said the test groups were selected because they were very likely to be exposed to a strain of the AIDS virus for which a vaccine had been developed and because researchers could track them.

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Europeans OK super collider plan

GENEVA (AP) — A 19-nation European coalition approved building the world's most powerful atom-smasher Friday, and said it hopes the United States, Japan and other nations will help finance the \$2 billion project.

As many as 1,000 top American scientists are hoping to conduct experiments using the European-built super collider since the U.S. Congress scrapped its own superconducting super collider project last year.

The Large Hadron Collider, as the European project is called, is to be built in a 17-mile circular tunnel already in existence, beneath Switzerland and France, near Geneva. Hadron is the term for subatomic particles made of quarks, such as protons and neutrons; electrons are not made of quarks.

The European Laboratory for Particle Physics, which is building the project, has asked the United States, Japan, Russia, China, India and other nations to contribute a total of \$385 million in exchange for letting their scientists work on it.

The 54-mile U.S. super collider that was being built in Waxahachie, Texas, would have dwarfed the European project, but European scientists believe their smaller project will be almost as valuable to research. American scientists had pressed for retaining the U.S. project, saying it would provide even more data than the European one.

U.S. and Japanese officials welcomed Friday's approval of the European Laboratory for Particle Physics said. The Clinton administration asked the group to send a negotiating team to Washington to work out details of U.S. participation, it said in a statement.

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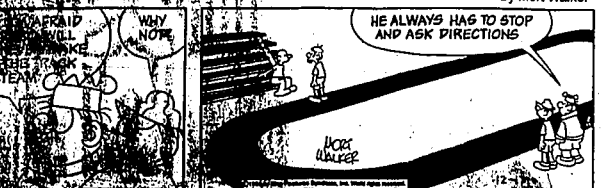
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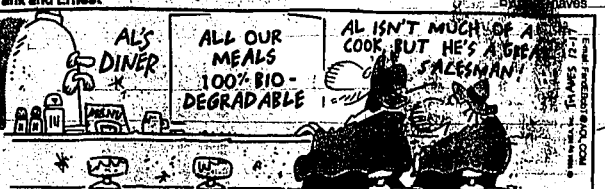
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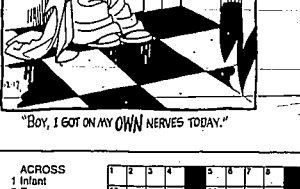
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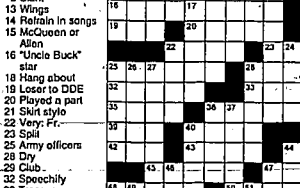
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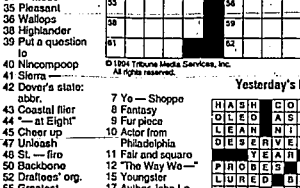
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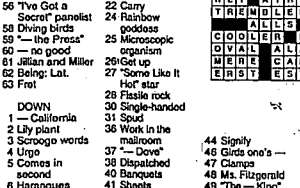
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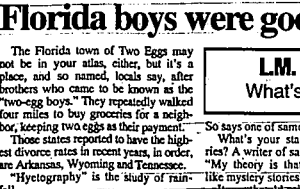
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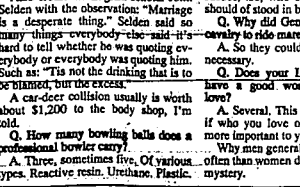
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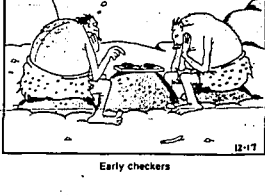
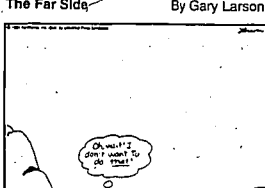
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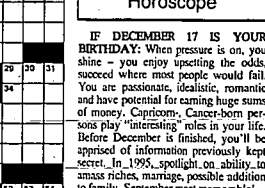
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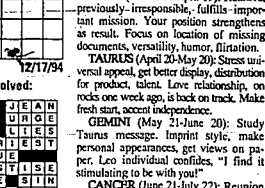
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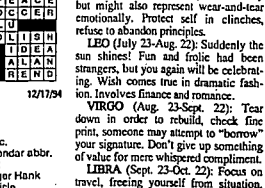
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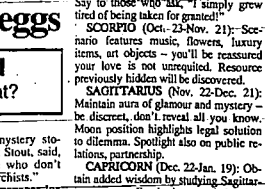
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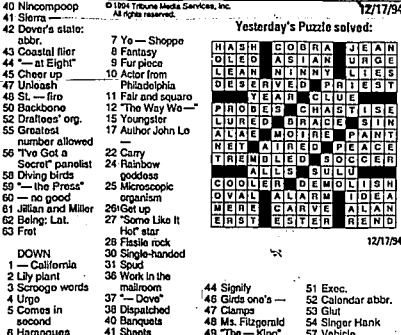
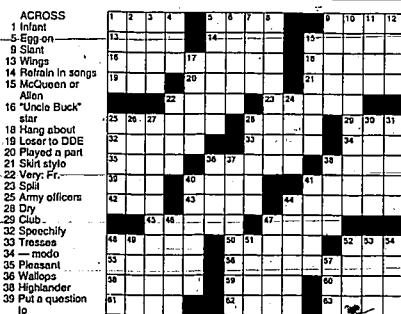
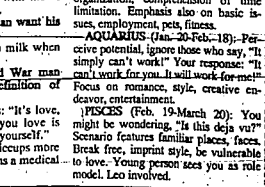
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Florida boys were good eggs

The Florida town of Two Eggs may not be in your atlas, either, but it's a place, and so named, locals say, after brothers who came to be known as the "two-egg boys." They reportedly walked four miles to buy groceries for a neighbor, keeping two eggs as their payment.

Those states reported to have the highest divorce rates in recent years, in order, are Arkansas, Wyoming and Tennessee.

"Hyetography" is the study of rain-fall.

Also credit the English scholar John Selden with the observation: "Marriage is a desperate thing." Selden said so many things everybody else said it's hard to tell whether he was quoting everybody or everybody was quoting him. Such as: "It's not the doing that is to be blamed, but the excess."

A car-deer collision usually is worth about \$1,200 to the body shop, I'm told.

Q. How many bowling balls does a professional bowler carry?

A. Three, sometimes five. Of various types. Reactive resin, Urethane, Plastic.

So says one of same.

What's your stand on mystery stories? A writer of same, Rex Stout, said, "A mystery is that people who don't like mystery stories are anarchists."

It was the old prizefighter manager Joe Jacobs, too, who came up with the "I should stand in bed" line.

Q. Why did Genghis Khan want his cavalry to ride mares?

A. So they could live on milk when necessary.

Q. Does your Love and War map have a good working definition of love?

A. Several. This month's: "It's love, if who you love or what you love is more important to you than yourself."

Why men generally get hiccupps more often than women do remains a medical mystery.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

IF DECEMBER 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: When pressure is on, you shine — you enjoy upstaging the odds, succeed where most people would fail. You are passionate, idealistic, romantic and have potential for earning huge sums of money. Capricorn, Cancer-born persons play "interesting" roles in your life. Before December is finished, you'll be apprised of information previously kept secret. In 1995, spotlight on ability to amass riches, marriage, possible addition to family. September most memorable!

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Relative, previously irascible, fulfills important mission. Your position strengthens as result. Focus on location of missing documents, versatility, humor, flirtation.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Sweet universal appeal, get better display, distribution for product, talent. Love relationship, on rocks one week ago, is back on track. Make fresh start, cement independence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Study Taurus message. Imprint style, make personal appearances, get views on paper. Re individual confides, "I find it stimulating to be with you!"

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Reunion with family member feels financially but might also represent wear-and-tear emotionally. Protect self in clinches, refuse to abandon principles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Suddenly the sun shines! Fun and frolic had been strangers, but you again will be celebrating. Wish comes true in dramatic fashion. Involves finance and romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Tear down in order to rebuild, check fine print, someone may attempt to "borrow" your signature. Don't give up something of value for mere whispered compliment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on travel, freeing yourself from situation, relationship that "bugged you down." Say to those who "rate": "I simply grew tired of being taken for granted!"

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Scenario features music, flowers, luxury items, art objects — you'll be reassured your love is not unrequited. Reconcile previously hidden will be discovered.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Maintain sure of glamour and mystery — be discreet, don't reveal all you know. Moon position highlights legal solution to dilemma. Spotlight also on public relations, partnership.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Obtain added wisdom by studying Sagittarius message. Emphasis on marital status, organization, comprehension of time limitation. Emphasis also on basic issues, employment, pets, giving.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Perceive potential, ignore those who say, "It simply can't work!" Your response: "It can't work for you. It will work for me!" Focus on romance, style, creative endeavor, entertainment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You might be wondering, "Is this deja vu?" Scenario features familiar places, faces. Break free, imprint style, creative endeavor, entertainment.

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Idaho

Wanted — judge: Call White House

BOISE (AP) — Anybody interested in becoming a federal judge in Idaho should call the White House directly and express that interest.

That was the word from the Clinton administration on Friday.

"The White House will facilitate it and make the decision," state Auditor J.D. Williams said. "Anyone interested in possible appointment should contact the White House directly. I will help them do that if they desire."

One of the first could be Attorney General Larry EchoHawk. A member of EchoHawk's staff said Friday the attorney general confirmed that he planned to apply, but provided no details.

Williams' call Friday from the Office of the Counsel for the President apparently cleared up the confusion that started Tuesday when outgoing Congressman Larry LaRocco announced that his judicial recommendation, Lewiston lawyer John Tait, would be dropped.

Idaho has been minus a full-time federal district judge since 1992 when Judge Harold Ryan went to senior or semi-retired status. LaRocco nominated Tait, his campaign manager, early in 1993, but President Clinton didn't send the nomination to the Senate until last August.

Republican Senators Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne blocked confirmation, alleging that Tait was unqualified. The Republicans want to have a chance to review the nomi-



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About 50 Idaho cases currently are assigned to out-of-state judges.

Williams said Victoria Radd, associate general counsel for judicial appointments for Clinton, said because of Idaho's backlog, the White House wants to move quickly on this appointment.

"Because of that, they have made the decision to handle it from within the White House," the auditor said. "Also, in an attempt to reduce the political tension over the appointment."

He said Radd told him once they have decided on a nominee, they could have that person cleared for nomination within three months.

"My interest in this was to see that it was expedited because of the impact on our judicial system," Williams said.

"I have been assured by White House staff members that this is the fastest and least political way to fill the vacancy," he said.

Clinton plan seen beneficial for families

BOISE (AP) — President Clinton's tax proposal for a "middle-class bill of rights" is a plus for families, Idaho tax advocates say.

But other people may be shorted.

The president's proposal to cut the middle-class tax burden — especially for families with children — makes sense for Idaho and the nation, said Randy Nelson, head of Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

"In a state with so many families, it's good news," Nelson said of the president's Oval Office address on Thursday.

Nelson said he found Clinton's plan to make college tuition tax deductible especially attractive. In a technological age, society should do everything it can to stress the importance of education, he said.

"It's certainly in our interest to make as many people as possible go on to higher education," he said.

Clinton's plan would allow families with annual incomes of \$100,000 or less to write off as much as \$10,000 per year in college tuition costs. Smaller deductions would be available for families earning between \$100,000 and \$120,000 per year.

Youth dies in Russian roulette

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Police say a 15-year-old youth has been charged in the shooting death of 16-year-old Shawn Utich in a deadly Russian roulette game Thursday night.

Police said Utich died instantly when a friend aimed a .44-magnum pistol at him and fired, Idaho Falls Police Detective Ken Brown said. The shot struck Utich in the forehead.

Bonneville County Prosecutor David Johnson said he doubted the 15-year-old would be charged, but he was reviewing the case to make that determination.

"There's no evidence that he intended to assault or kill his

friend," Johnson said. The youth also faces a grand theft charge because the gun used in the shooting was reported stolen earlier that day from a local residence, Johnson said.

Shawn stayed home with the flu Thursday and three friends came to visit him after school, Brown said. "They went over to Shawn's house to show him the gun that was stolen," he said.

According to witness statements, a 15-year-old unloaded the pistol and then put one round back in. Brown said he rotated the cylinder to make sure it wouldn't go off, then put it to his head and pulled the trigger. The gun didn't fire.

Then the gun went to the youth charged with shooting Shawn. The suspect pointed the gun at Shawn and pulled the trigger, Brown said. Outside, someone threw the gun in the snow, where it was later recovered by police.

Only hours before Shawn's death, Idaho Falls High School students signed a contract pledging not to carry guns on school grounds. Principal Steve Holtom said the school has set up an area for students to consult with school counselors and psychologists.

"It's always a shock to hear one of our students has passed away no matter what the circumstances may have been," he said.

Judge allows evidence

LEWISTON (AP) — The defense for accused killer David Hawkins has been dealt a blow as 2nd District Judge Ronald Schilling denied several motions to suppress evidence.

Schilling on Thursday ruled evidence seized from the motorhome where Hawkins lived could be used at trial. It included a flashlight and pieces of carpet and wall paneling.

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Ski hill reaps benefits of plentiful snowfall

BOISE (AP) — Early and plentiful snow affords Bogus Basin the heady experience of thinking about ways to spend the money.

Since the non-profit Boise-area ski hill opened a week before Thanksgiving, there have been about 50,000 skier visits. At this time last year, there were just 15,000, general manager Mike Shirley said.

If things stay at this pace, Bogus could see a record 300,000 skier visits, controller George Mustard said. And it also could be on its way to a record profit by the end of the year.

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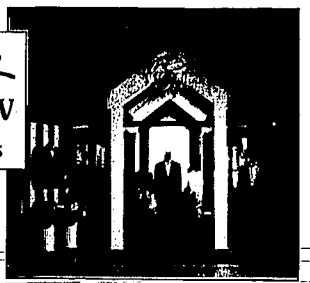
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Brother arrested in slayings of teen-age sister, friend

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (AP) — A troubled teen-ager held in the "horrible, weird" slayings of his sister and her friend may undergo a psychological examination, authorities said.

"We don't have a clear motive yet, other than him saying he just wanted to see what it would be like to kill someone," Walla Walla County Sheriff Bill Jackson said Thursday. "I haven't seen something this brutal and bizarre in 29 years."

The 15-year-old, identified by the Walla Walla Union-Bulletin and the Tri-City Herald as Daniel Lee Betournay, was scheduled to make an initial court appearance Friday on two counts of first-degree murder.

Jackson and deputy Walla Walla County prosecutor Joseph Golden said the 250-pound freshman had a history of behavioral problems.

Walla Walla High School classmates described him as a "weird" person who talked about suicide and was fond of drawings of daggers and other weapons.

The bodies of Betournay and her friend Beth Garbe, both 14, were found at the Betournay home about 4:45 p.m. Wednesday. Their hands

and ankles had been bound and white plastic grocery bags were placed over their heads.

Walla Walla County Coroner Stephen Ames said there was no

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evidence of sexual assault. Both girls appear to have died of asphyxiation and there were no other apparent injuries, he said.

Autopsies were scheduled Friday. Daniel Betournay was arrested Wednesday night as he talked on a pay telephone with a police dispatcher about turning himself in.

Golden has two weeks to decide whether he will ask that the youth be tried as an adult.

The prosecutor said he will also seek a psychological examination for the boy to determine whether he is competent to stand trial.

Such evaluation "is rarely done with juveniles, but these are such horrible, weird murders and we think it may be necessary," Golden said.

Investigators said April Betournay, a Sager Middle School eighth grader, left a school bus near her home with Garbe about 3:45 p.m. Wednesday. The two had been friends at least four years.

The two were confronted by the boy — who had stayed home from school after telling his mother he was ill — in different rooms of the house, sheriff's officers said. He bound their hands and ankles with duct tape, and put white plastic grocery bags over their heads.

He took both to April's bedroom before leaving the house with a knife and pellet rifle.

April's mother, Judy Betournay, and sister, Jennie Betournay, a nursing student, found the girls at about 4:45 p.m. and tried to revive them. Paramedics were called, but could not resuscitate the girls.

The slayings were the second and third in two weeks in Walla Walla, which had not had a homicide since 1989, said Prosecutor James Nagle.

For Oregon's anti-gay-rights plan, the 3rd time might be the charm

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon Citizens-Alliance chief Lon Mabon is confident Oregon voters will approve his group's anti-gay-rights plan the next time around despite two previous failures.

"If we had gotten more money and gotten our message out, Measure 13 would have passed," Mabon said of the measure that was narrowly defeated by voters Nov. 8.

Mabon, protégé of Idaho Citizens' Alliance founder Kelly Walton, maintained much the same thing in analyzing defeat of his organization's anti-gay initiative in Idaho and is pushing another proposition for 1996.

Mabon made the comments as he announced the launching of an effort to put a new anti-gay-rights plan on the statewide Oregon ballot in 1996 as well. Actually, the alliance filed two initiatives with the state on Thursday — one for the May 1996 primary ballot and the other for the November 1996 general election ballot.

Citizen initiatives already have been placed on the fall ballot. But Mabon said

he is ready to mount a legal challenge to try to get on the May ballot when there are not as many competing measures.

He noted that the Oregon's Measure 13 last month was defeated by a much

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— Oregon Citizens' Alliance chief Lon Mabon

narrower margin — 51 percent to 49 percent — than the group's Measure 9 was two years ago, when the margin was 57 percent to 43 percent.

A spokeswoman for the No on 13 Committee, Gwen Baldwin, said she thinks any future anti-gay-rights measure will go down to defeat just as the first two did.

"The stars couldn't have been in better alignment for this year, and they still lost," she said.

Baldwin also called the gay rights issue a business opportunity for Mabon and his supporters.

"As long as they can raise money off of discrimination measures, they will keep filing them," she said.

Mabon denies that his group is promoting discrimination by pushing for legal measures to prevent state and local governments from passing specific civil rights protections based on sexual orientation.

Mabon said his group's proposed measure for 1996 differs from this year's measure in several respects:

The new measure prohibits the rights based on any sexual behavior or desire, not just on homosexuality. It also would insert language into the state constitution that "recognizes opposition to homosexuality as a right of conscience" — a provision aimed at blunting criticism that the alliance is promoting discrimination.

Further, the new measure doesn't seek to remove books dealing with homosexuality or lesbianism from school libraries as Measure 13 did.

Feds study link of exhaust, illness

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — The National Park Service is trying to determine whether there is a link between the exhaust fumes of snowmobiles and heightened reports of illness by employees at the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

Employees have complained of headaches and say they can taste oil in the air from exhausts of the two-cycle snow machines. "We're looking to see if we've got a problem," said Bob Seibert, a park ranger.

On a busy day, up to 1,200 snowmobiles enter the park at the west entrance. At times, between 50 and 70 snowmobiles are waiting in line with engines running.

The results of the study, which began in October, may help the park service decide if changes in winter use are necessary, said park spokesman Cheryl Matthews.

"Until we have the data, we don't know what limitations will be placed on winter use in the park," she said.

Preliminary test results don't show high levels of emissions, said Eric Kopczynski of the state Air Quality Division.

Yellowstone is popular in winter with snowmobilers and West Yellowstone bills itself as the "Snowmobile Capital of the World."

West Yellowstone's Town Council is also awaiting results. "The council is watching with great

interest to see what comes out of the air quality study," said Ken Davis, the town's operations manager.

Seibert said the exhaust from one snowmobile can produce the same volume of hydrocarbons and nitrous oxides as 1,000 cars and carbon monoxide emissions equivalent to between 250 and 500 automobiles.

"We have confirmed this information is accurate, grossly accurate, and provided by the snow machine industry," he added.

Roy Muth, president of the International Snow Industry Association in Fairfax, Va., said he was skeptical such statistics were founded on anything substantive.

Snowmobile crash kills man in Yellowstone

WEST YELLOWSTONE, Mont. (AP) — A man was killed in a snowmobile accident in the west entrance to Yellowstone National Park on Friday. The man, 48, was driving a snowmobile ahead of two companions when another machine at about 100 yds. in the western part of the park.

Three companions did not see the accident but found him lying on the side of the snowmobile trail in the snowmobile parking lot.

The man's name was not known, but he was known to the park officials. The victim, who was 48, was a hunter, suffered head and chest injuries.



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Ketchum man arrested for 1975 Army desertion

KETCHUM - Stanislaus Otski didn't want to be in the U.S. Army. He went AWOL from Fort Bragg, N.C., in 1975. His flight didn't end until last week-end, when he was arrested at his home while working on his car.

Authorities said they received word from the Army that Otski might be in the area. An officer went to his home, gave him time to put his boots on and took him to jail. Otski has been employed as a concrete worker by Fair Weather Construction Co. Ketchum Police Chief Cal Nevland said he expected Army officers from Fort Carson, Colo., to travel to Idaho to take Otski into custody.

After deserting in 1975, Otski managed to stay hidden until he was arrested in Valdez, Alaska in 1977. He was taken to a military installation outside Anchorage but disappeared again two months later.

This time it took federal authorities another 17 years and three months to track him down.

Post office: Deliver packages, cards today to avoid delay

TWIN FALLS - If you can get your Christmas cards and packages in the mail today, please do so, says the Postal Service.

Monday is expected to be the biggest mailing day of the year.

The service's other holiday suggestions include: Mail early in the day; print complete and accurate addresses, including zip codes; for parcels, use a sturdy plain box or carton that is properly padded; seal packages with strong, nylon-reinforced packing tape.

Head Start Transition offers memorial-college scholarship

TWIN FALLS - The Head Start Transition program has started a scholarship in memory of the late Dennis Conrad.

Conrad, who was active in the Twin Falls Optimist Club, was killed in a motorcycle accident this summer.

Last Christmas, Conrad and the Optimists helped put on a Head Start Transition Christmas party.

This year the Optimists continued the tradition and put on the entire party Friday, calling it the Dennis Conrad Head Start Transition Christmas Party.

Kathy Williams, transition coordinator, said the program is trying to raise enough money for two scholarships - one for a boy and one for a girl.

The children-in-the-Head-Start Transition program are in grades kindergarten through second grade.

Williams said they will have to determine how to award a scholarship that will take effect until the child enters a college.

At the party Friday, the Optimist members provided Christmas gifts for 161 children from the Headstart Transition program. McDonald Insurance supplied the Optimist Club with all the funds for the party, including a turkey dinner.

Williams said money is still needed for the scholarship and anyone who wants to donate money for the scholarship can do so at D.L. Evans Bank.

Micron receives flood of site proposals for its expansion

BOISE - The Magic Valley's four proposed sites for a Micron Semiconductor factory sit in a huge pile of other proposals.

In fact, Micron Technology Inc. is so buried in proposed locations for its billion-dollar expansion that its pared-down list will likely have more than 10 semifinalists, Chairman Steven Appleton says.

The list may include the top 20 sites by Dec. 23, he said Thursday.

Appleton is surprised by the response to his October announcement of Micron's search for a spot to build a \$1.3-billion computer chip factory. It expected to have a list of 10 semifinalists by next Friday.

It attracted more than 275 responses by its Monday deadline, including one proposing two sites in Ada County. About 40 locations are outside the United States, 24 are from Idaho, and the rest are scattered throughout the country.

New York Gov.-elect George Pataki asked Micron this week to wait on its decision until he takes office Jan. 1, according to Bloomberg News Service.

Micron's major shareholder, J.R. Simplot, said Idaho is dangling a \$700-million incentive to Micron in its proposal.

"We're getting some of the wildest offers you've ever heard of," Simplot said.

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SAN FRANCISCO - The "mystery glitch" that cut electrical power to 2 million Westerners from Arizona to Washington Wednesday began in a power line between Shoshone and Minidoka, according to a preliminary investigation.

Idaho Power Co. spokesman Jeff Beamon said the cause of the first line going down will probably never be known, but an investigation into the cause of the second was still under way.

And while the initial events that caused the widespread power outage began in south-central Idaho, "it appears quite clear to us there were compounding events."

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The shared power grid, also called an intertie, connects British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California.

The cause of the outage was still under

investigation Friday, said Pacific Gas & Electric spokesman Lyle LaFaver Friday.

"When we lost the line in Idaho ... the system started shutting itself down like it's supposed to. We're trying to determine the precise sequence and contributing causes," LaFaver said Friday.

"It's sort of like when your string of Christmas tree lights go out, you have to test them all," he said.

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California: 1 million customers lost electricity.

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Montana: Power lost for four hours.

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Oregon: 48,000 customers lost power for less than a half hour.

Washington: At least 200,000 customers lost power.

AP/Tony Kalo

5 area groups receive foundation grants

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For Twin Falls' Scottish Rite Learning Clinic, which helps kids with learning disabilities and behavioral problems, half the battle is spreading the word.

That's why Coordinator Melody Lenker is happy for a little outside help.

The clinic was awarded \$1,389 by the Idaho Community Foundation on Friday to buy materials for a lending library, part of \$71,000 the foundation distributed to 45 nonprofit groups in its southwest Idaho region.

"It'll be videos, pamphlets - material both for professionals and for parents," Lenker said. "They will tell people how to get the help they need."

The 3-year-old clinic offers assessment and case management for youngsters aged

5 to 21, through the services of a psychologist, an academic therapist, a speech and language pathologist, an occupational therapist, a pediatrician and a social worker.

There is no paid staff, and the clinic, which operates out of a room in the basement of the Masonic Lodge, is funded in part through an interest-bearing account on the building.

"We asked for \$4,000 (from the foundation), but we were happy to get what we did," Lenker said. "We applied the last two years and didn't get anything."

"In this business, every little bit helps."

Other south-central Idaho grant recipients included:

Ketchum's Sawtooth Science Institute, which will receive \$2,000 to help it develop a natural-history exhibit at newly reopened Galena Lodge north of Ketchum.

The Oakley Valley Arts Council,

which got \$1,500 to buy a ventilation system for Howells Opera House, where the company performs its plays.

The Community Organization for Rehabilitative Efforts, which will receive \$1,000 to help replace the roof at its Twin Falls residential facility for adults with chronic mental illness.

Malta's Ruth River High School, which got \$1,350 to help buy a grand piano for the music department.

The money comes from interest earned by the 6-year-old foundation, which gets most of its funding from permanent endowments from individuals, businesses and other foundations.

A regional advisory board makes recommendations on how the money should be spent, and those suggestions are then approved by the foundation's board of directors.

City of Hemopolis was set up - and torn down - in a day

By Barbara Neiwerth
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - You won't be able to find the great city of Hemopolis on any map, but for \$5 sixth graders, its memory will remain intact for many years to come.

Hemopolis was the by-product of The Young Architects Program produced by the Hemingway Education Center at Hemingway Elementary School.

It was constructed Wednesday at the school's foyer, but had to be dismantled at the end of day because of its size.

Hemopolis - an acronym formed from Hemingway and "opolis," meaning city - challenged the students in many different ways, teacher Terry Thode said.

"I thought it was going to be pretty cool," said sixth grader Brianna Salmon at the onset of the assignment.

Salmon chose to build Hemopolis Outlets, similar to Boise's Factory Outlet Mall.

Wisely understanding and meeting market demand, she included a pet store with a pet pharmacy to service the two pet clinics within the mall. She also built shoe, clothing and video stores, and didn't forget that shoppers get hungry. Salmon's restaurant featured many different kinds of food - pizza, salad, steak; dessert - you name it, she had it.

The students didn't just build a box and call it a store.

They initially had to begin researching the city's zoning requirements to decide where they could build and where. The Sun Valley city planner came to help them out.

Once an idea was formulated, the students designed the floor plans, completed elevation drawings, designed and arranged furniture within the buildings, and constructed their models with donated materials to an one-eighth scale.

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Unofficial tour guide Blake Cima takes a giant step over part of 'Hemopolis City,' which was built by the sixth-grade Young Architects Project class of Terry Thode at Hemingway School in Ketchum Wednesday. The city's buildings had actual floor plans and elevations designed to the final scale. Students had the help of many of the area's architects, engineers, parents and the Sun Valley city planner.

Photo by MITCHELL ZACHS

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Judge delays ruling on jail conversation

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — After a heated courtroom debate — enlivened when one of O.J. Simpson's lawyers accused Superior Court Judge Lance A. Ito of mishandling Simpson's security arrangements in jail — Ito delayed until Monday a ruling on whether prosecutors may learn the contents of a jailhouse conversation between Simpson and Rosemary Grier.

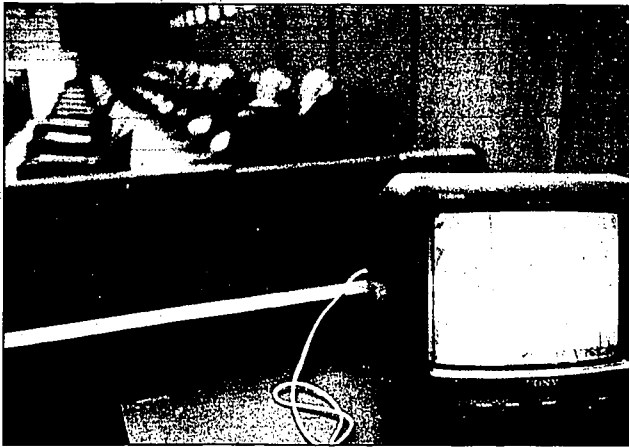
The delay leaves alive at least for a few more days a debate that has raged at the margins of the case for nearly a month, as prosecutors have sought to learn what Simpson told Grier, an ordained minister, during an emotional jailhouse visit in November.

In their final arguments on the subject Friday, prosecutors said Grier was acting more as a counselor than a minister and also maintained that by raising his voice Simpson waived whatever confidentiality might apply to the remarks, even if made to a clergyman.

Deputy Jeff Stuart said he overheard a snippet of that conversation and informed his superiors of it, but Simpson's attorneys have fought to keep prosecutors from learning what was said, arguing that the conversation was protected by the privilege that protects ministers from having to disclose their private talks.

In addition, Simpson's attorneys have said that even if the deputy did hear a short comment or two, the remarks had to have been taken out of context, since Stuart himself testified that he could not hear what came just before or after the comments by Simpson and the brief response from Grier. Simpson is accused of killing his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend Ronald Lyle Goldman on June 12; he has pleaded not guilty.

Defense lawyer Robert L. Shapiro complained that the confidentiality issue is complicated by the fact that



A video monitor used by Court TV and an empty jury box mark a hearing Friday in which Judge Lance Ito put off making a ruling on the admissibility of some evidence.

the visitation area where Simpson and his attorneys meet on weekends is inadequate. According to Shapiro, deputies can look over the lawyers' shoulders at their papers and can hear conversations between the attorneys and their client even when voices are raised.

"We were guaranteed that we would have privacy," Shapiro said. "We did not."

Then Shapiro went on to accuse Ito, who supervised the jailhouse arrangements, of bungling that job and of disingenuously suggesting in court that they were adequate.

That prompted a rare flash of

anger from the judge, who at first cautioned Shapiro to watch his step. When Shapiro ignored him, Ito sharply advised him to "take a deep breath" and reconsider his line of argument. Then Ito recessed court for a long lunch break.

When court resumed, a chastened Shapiro apologized for his comments, saying he had been overcome by his zealousness in advocating his client's interests.

The judge's exclamation has lingered as an intriguing sideshow to the trial since late November, when Ito and the attorneys mysteriously toured the Men's Central Jail,

inspecting the area where Simpson meets with his attorneys and others, on weekends.

But with that issue apparently near resolution, the judge and lawyers turned late Friday to a topic at the case's core, the DNA test results that the prosecution believes will link Simpson to the murder scene.

Simpson's lawyers, who originally had indicated that they were prepared to wage major pretrial battle to contest the prosecution's DNA tests, this week shifted gears, saying instead that they preferred to hold that debate in front of the jury.

Friday, defense lawyer Gerald Uelman argued that their proposed approach would save both sides time and would keep Simpson from having to pay for a hearing that could last two months or more.

Hearings over the admissibility of scientific evidence typically take place outside the presence of the jury because their purpose is to allow the judge to decide what evidence jurors should hear. Prosecutors opposed the defense motion, saying Friday that the inadmissible proposal would prevent jurors with mountains of evidence, much of which would be highly technical and could distract the panel from the other issues in the case.

George W. Clarke, a deputy district attorney from San Diego who is assisting the prosecution team on DNA issues, said the defense proposal could extend the period for which jurors need to be sequestered and would create a "substantial and dangerous possibility of forgetting evidence."

No court hearings are scheduled until Jan. 4, when the two sides will return with a host of issues to confront. In addition to the DNA evidence, defense attorneys are battling to keep out references to what they call "marital discord" between Simpson and his ex-wife.

Ito also continues to wrestle with accusations that at least one member of the jury may have committed misconduct by failing to disclose a past contact with Simpson.

The juror, an employee of the Hertz Corp., has acknowledged he may have attended a company-sponsored event at which Simpson, a longtime celebrity spokesman for the firm, also was present. The judge and lawyers met in chambers for more than two hours Friday, but did not disclose what was discussed or whether any resolution had been reached.

Family wins \$1.55 million in fatal crush

SPokane (AP) — A Superior Court jury has awarded \$1.55 million to the family of a man crushed to death by a tree last year.

Charles Swam was cutting down an 84-foot-tall tree with a chain saw on Jan. 20, 1993, when strong winds pushed the tree in the direction of Nine Mile Road, hitting a pickup truck driven by Darrell Korb, 30.

The jury on Thursday found Swam, 64, negligent and awarded \$1.55 million in damages to Korb's wife, Cheryl, and three children.

The Korb family's lawyer, Michelle Szambelan, contended that Swam shouldn't have been cutting down the tree on such a windy day.

But Swam's lawyer, James Parkins, contended the gust that blew the tree into the pickup was sudden and unpredictable. The tree had been connected to a cable on a tractor.

Eight other people died in the strong winter storm that passed through Washington and northern Idaho the same day that Korb was killed.

Pink slips rain as Batt appoints staff

BOISE (AP) — Two days after being rebuffed by the current Idaho delegation to the Northwest Power Planning Council, Republican Gov. Cecil Andrus replaced the two who had been appointed. They are firmly opposed to the council's just adopted salmon restoration plan.

With little comment, Batt named Mike Field, the natural resource specialist for Republican U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, and Todd Maddock, public affairs director for Potlatch Corp., to replace Andy Brundell and Bob Saxvik.

Burnelle and Saxvik, both appointed by retiring Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus and expected to be replaced, were critical to council adoption earlier this week of a sweeping salmon restoration plan that calls for drawdowns of eastern Washington reservoirs.

Batt has adamantly opposed the drawdown plan that has long been advocated by Andrus as the only real way to bring back endangered runs.

Batt's appointment of Fields and Maddock breaks the tradition established by Andrus and Democrat John Evans, who as governor between Andrus' two stints, to have a bipartisan delegation to the power council.



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"They strongly share my view that we must guard Idaho's water," Batt said in a statement.

"We must resist with every ounce of strength sending our water downstream for a purpose which has not been scientifically proven."

Andrus has maintained, however, that drawdowns speeding the flow of water through the slackwater reservoirs as the fish migrate to the ocean is the only feasible way of restoring the runs even though it causes severe disruptions and costs to downstream, out-of-state interests. He has argued that drawdowns will require only 800,000 acre-feet of Idaho water a year compared to the 2.7 million acre-feet used in the government's so-called fish-flush this past summer.

Batt also named John Hatch, the agriculture specialist for Republican Congressman Michael Crapo, to head the state Department of Agriculture and Drew Forney, Idaho manager for Washington Federal

Savings, to run the state Insurance Fund.

Hatch replaced Greg Nelson, who was ousted after contributing \$500 to Batt's Democratic opponent Larry Echols and only \$25 to Batt.

Forney, whose wife previously served on the Boise City Council, replaced Merle Parsley, an Andrus confidant who contributed over \$800 to Echols and helped in Democratic fund-raising.

Parsley and Nelson both lost jobs despite strong support from the interests they served. Parsley was responsible for a major campaign to reduce overcharges and excessive claims against worker's compensation policyholders, steadily increasing the dividends returned to those policyholders annually.

A number of other top Andrus administration officials are probably in the same boat. Batt has been adamant about Andrus administration officials who financially backed Echols.

Lottery Director Wally Hedrick, who gave Echols \$800, and Finance Director Belton Patti, who contributed \$100 to the Democrat, have each been told they will be replaced.

Other Andrus appointees with Echols contributions marring their records are Labor and Industrial Services Director Gary Gould, Division of Environmental Quality Director Joe Nagel, Idaho Housing Agency Director Wayne Mittleider and Fish and Game Director Jerry Conley.

Mittleider and Conley were both hired by the boards they work for. But in Conley's case while the Fish and Game commissioners serve for specific four-year terms they can be dismissed at the pleasure of the governor.

There were indications that Batt did not intend to take such an unprecedented step with Conley and would wait until the terms of Lou Racine of Pocatello and Norm Guth of Salmon expire in April to replace them. But if the rest of the commission fails to see that Conley should be replaced, direct ouster of other commissioners could occur.

In addition, 6th District Judge Lynn Winnill, who at one time was considered an all but sure bet to fill Idaho's next Supreme Court vacancy, donated \$250 to Echols last five days before the election. Winnill, who has been among the official nominees for the last two vacancies, has applied for the high court vacancy created by the retirement of Stephen Bistline.

because Overstreet refused to sign the group's policies and procedures agreement.

"There was a pretty strong feeling among our policy board that you're either in or you're out," said Whitman, Wash., Sheriff Steven Tomson, task force project manager.

"And without the sheriff signing our policies and procedures agreement, we just couldn't feel comfortable in sending in either our officers or resources to Latah County."

statements from everybody.

Young can think of better ways to spend county tax dollars.

"My road is like life and death now, and we're wasting \$28,000 over a joke certificate," she said. "Where are the sheriff's priorities?"

Young thinks everybody sharing her opinion of the investigation should also "confess."

Meanwhile, the Latah County sheriff's office has been dropped out of the Quad Cities Drug Task force

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White House keeps memories of 2 centuries of Christmases

WASHINGTON (AP) — Amid the garlands of evergreen, the red-ribboned wreaths, the spruce and pine strung with ornament and light, the White House harbors many ghosts of Christmas past.

Behind the contemporary sparkle are nearly two centuries of memories.

Thomas Jefferson bringing out his violin to play for a Christmas gathering of children—Andrew Jackson, remembering his own poor and painful childhood, shedding a tear over the Christmas trinkets given him by his nephews and nieces. Abraham Lincoln strolling out to Pennsylvania Avenue to buy a toy soldier for a young son.

In recent decades, Christmas at the White House has become an elaborately choreographed and costly public display.

This year some 30,000 people will troop through the marble halls to see Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton's Christmas decor. They'll see the light-bedecked Christmas tree reaching to the Blue Room ceiling. They'll be surrounded by brigades of toy soldiers, platoons of candy canes, acres of poinsettias.

"From the Roosevelts' informality to the military correctness of the rites of the Truman and Eisenhower years, the story of Christmas at the White House has evolved into its present-day extravaganzas organized and executed by a battalion of staff members and consulting professionals," said writer Alvin Rosenbaum in his 1992 book, "A White House Christmas."

Stories abound from those earlier holidays. There was the Civil War year when Tad Lincoln tearfully intervened with his father and won a presidential pardon and years of pardoned celebrity status for "Jack," the turkey intended to be the main course for the Lincoln family Christmas dinner.

In December 1864, Lincoln, his war anxiety lifting, read aloud a telegram from Lt. Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman at the end of his army's march through Georgia. "I beg to present to you as a Christmas present the city of Savannah..."

According to one story, Franklin Pierce installed the first Christmas tree as a holiday-innovation in 1853. Others say that didn't happen until years later.

But by 1889, in the Benjamin Harrison administration, the tree was a well-established tradition as described in Edna M. Coleman's 1927 book, "White House Gossip From Andrew Johnson To Calvin Coolidge."

"A very large, gorgeous tree was put up in the library, in the trimming of which the president, his family and the staff assisted. It carried toys not only for the children of the fam-



refused to make a speech. And, ironically, the ceremony itself had a commercial core: It was inspired by lobbyists for the electric light industry to create a market for outdoor holiday lights.

Not all White House Christmases have followed the holiday script.

Disaster struck Herbert Hoover's White House on Christmas Eve 1929, following close on October's stock market crash.

Fire broke out in the West Wing during an icy evening and destroyed the executive offices of the president. Hoover, in evening dress, marched grimly out of a Christmas party and puffed on a cigar as he watched 16 fire-engines fight a losing battle with the blaze.

Inside the White House his wife, Lou Henry Hoover, kept the party bubbling. Some guests didn't even know there was a fire next door.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt was determined to keep Christmas, while despite depression and the Second World War.

The Roosevelts always insisted on real candles on the Christmas trees in their family quarters despite the protests of insurance underwriters.

Eleanor Roosevelt said: "A tree doesn't look right without real candles and does not give the right atmosphere unless it smells of hot evergreen."

Elliot Roosevelt, writing in "As He Saw It" in 1946, remembered the last Roosevelt family Christmas in the White House:

"The center table in the long living room was pushed back, the Christmas tree was in place and decorated, the piles of presents were ready for the unwrapping — each person's pile heaped on a separate chair. And on Christmas Eve father took his accustomed rocker to one side of the fireplace, and opened the familiar book, while we all found places around it."

The president read Charles Dickens' Christmas Carol to the children every White House Christmas, using his resonant voice to portray Scrooge and Tiny Tim and the ghosts of Christmas past, present and yet to come.

FDR was a great gift giver. And in one wartime holiday season he ordered a Christmas tree cut on his estate at Hyde Park, N.Y., wrapped in burlap and delivered — by military aircraft across the Atlantic — to British Prime Minister Winston Churchill.

Mrs. Roosevelt visited Washington-slums-at-Christmas, passing out presents to the children there. "I always went back to the White House with an added awareness of the inequality of our earthly blessings," she wrote.

Present occupants of the White House, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Socks have their own traditions in a home that has housed Christmas for 2 centuries.

ily but for everyone attached to the White House and their families. Around it, too, were piled the hundreds of gifts and remembrances sent by friends and presidential admirers."

Theydore Roosevelt bucked that tradition when he entered the White House. Cutting down healthy trees and discarding them after a brief display went against his conservationist grain.

In his 1983 book, "Christmas in the White House," an encyclopedia look at Christmas customs at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., author Albert J. Menendez recounts that the president's children were so disappointed — and public opinion so hostile — that Roosevelt relented.

"The president's heart was touched and he no longer prohibited a tree," Menendez wrote.

In 1902, his first White House Christmas, Roosevelt wrote this account: "Yesterday morning at a quarter to seven all the children were up and dressed and began to hammer at the door of their mother's and my room, in which their six stockings, all bulging out with queer angles and roundies, were hanging from the fireplace."

"But first there was a surprise for me and their good mother, for Archie had a little Christmas tree of his own which he had rigged up with the help of one of the carpenters in a big closet; and we all of us had to look at the tree and each of us got a present off it."

In 1923, Calvin Coolidge presented the button to light the first National Christmas tree. Characteristically, "Silent Cal"

Scientists find sequel for 'Jurassic Bark'

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A day after revealing the discovery of a real-life Jurassic Park, where 100-foot pine trees believed extinct for 150 million years still thrive, scientists unveiled the sequel.

It's the son — or seedling — of the Jurassic Bark.

For the last two weeks, horticulturists at the Mount Annan Botanic Garden have mounted a secret effort to propagate seeds from the prehistoric pines, which were found in August and christened the Wollemi Pine, after the park where they reside.

Thursday, they announced the results: It's a seedling!

Forty seeds recovered from the grove of Wollemi Pines have been incubating in a special nutrient solu-

tion and one has sprouted, said Cathy Offord, the research officer at the gardens.

Now the Mount Annan Botanic Garden is hoping, like the fictional founder of the fantasy Jurassic Park, to get rich by propagating prehistoric potted plants.

"Let's face it, everyone is going to want one of these plants from the age of the dinosaurs," said Mark Savio, curator of the gardens.

The trees were found in an almost inaccessible part of Wollemi National Park, about 125 miles west of Sydney in the Blue Mountains.

The biggest tree towers 130 feet with a 10-foot girth, and is reportedly at least 150 years old. They are covered in dense, waxy foliage and have distinctive knobby bark.

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Kissing beneath English mistletoe becomes endangered tradition

TENBURY WELLS, England (AP) — Quelle horreur! English kisses beneath French mistletoe?

"It's getting harder to find English mistletoe," said Nick Champion, an auctioneer in the country's biggest market for the white-berried foliage.

"The French are sending so much mistletoe in that it's ruining the market. They're driving the price down."

This year, mistletoe is selling for the equivalent of \$1.17 a pound, down from \$1.56 last year. English farmers grumble about unfair play, within the European Union's common market.

"They don't want to buy our beef and lamb, but they're happy to sell us their mistletoe," farmer Brian Smith said.

Three years ago, lambs exported from this 19th-century spa town, 125 miles northwest of London, were roasted alive at roadside by French farmers—who don't like competition.

"The French mistletoe is not much good," said farmer David Spilsbury. "It doesn't have as many berries as the English, and those it does have have gone brown by now."

In Tenbury Wells, about 5 tons of mistletoe was snapped up at the auction this year by wholesalers and self-styled druids who use mistletoe in fertility rites. A surprising number of buyers were named Smith.

"A nice-innocent-name-to-con-



Farmer David Spilsbury harvests mistletoe from an apple tree growing in his orchard near Tenbury Wells, England.

fuse the tax man," said a wholesaler who didn't want to be identified.

Gino Beaumont, who bought a dozen huge clumps of mistletoe, said druids who still follow some of the rites from the ancient Celtic religious order, himself included, still revere the plant and use it in potions.

"We must not lose our traditions," Beaumont said, although he added he would sell most of the mistletoe to hotels and pubs for decoration.

The practice of kissing beneath the mistletoe stems from a time when it was hung above English doors as a sign of peace and any visitor was greeted with a kiss.

Mistletoe is a parasitical evergreen which grows best in the

bark of old apple trees. Seeds are spread by birds that eat the berries.

Mistletoe also grows in the United States and in northern Europe to the south of Sweden, sweeping east to Russia. It still thrives around Tenbury Wells. The crisp air and craggy bark of the apple trees at least 30 years old provide the ideal conditions.

But apple trees are disappearing in England. In 30 years, commercial orchards have declined by two-thirds; a loss of about 150,000 acres.

Plantlife, a conservation charity, and the Botanical Society of the British Isles, have asked people to hunt for mistletoe this winter to find out where it is growing.

Princess visits troops

LISBURN, Northern Ireland (AP) — Princess Anne on Friday met troops guarding Northern Ireland's top-security Maze Prison, which holds many members of the Irish Republican Army and pro-British "loyalist" forces.

The princess is Colonel-in-Chief of The King's Royal Hussars, who patrol the perimeter of the jail at Lisburn.

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Suns shine in 3rd to crush Knicks, 106-85

The Associated Press

PHOENIX — Daring Manning scored 17 of his 24 points in a 37-point third quarter as the Phoenix Suns shook off a chilly first half to race to a 106-85 victory over the turnover-prone New York Knicks on Friday night.

The Suns had an 82-57 lead when the third quarter ended, and Charles Barkley put the game out of reach early in the fourth with a pair of layups.

Barkley was 5-for-5 in the second half and had 26 points, 12 rebounds and three steals when he left the game with 8:19 remaining and the Suns ahead 89-59.

Patrick Ewing had 15 points and 12 rebounds for the Knicks.

It was the Suns' fifth straight victory overall and 10th in a row at home, and allowed them to tie a two-season franchise record of 21 straight set from March 2, 1980, to Nov. 30, 1980.

The Suns, who had 10 steals, contributing to 19 New York turnovers, and outbounded the Knicks 34-37.

Timberwolves 94, Nets 93
MINNEAPOLIS — Isaiah Rider converted a three-point play with

Pro basketball

two seconds left Friday night, and the Minnesota Timberwolves snapped a 14-game home losing streak with 94-93 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Rider, who held his own press conference Monday to respond to criticism from coach Bill Blair about his lack of leadership, sparked the Wolves with 27 points.

Minnesota's homecourt losing streak, which dated to last season, was tied for the fourth-longest in NBA history.

With the Nets leading 93-91, Rider took an inbound pass from Doug West and drove the lane, making a twisting layup while being fouled by Derrick Coleman.

The ensuing free throw ticked the front rim before settling into the basket.

Winston Garland stripped the ball from Coleman as time expired, clinching Minnesota's first homecourt victory since April 6. They had been 0-10 at Target Center this season.

Cavaliers 84, 76ers 80
PHILADELPHIA — Terry Bran-

don scored 15 points — including two crucial free throws with 16 seconds left — as the Cleveland Cavaliers won their fifth straight game, 84-80 over the Philadelphia 76ers on Friday night.

Mark Price, who has had recent back spasms and did not play in Wednesday night's victory over New Jersey, was kicked in the basket during a melee under the Cavs' back with 3:19 to play, and left the game with 14 points.

Tyronne Hill had 10 points and 14 rebounds for Cleveland, leading the Cavs' 46-31 rebounding edge in the game.

Dana Barros had a career-high 30 points for the 76ers, who have lost by an average of only 4.5 points in their last eight defeats.

Philadelphia's Shawn Bradley, whose 4.5 personal foul average leads the league, fouled out in the final seconds. He has fouled out eight times this season — and in five of his last seven games.

Pacers 93, Hornets 91
INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scored 22 points and hit two free throws with six seconds left, giving the Indiana Pacers a 93-91 victory over the Charlotte

Hornets on Friday night.

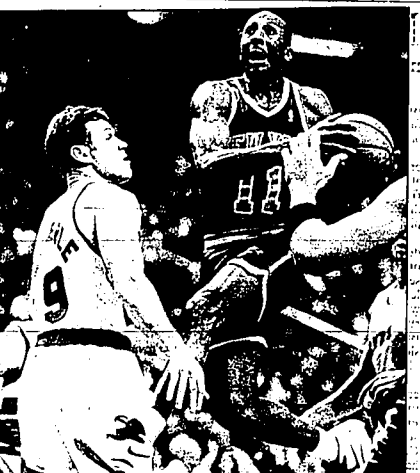
Larry Johnson, who led the Hornets with 22 points, tied the score 91-91 with a pair of free throws at the one-minute mark. An offensive foul by Dale Davis gave Charlotte the ball, but an attempted layup by Muggsy Bogues with nine seconds remaining was blocked by Davis and Rik Smith.

Miller's free throws put Indiana in front, and Dell Curry's 3-point shot at the buzzer rattled off the rim.

Bulls 85, Hawks 80
ATLANTA — Scottie Pippen scored 22 points and B.J. Armstrong hit two key 15-footers in the final 3:46 of the Chicago Bulls' 85-80 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Friday night.

The Bulls ended the Hawks' three-game home winning streak and kept Atlanta from scoring 100 points for the seventh consecutive game.

Chicago, trailing 63-55 with 3:51 left in the third quarter, used a 17-4 run to build a 72-67 lead with 9:09 remaining in the game on Pete Myers' steal and dunk. Toni Kukoc scored seven points and Myers fell in the run.



New York Knicks guard Derek Harper walks on air past Dan Marjerie in the first quarter Friday, but the Suns warmed up in the second half to win 106-85.

Twin Falls holds off Highland rush, 58-57

The Times-News

POCATELLO — With seven seconds left, Tyler Miller drained two free throws for Twin Falls to seal a 58-57 victory over Highland Friday in a Region III boys' basketball game.

The Bruins held a 16-point halftime lead and held off Highland's rallies.

Although, Twin Falls never trailed, Highland pulled to within two points with less than a minute left.

After Miller put down the two points, Highland made a three at the buzzer but it wasn't enough.

Bruin Todd Leon led all scorers with 19 points. Twin Falls improves to 2-1.

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Boys basketball

RUPERT — The Idaho Falls boys' basketball team took advantage of poor Minico shooting Friday to pull out a win.

The Spartans managed only 18 percent from the field in the first half, trailing 43-16 heading into the locker room.

"We only had five field goals in the first half," said Minico assistant coach Kelly Anril. "They came out and took advantage of it."

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Oakley 65, Burley juniors 51

OAKLEY — The Oakley Hornets got the best of the Burley junior squad Friday with a non-conference victory for the 3-1 Hornets.

Oakley came out big in the fourth quarter as they outscored the Bobcats 20-12 to cruise to the victory.

Spencer Mullen led all scorers with 26 points, just a little over his season average. He also grabbed a dozen rebounds and had five assists.

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Filer vetos Senators, 39-29

The Times-News

GOODING — Janalen Chandler knocked down four three-pointers to lead the Filer Wildcats over Gooding 39-29 Friday in a Canyon Conference girls' basketball contest.

Gooding held a one-point lead at the half, but Filer edged ahead in the third quarter.

"They just got on us in the second half and we tried to play catch up and couldn't get it," said Gooding coach Jay Durfee.

The three defeats killed us.

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NFL teams begin rush toward the playoffs

The Associated Press

Deceit-fenceless Cleveland Browns and Pittsburgh Steelers fans preach it, and their heroes practice it.

The Steelers (11-3) are counting on their defense, ranked No. 1 overall and in passing in the NFL, to stifle the Browns (10-4) and help them clinch the AFC Central championship Sunday at Pittsburgh.

The Browns are counting on their defense, which has allowed only one 100-yard ground-gainer this season and the fewest points in the league, to blunt the Steelers' major weapon — the NFL's top-ranked rushing attack — running backs Barry Foster and Bam Morris, both slowed by injuries, are expected to play for Pittsburgh.

Should the Browns win, they could clinch the division title with a victory over Seattle plus a Pittsburgh loss to San Diego in season-ending games next weekend. Cleveland and Pittsburgh already have clinched playoff berths.

The Steelers won the first meeting of these teams this season, 17-10 at Cleveland, and if past history is any indicator, they could have the Browns right where they want them. The Steelers have beaten the Browns in four straight games and in 20 of 24 meetings at Three Rivers Stadium.

Cleveland goes into Three Rivers this time with the momentum of a 19-14 victory over the Cowboys at Dallas last weekend. The running of Leroy Hoard and, of course, the

defense were keys to the victory.

There will be two NFL games Saturday — Minnesota at Detroit and Denver at San Francisco.

Other Sunday matchups will have New England at Buffalo, Miami at Indianapolis, the New York Giants at Philadelphia, Atlanta at Green Bay, San Diego at the New York Jets, the Los Angeles Rams at Chicago, Houston at Kansas City, Cincinnati at Arizona, Tampa Bay at Washington and the Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle.

Dallas plays at New Orleans Monday night.

Vikings at Lions
The Vikings (9-5) will try to continue their containment of running back Barry Sanders, and clinch their second NFC Central title in three years. Sanders has run for an NFL-leading 1,721 yards for the Lions (8-6) this season, but the Vikings have held him to a per-game average 49.5 yards since he rushed for 220 yards in a 1991 game.

Broncos at 49ers
The 49ers (12-2), the NFC West champion, will be trying to stretch their winning streak to 10 games. In Steve Young, they have the NFL's top-rated passer. Quarterback John Elway, bothered by a knee injury, is questionable for the Broncos (7-7).

Patriots at Bills
New England (8-6) will be seeking its sixth straight victory and first over the Bills (7-7) at Rich Stadium since 1987. Frank Reich will start at quarterback for Buffalo in place of Jim Kelly, out with a knee injury, as the Bills (7-7) try to

stay in the race for a playoff spot. A victory would move the Patriots into a first-place tie with Miami in the AFC East should the Dolphins lose to Indianapolis.

Dolphins at Colts
The Dolphins (9-5) could make Don Shula the winningest regular-season coach in NFL history. He currently is tied with the late George Halas, with 318 victories, but is the winningest all-time coach, including playoffs, with 336 victories. The Colts (6-8) made it tough for the Dolphins in their first meeting of the season, losing 22-21.

Giants at Eagles
Each of these old rivals needs to win this 120th regular-season meeting to keep alive playoff hopes. The Giants (7-7) have righted themselves after a seven-game losing streak by winning their last four games. The Eagles (7-7) have lost five straight and will be led by quarterback Bobby Brister in place of the slumping Randall Cunningham. The Giants beat the Eagles 28-23 in their season-opener.

Falcons at Packers
This will be the last time the Packers (7-7) play a home game at Milwaukee County Stadium, where they are 104-61-3 since 1933. Beginning next season, the Packers will play their home game at Green Bay's Lambeau Field. This shapes up as a passing duel between Green Bay's Brett Favre and Jeff George of the Falcons (6-8).

Chargers at Jets
The Chargers (9-5) will come out of the California sunshine into the

New Jersey cold in a bid to clinch their second AFC West title in three seasons in the game at Giants Stadium. The Jets (6-8) have fallen from AFC East title contention with three straight losses.

Rams at Bears
The Bears (8-6) need to snap a two-game losing streak, that included a 40-3 beating by Green Bay last week, to stay in contention for their first playoff spot since 1991. The Rams (4-10) were cold in the Florida heat last week, losing to Tampa Bay.

Oilers at Chiefs
Kansas City (7-7) will have quarterback Joe Montana, who missed Monday night's loss to Miami because of an injured foot, as the Chiefs try to stay in playoff contention. The Oilers (1-13) have the worst record in the NFL.

Bengals at Cardinals
The Cardinals (7-7) hope to have an easier time at home against the Bengals (2-12) than they did last Sunday against the Washington Redskins, who also have only two wins. The Cardinals beat the Redskins 17-15.

Buccaners at Redskins
The Buccaneers (5-9) will be trying for their first four-game winning streak since winning five straight in 1979. The Redskins (2-12) are on a six-game losing streak.

Raiders at Seahawks
The Raiders (8-6), still in playoff contention, probably are happy to be playing at the Kingdome Sunday night. The Seahawks (6-8) haven't beaten them at home since 1989.



Ernie Els watches his tee shot from the hilltop tee on the second hole during the second round of the Johnnie Walker World Championship in Jamaica.

If all Els fails, golfer has 6-stroke lead

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica (AP) — When Ernie Els gets it going like this, it's not hard to understand why Curtis Strange once referred to him as golf's next "god."

Confronted with one of the day's most difficult pin placements at the Tryall Course, Els stuck a 5-iron within 8 feet on the par-3 15th that runs along the sea.

When his ball landed in Nick Faldo's divot on the par-5 17th, he hit a 6-iron just off the green, two-putting from 25 feet for birdie.

Els showed no signs of slowing up, capping his second straight 1-under-par 64 with four straight birdies Friday. It gave him a six-shot lead at the midway point of the Johnnie Walker World Championship.

His 35-foot birdie putt on 18 gave him a 6-under 30 on the back nine, breaking the tournament record set three times last year.

"The course is there to be taken," Els said. David Gifford of England matched Els with a 64, while Tom Lehman and Fred Couples each fashioned a 65. Faldo nearly holed out for double eagle on 17, finishing with a 67 that left him tied with Lehman for second at 8-under. Gifford was another shot back.

"Unless Els falters badly, it's going to take a lot more than that to catch him."

"Very seldom do you see a guy shoot four straight rounds of 7 under... like he's probably going to do. He's going to have to mess up," Lehman said.

"Els has played well all year and he's not likely to do anything silly, so you have to go out and do better than him," Faldo said.

Faldo had a similar start and a seven-shot lead two weeks ago at the Million Dollar Challenge, holding off Els and a late charge from Nick Price in the final round to win.

"It's a funny game," Els said. "I have had an eight-shot lead in the past and it's not as easy as you think."

That was in January, at the Dubai Desert Classic. And how did Els fare?

"I won by six," he said.

But just two months ago, Els had a seven-shot lead halfway through the German Masters before Jose Maria Olazabal and Seve Ballesteros caught him, with Ballesteros winning in a playoff.

"It's a close rival after a 66 in the second round."

Australians Corinne Dinah and Karrie Webb and Annika Sorenstam of Sweden were at 137.

"You can't make mistakes, you have to keep it going," Els said.

For the second straight day, Els got it going on the back nine. His start was solid but not spectacular, making short birdie putts on Nos. 4 and 7 to offset a poor bunker shot that led to his only bogey, the par-3 5th.

He birdied from 4 feet at No. 11, the same hole where he had a four-putt double bogey on Thursday, and from 12 feet on 12.

He followed his birdie at 15 with a sand wedge within 8 feet at 16, then he birdied 17 after landing in Faldo's divot.

"I thought I was loose (off the tee) than Nick Faldo," Els said with a laugh.

Faldo wasn't ready to concede the tournament.

"The course is playing tricky," Faldo said. "You start getting a few bad bounces, they can change your confidence quickly. He is landing the ball where he wants to at the moment. If he gets some bounces, then it may be different."

"He is obviously in a great mode and we will have to see what happens."

Lehman recalled that Faldo shot a 73 in the third round of the Million Dollar Challenge after a 66-64 start, which brought him a little closer to the field.

"It's a great field here and we're only halfway through," Lehman said. "Tournaments are like marathons; you have to keep going and going. But maybe he'll shoot 25-under, I don't know."

Mark McCumber shot a 70 and was at 5-under, while Couples was tied at 4-under with Nick Price and Ian Woosnam.

Couples, who arrived late Wednesday and didn't get in a practice round, tied his tournament record with a 30 on the front nine, but fell back with bogeys on three of the next four holes, culminating with a three-putt on 30 feet.

Two others in the hunt after the first round fell well off the pace with double bogeys on the back nine.

Loren Roberts, who birdied three of the first five holes to get within one of Els, took double bogey on 17 when a 2-foot putt slipped out. He shot 71 and was at 3-under.

Colin Montgomerie followed a double bogey with a bogey off the par-5 14th and shot 74, 1 under for the tournament.

Davies still tops in Australia

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Laura Davies held to her 3-stroke lead through the second round of the Australian Ladies Masters by firing a 5-under-par 68 on Friday. The British golfer has a 36-hole total of 132.

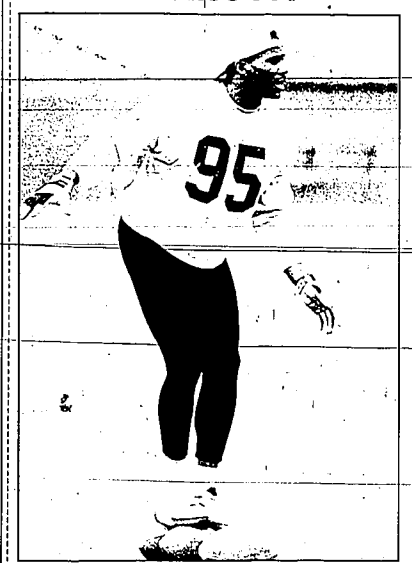
Jane Crafter of Australia was Davies' closest rival after a 66 in the second round.

Australians Corinne Dinah and Karrie Webb and Annika Sorenstam of Sweden were at 137.

Jill McGill, the 1993 U.S. Amateur champion, missed the cut in her first tournament as a professional, carding a 77 for a total of 153.

Davies, the leading money winner on this year's LPGA Tour, could become the first player, male or female, to win tournaments on five continents in a calendar year. She has won three times this year in the United States, twice in Europe as well as on the Asian and Japanese tours.

In the balance . . .



... is the AFC Central Division title for Pittsburgh, so Steelers Greg Lloyd tries to stay loose at practice Friday.

Southern Conference takes page from NBA

The Associated Press

Watch a game between teams in the Southern Conference this season and you could see something you won't see in any other league — 20-second timeouts.

The Southern Conference is the only league in the country experimenting with the NBA rule. Each team receives one 20-second timeout per half and still has its usual complement of standard timeouts.

Greg Simpson already has plans to take out some frustration on his former school.

The two-time Ohio Mr. Basketball was dismissed from Ohio State in September after several brushes with the law and said this week he plans to enroll at West Virginia for his last two years of eligibility.

Why West Virginia?

"West Virginia plays an up-tempo game and that's my type of basketball," he said.

How about the Mountaineers' moving to the Big East next season?

"It was always in the back of my mind to play college basketball again," he said. "I wanted to get to the best level of competition and the Big East is one of the best levels of college basketball."

"Could there be anything else, like perhaps a contract but so far unscheduled game between West Virginia and Ohio State?"

"That was one of the things I wanted to do," Simpson said. "I wanted to come back to play at St. John Arena. And it will be one of my career scoring nights."

Simpson started 22 of 29 games and averaged 11.1 points per game.

Simpson, 21, was charged with striking his former girlfriend, Andrea Pitts, on campus. Pitts is the mother of Simpson's three children. Assault charges against him were dropped last week when Pitts refused to testify.

Sacramento State's next game is Tuesday night at Toledo. By then it will be 381 days since the Hornets' last victory — 29 games, the longest current losing streak in the country.

Sacramento State beat Northern Arizona 80-76 on Dec. 4, 1993, and went on to finish the season with a 1-26 record. The Hornets are 0-6 this season and are 4-56 under coach Don Neumann.

The road has been especially brutal with the Hornets dropping 52 in a row away from home. Their last road win was a 103-93 decision at U.S. International in the final game of the 1990-91 season.

The nation's second-longest current losing streak is 20 by St. Francis, N.Y., which was to play Delaware State on Saturday night.

Nebraska sophomore center Mikki Moore has a problem most players can only dream about — he doesn't eat enough. The 6-foot-11 Moore is only 250 pounds and says he hasn't had a meal in 10 days.

"I got tired of it," Moore said of the diet. "I know it's going to help me someday. But sometimes I get sick from eating a lot. Like when I try to snack down two sandwiches when I only want a half. I feel yucky."

Road to the Super Bowl still has many offramps

NEW YORK (AP) — The possibilities for the 11 teams that can qualify for the playoffs or clinch byes in week 16 (22 teams are still in contention for Super Bowl competition):

American Conference

Eastern Division

Miami — Has clinched a playoff berth. Can clinch the division title with a win at Indianapolis. Miami can also clinch the division title with a tie at Indianapolis and a New England loss at Buffalo. Can clinch a first-round bye with a win at Indianapolis and a San Diego loss at New York Jets.

New England — Can clinch a playoff berth with a win over Buffalo and either a Kansas City loss to Houston or a Los Angeles Raiders loss at Seattle.

Central Division

Pittsburgh — Has clinched a playoff berth. Can win the division with a win or tie over Cleveland.

Cleveland — Has clinched a playoff berth.

Western Division

San Diego — Can clinch a playoff berth with a Buffalo loss or tie to New England and a loss by the Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle. Can clinch the division title with a win at New York Jets or a loss or tie by Denver at San Francisco and a loss by the Los Angeles Raiders at Seattle.

Los Angeles Raiders — Can clinch a playoff berth with a win at Seattle and a Kansas City loss to Houston.

National Conference

Eastern Division

Dallas — Has clinched division

Padres owner gets OK to sell team

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Television producer Tom Werner received permission from fellow major league baseball owners to proceed with the sale of the San Diego Padres to Texas software millionaire John Moores.

The sale is expected to be completed in the next few weeks, said Larry Lucchino, a former president of the Baltimore Orioles who is assisting Moores.

"This was obviously a very important step in the process of acquisition and we look forward to taking the necessary final steps to complete the transaction," Lucchino said Thursday from his law office in Washington.

A source close to the negotiations said Moores will pay approximately \$80 million to buy the majority ownership of what was the worst team in the big leagues during the strike-interrupted 1994 season.

Werner and 14 other Southern California businessmen, including 10 from San Diego, bought the Padres from Joan Kroc for \$75 million in 1980.

Werner, the chairman and managing partner, and his partners are expected to retain a minority interest.

Washington State lacrosse club receives probation, punishment

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — The Washington State University lacrosse club has been placed on probation, stripped of its affiliation and fined after a motor vehicle accident that left two players seriously injured.

The team violated sports club and university policies barring alcoholic beverages in the van that rolled near

Grants Pass, Ore., last month, Chris Tapfer, supervisor of the WSU Outdoor Recreation Center, said.

Because alcohol was found in the van in opened and unopened containers, the team will lose about \$2,000 in travel support from the Associated Students of WSU.

The team also won't be able to use

university vehicles or the WSU name to compete next season, Tapfer said.

Six of the team members in the van weren't wearing seat belts. The team is on a year's probation for the alcohol violation and the club sport could be eliminated if it breaks the rules during that time.

The seat belt violation will cost the

club treasury \$288, about the same as the \$48 per person fine that would be levied by the state of Washington.

Janie Jackson, 19, a Canadian student, had part of his arm amputated as a result of the accident. Benjamin Arthur, 19, the other injured player, suffered a spinal fracture and some internal injuries.

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Senior defensive end Joe O'Brien agreed.

"I think it has to do with a group of players who believe in each other and believe in the people next to them and don't try to do too much on the football field," he said. "We had a goal and we really strived to go toward that goal. We did everything it took this year."

"Despite the emotional loss, Boise State has been on all season. Allen knows it will take solid football to beat Youngstown State (13-0-1), which is in the title game for the fourth straight year."

"They are a very good football team. They don't throw the ball as well as Marshall, but they run it very well. They will give us all we can handle," he said.

Boise State rallied from a 10-point fourth-quarter deficit to beat North Texas in the first playoff game, and trailed Marshall 17-0 before pulling out a 28-24 victory last weekend.

In fact, it's been a season of late rallies and last-second scores. Even Boise's only loss, 32-31 to Idaho State, came on a touchdown pass in the last 20 seconds. Weber State, Eastern Washington, North Texas and

Marshall all had passes into the end zone knocked down in the final seconds to preserve Boise State victories.

Both teams have beaten Montana. The Grizzlies were ranked No. 1 in I-AA with eight straight victories when Boise State unleashed a blitzing pass rush, resulting in 13 quarterback sacks and a lopsided 38-14 victory. Last Saturday, Youngstown ground out a 28-9 victory at home in the playoff semifinals.

In interviews with the Boise media, Youngstown's coaches described their offense as basic and boring. "We're a very simple football team. We will bore you to death because we don't do anything fancy," offensive line coach Mark Asher said.

Boise's attack is anything but boring. The Broncos use many formations, and have developed an offense that scores in a hurry. Boise's only touchdowns in the quarterfinal against Appalachian State were 60-yard-plus passes from quarterback Tony Hilde to receiver Ryan Ikebe.

Boise's winning touchdowns last Saturday came on 34-yard passes from Boise quarterbacks to receiver Lee Schrack.

"We do have some excitement," Allen said.



Rashid Gayle, seen here falling after breaking up a pass against Idaho, was recently awarded Division I-AA second-team All-America honors.

Winning is expected for Penguins

HUNTINGTON, W.Va. (AP) — With Youngstown State's fourth straight appearance in the NCAA Division I-AA title game, the question is not whether they're that good, it's how they stay that good.

"I've never been to Youngstown State, never seen the campus," said Boise State coach Pokey Allen, whose Broncos (13-1) play Youngstown State (13-0-1) on Saturday at Marshall University Stadium.

"But just being here, I can see why Marshall makes a run at it every year. They have great facilities," he said. "And Youngstown State's probably the same thing."

But the Penguins have something more, coach Jim Tressel said. "It's not about budgets or bricks and mortar or those kinds of things," he said. "It's about people."

Youngstown State senior center Chris Sammarone said the biggest person behind the success is Tressel, in his ninth year as head coach. "I grew up in Youngstown ... and when I was growing up, you'd be lucky to find a couple thousand people in the stands to watch a Youngstown State football game," Sammarone said. "Today, you've got a couple thousand people waiting in line to try to get a ticket the

first day they're available."

Sammarone said Tressel has taught him and the other players valuable lessons about life. Tressel has also taught the Penguins, I-AA independents, to always aim for the top.

"When you are independent, the conference is the country. And that's where our sights are always set," Tressel said. "And the neat thing about it is, when you face a playoff format, you have the opportunity to truly find out how you actually stack up."

Boise State is a member of the Big Sky Conference, which twice provided opponents for Eastern Kentucky in its run of four straight championship games from 1979 through 1982. (BSU beat Eastern Kentucky, 31-29, for its only championship in 1980.)

But Tressel isn't worried about any trend like that.

"We've had really three Big Sky opponents recently. We played Nevada out there a couple years ago, and Idaho and Montana," Tressel said. "I don't think Boise State is like those teams, quite honestly. I think Boise State plays a little bit better defense, they run the football with a lot more interest in running it."

"I think they're atypical when it comes to the Big Sky," he said.

Boise State players to watch

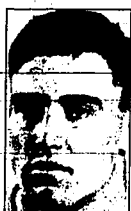
Offense



Ryan Ikebe (#80)
wide receiver

Sophomore from West Linn, Ore.

Has 54 catches for 1,002 yards and 14 TDs. Ikebe, 5-11, 182 pounds, is the Broncos' biggest big-play man. He caught passes longer than 60 yards for both of BSU's only touchdowns in a 17-14 quarter-final win over Appalachian State.



Tony Hilde (#18)
quarterback

Sophomore from Pendleton, Ore.

Completed 232 of 432 passes, 3,380 yards. 31 TD passes, 16 interceptions. Hilde, 5-11, 194, has been battered the last few weeks, sitting out with a re-aggravated shoulder injury for part of the second and third quarters last week before returning to throw the winning touchdown pass.



K.C. Adams (#13)
running back

Junior from Oakland, Calif.

1,480 yards on 287 carries and 12 TDs. Also has 50 receptions for 550 yards and four TDs. Adams, 6-0, 187, was relatively quiet statistically against Marshall, with just 57 yards on 15 carries, but he scored twice. The first was an 11-yard run in the second period to bring the Broncos with 17-7, then a 2-yard score to make it 24-21.

Defense



Joe O'Brien (#14)
defensive end

Senior from Pittsburg, Calif.

Named to I-AA All-America team and the Big Sky's most valuable defensive player. O'Brien, 6-2, 248, has been Boise State's spiritual leader throughout the season. After the Broncos defeated Idaho, O'Brien vowed the team would do whatever it takes to reach the national title game.



DaWaun Miller (#16)
cornerback

Junior from Battle Ground, Wash.

Only freshman to start in 1992; racked up 48 tackles, 39 unassisted, that year. Miller, 6-3, 185, was the hero in the Broncos' 24-20 win over North Texas in the opening round of the playoffs. Despite having just one am, Miller intercepted a pass and returned it inside the North Texas 10-yard line to set up the winning score.



Stefan Reid (#47)
linebacker

Senior from Kamloops, Canada

One of the keys to the defense last season, with 45 unassisted tackles and 22 sacks. Reid, 6-3, 215, leads a linebacking corps that will have its work cut out against the strong running game of Youngstown State. The BSU backers will have to come up strong to stop the Penguin rushers from grinding out yardage.

Sooners hire Schnellenberger to take over

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Oklahoma turned to a builder of football programs to return the Sooners to national prominence, hiring Howard Schnellenberger to replace Gary Gibbs on Friday.

Schnellenberger led Miami over five years from the brink of extinction to a national title in 1983. In 10 years at Louisville he won nearly half his games and took the Cardinals to two bowl games. That was a program that in the decade before his arrival had only two winning seasons.

His college record is 96-71-2. Schnellenberger's hiring came on the same day that Oklahoma State named Bob Simmons as its head football coach, replacing Pat Jones. Jones had resigned Nov. 22, one day after Gibbs announced he was stepping down effective at the end of the season.

Schnellenberger, 60, leads an established coaching name to Oklahoma. The Sooners, winners of six national titles, have not even won a Big Eight title since 1987 and this season finished 6-5 and in fourth place in the conference.

Schnellenberger said he wasn't used to coming to a program with the past achievements of Oklahoma, noting the national championships the Sooners have won.

Schnellenberger was 54-56-2 in 10 seasons at Louisville and went to the 1991 Fiesta Bowl and the 1993 Liberty Bowl. That Fiesta Bowl team finished 10-1-1.

The Cardinals went 6-5 this year. They were 9-3 a year ago, with losses to West Virginia, Tennessee and Texas A&M, three teams that combined to go 39-2-1.

Before going to Louisville, Schnellenberger coached at Miami from 1979 to 1983 and led the

Hurricanes to the 1983 national championship. He also was head coach of the Baltimore Colts in 1973-74 and served as an assistant coach with the Miami Dolphins and Los Angeles Rams.

His 10 years at Louisville have been spent rebuilding the program, including efforts to build a new stadium. Louisville plays its games at Cardinal Stadium, a baseball stadium that is home to the Louisville Redbirds, the Triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Plans are in the works for a \$60 million stadium, although the proposed site is contaminated with diesel fuel, solvents and other toxics.

Schnellenberger has also worked to improve academics. Five years ago he installed a team rule requiring a 2.0 grade point average for players to be eligible each year. Nearly 97 percent of the players have met the standard.

Andrus says wager on game

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Gov. Cecil Andrus says he has made a friendly wager with his Ohio counterpart, Gov. George Voinovich, over Saturday's football game between Boise State and Youngstown State for the Division I-AA national championship.

As a result of the wager, Andrus said Friday he expects to receive a shipment of famous ribs from the Montgomery Inn in Ohio, and a picture of Voinovich wearing a Boise State Broncos sweatshirt.

On the outside chance that Youngstown State will repeat as national champion, Andrus has agreed to send Ohio's governor a box of Idaho baking potatoes and a picture of him wearing a Youngstown State Penguin sweatshirt.

Idaho State AD resigns

POCATELLO (AP) — Randy Hoffman resigned Friday after 46 years as Idaho State University athletic director, saying he wants to get into private business.

Hoffman, 43, announced at a news conference that he's leaving at the end of the month and moving to Atlanta. He said he will accept a marketing position at Agco, a national and international farm equipment company. His father-in-law is chairman and chief executive officer.

"He and I have had ongoing discussions for four years about, as my father used to say, getting a real job," Hoffman said. "I've contemplated this over a period of time. It was a culmination of those discussions and a little bit of the success of the program this fall."

Idaho State President Richard Bowen said an interim athletic director likely will be named next week, possibly associate athletic director Ken Bothof.

Hoffman leaves at a high point in Idaho State athletics. The football team this fall had its first winning season since 1983. The volleyball team reached a postseason tournament. The women's golf team won the Big Sky Conference tournament and the men's cross country team was nationally ranked.

Rose Bowl, Pac-10 vow to oppose Big Ten on change

NEW YORK (AP) — Rose Bowl and Pac-10 officials said Friday they would oppose any effort to change their current contract with the Big Ten.

"Some Big Ten officials, concerned that understate Penn State could be shut out of the national championship," said Pac-10 spokesman Tom Hansen. "We certainly would oppose any proposals like that."

But Rose Bowl and Pac-10 leaders say they would fight any move to join the new Orange-Sugar-Fiesta bowl alliance or give the Big Ten champion the option to bypass the Rose and play for the national championship in another bowl.

"We certainly would oppose any proposals like that," said Pac-10 commissioner Tom Hansen. "Tradition and loyalty are very important to us."

The Big Ten and Pac-10 have met in the Rose Bowl every year since 1947.

"We've had a successful partnership for almost 50 years, and we don't see any reason to change it," said Jack French, the Rose Bowl's executive director. "We've sold out the stadium every year, always had the highest attendance and the highest gross, and shared more money with both conferences and schools than any other bowl."

Big Ten commissioner Jim Delany said he spoke briefly about the Rose Bowl at a recent league meeting in Chicago, but didn't make any specific suggestions.

"We aren't trying to get out of our Rose Bowl contract," he said. "The contract, which runs through the 2001 game, can't be changed without the consent of all parties."

Oregon players in fight to play in Pasadena

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Two players fighting misdemeanor charges stemming from a fight outside a fraternity house will be allowed to play in the Rose Bowl, Oregon coach Rich Scheel said.

Scheel said the two players, who were charged with misdemeanor assault and battery, were not charged with any other crimes. He said the two players were not charged with any other crimes.

Third-string quarterback Ryan Perry-Smith, 20, was cited at the same time for being a minor in possession of alcohol by consumption, meaning officers smelled alcohol on his breath.

"I don't want to prejudge them," Perry-Smith said. "I want to see what the court says until after the Rose Bowl, he doesn't want to prejudice them."

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Religion

Churches deck the halls for Christmas

Yule peace, goodwill toward teens

I have a good feeling about the holidays this year, and it doesn't have anything to do with credit cards, shopping lists or the sound of Bing Crosby singing "White Christmas." It has more to do with that "peace on earth, goodwill toward men" thing - you know, that Christmas feeling.

The thing that has me feeling good this year is that we actually made it through our annual Walker Family Christmas Decorating Night without a great deal of emotional carnage. This has not always been the case. There have been more harsh words uttered at our house over shattered ornaments and un-blinking light strings than over any other inanimate objects - not counting report cards, bathroom floors or our 15-year-old Joe.



Joseph Walker
ValueSpeak

But not this year. Well, OK - 3-year-old Jonathan did have to stand in the corner for intentionally smushing candy canes after his mother told him that he could only eat the smushed ones. And I did get a little testy (OK, OK - more than a little testy) with AmyJo and Andrea for retreating to their bedrooms when the going got a little tough. But that wasn't my fault. I blame it on the Christmas tree stand.

No sooner did we get the tree set up and ready to decorate (the highlight of the evening, as far as our children are concerned) than the darn stand started to buckle. We pushed and pried and probed, but we couldn't get the blasted thing to work (in the spirit of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, I should point out that the wimpy stand was American made).

I got out our old stand, but it couldn't take the pressure either. So I ended up running down to Kmart to pick up an industrial strength Christmas tree stand. I mean, this thing could support a redwood - while AmyJo and Andrea went upstairs to ... well, to do whatever it is that teenage girls do in their rooms (I'm relatively confident that it isn't homework).

"Where are the girls?" I asked as Joe and I worked on anchoring the tree to its new maximum security confines. "I don't know. Upstairs, I think."

"Upstairs?" I asked. "What are they decorating upstairs?"

"I don't think they're decorating anything. I think they're just ... upstairs."

And in about three purposeful strides, so was I.

"What are you girls doing up here?" I asked (no, better make that "bellowed"). Amy and Andrea glanced at each other. This was a critical moment, and they knew it. They would have been absolutely justified in defending themselves, because there really wasn't any decorating for them to do until we got the tree up. But they also knew how frustrated I had become while burning through three tree stands and how short my fuse could be at such times. The wrong approach here, however justified, could turn our sweet, peaceful "Silent Night" into something more akin to "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer."

Amy looked at me, and I could almost see her biting her tongue. "We're coming down right now, Dad," she said calmly, and headed down the stairs.

Turned on Andrea, ready to give my speech about the importance of participating in these traditional family activities, but she cut me off with a loving smile and a quick hug. "I can't wait to decorate the tree," she said while bounding down the stairs.

I stood there for a moment, a little confused. Part of me still wanted to be mad, but the anger quickly melted as I heard my children downstairs chatting enthusiastically while decorating the tree. Amy and Andrea had completely defused what could have been a rather explosive situation by simply controlling themselves and the natural urge to be "right." And in so doing, they actually controlled me and helped to maintain that precious holiday feeling of "peace on earth, goodwill toward teens."

Joseph Walker, is a free-lance columnist.

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

JEROME ... "Posada" means "journey." And it's a long way to Bethlehem.

The Spanish word is descriptive of a strongly rooted Latin tradition that involves reenacting the journey of Mary and Joseph in search of lodging on the night of the Christ-child's birth. It's a tradition dramatized each year by the members of St. Jerome's Catholic Church, as part of the congregation's Christmas celebration.

"The posada actually begins nine days before Christmas," explained Teresa May, the church's director of religious education. "Certain homes agree to host each night's events."

The church members go to those homes, knock on the doors and are turned away. Just like Mary and Joseph at the Bethlehem inn.

Actually, in Jerome, the people are only turned away for a short time. Eventually, they are invited inside each home for a party, complete with pinata and candy for the kids.

The whole thing is done with music. The people knocking on doors sing their requests (in Spanish). The hosts sing their reply ("No, you can't come in"). Every night, the story is the same.

Then, on Christmas Eve, the wanderers meet at the church Parish Center for the biggest party of the week.

"The music depends on what part of Mexico it comes from," May said. "There are two different tunes, but the message is always the same."

This year, Father Jesus Camacho will be incorporating that message into the various holiday Masses at his church.



At St. Jerome's Catholic Church, dancers await the start of music while rehearsing for the Posada celebration in Jerome.

There are between 450 and 500 families in St. Jerome's congregation, about one-third of them Hispanic.

St. Jerome's Catholic Church will hold a special program featuring elements of the posada tradition at 6 p.m.

Sunday at the church, 216 Second Ave. in Jerome.

Services next week will include a 6 p.m. Christmas Vigil Mass (in English) and an 8 p.m. Mass & Posada (in Spanish), all on Christmas Eve. The

Christmas Eve midnight Mass will be in English, as will the 9 a.m. Christmas Day Mass. A noon Mass on Christmas Day will be in Spanish.

The public is invited to all services. Call 324-8794 for more information.

Houses of worship hold host of holiday happenings

Church-related events for the Christmas season are scheduled throughout the Magic Valley. Other events include:

• "Christmas Fantasia," a musical, will be presented at 10:45 a.m. Sunday at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls. Nursery will be available. The public is invited and a free-will offering will be taken. "Carols by Candlelight" will be the theme of the 6 p.m. service.

• "Shari Bogness will direct the choir at the Valley Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls, when it presents its Christmas cantata, "Repeat the Sounding Joy," at 11 a.m. Sunday. Nursery is available during church school and worship hour. The Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion is set for 5:30 p.m. and Christmas Sunday worship begins at 11 a.m.

• The Valley Presbyterian Church's

Sunday school department will present its Christmas program at 11 a.m. Sunday at the church, 310 Park in Hazelton. God and Country awards will be presented to Boy and Girl Scouts. Valley High School students will present "The Christmas Dress" to the community at 7 p.m. Sunday.

• St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis in Jerome, has planned a children's program for 4:30 p.m. Sunday. A candlelight service is set to begin at 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, and a worship service featuring Christmas hymns will begin at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day.

• A church and school Christmas program is planned for 5 p.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Road in Burley. Christmas Eve service is set for 8 p.m., and worship on Christmas Day begins at 11 a.m.

• A Sunday school Christmas

program and potluck is set to begin at 12:30 p.m. Sunday at the Kimberly United Methodist Church. The Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion service is planned for 2 p.m., and Christmas Day worship begins at 11 a.m. with the sermon, "Celebration," from Isaiah 62:6-12 and Luke 2:15-20.

• "Bethlehem Star - The Light That Still Shines," a musical drama will be presented at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, 315 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m., and worship starts at 10:30 a.m. A special service will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The church will have a Candlelight Lord's Supper at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve and worship at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day.

• Sunday school children and their teachers will present the play, "The Lost Feeling of Christmas," at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday at the United Methodist Church, 605 H St. in Rupert. Fifty children, along with the Chancel Choir directed by Stan Bruns, will be performing. Older youth and their leaders will usher during the program and will host a party in the fellowship hall afterward to celebrate Jesus' birthday.

• A Birthday Party for Jesus is planned for 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the First Christian Church, 344 Fourth Ave. W. in Gooding. "Christmas Around the World" features different ages sharing traditions from around the world. A candlelight service is set for 6 p.m. Christmas Eve, and worship begins at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day.

• The Burley LDS Stake will present its annual Christmas concert, "Suddenly It's Christmas," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050

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Scholars say Jesus born at home, not in a stable

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank "There was no room for them in the inn," goes the Christmas story.

Now two leading Bible scholars say Mary likely gave birth to Jesus not in a cold, storage stable but in the basement storage area of Joseph's crowded but familiar clan home.

"So much Western tradition has been superimposed on the story," said Stephen Plann of San Jose, Calif., who heads the Jerusalem-based Center for the Study of Early Christianity. "What we have is a picture of protection within a family situation, as opposed to what often comes through as an austere, rather unwholesome environment for the birth of the Savior."

Bethlehem was a typical Jewish village at the time of Jesus' birth, with a population of 2,000 to 3,000 people, according to Plann and another Bible scholar, Father Jerome Murphy O'Connor.

People lived in clans, usually in large one- or two-room houses built around one of the many caves of Bethlehem's limestone hills. The caves were used for storage and to keep prized animals such as donkeys safe from the cold or thieves.

Such a setup existed at Joseph's clan home in Bethlehem, said Plann. When Mary and Joseph came to Bethlehem from Nazareth for

the census decreed by the Roman emperor, Augustus Caesar, Joseph went straight home with his young wife.

"The natural thing would have been that they would be in the guest room," said Plann, who reads Aramaic, Hebrew and Greek and is one of the editors of the Dead Sea Scrolls.

Plann said "inn" used in the English translation of St. Luke's Gospel is misleading. In the original Greek, the word "kataluma" can mean inn, guest room or large room.

"Because this was the time of the census, there were many people in the guest room," Plann explained. "It would have been inappropriate for her to give birth there. The conclusion is that she had the baby downstairs in the storage area."

Murphy O'Connor, a senior researcher at Jerusalem's Ecole Biblique where Dead Sea Scroll studies were based until recently, agrees that Jesus probably was born in a home setting.

However, he argues that Mary and Joseph lived in Bethlehem at the time.

"They weren't visiting in-laws," O'Connor said. "When labor set in, Mary likely moved to the cave for privacy. Whether she was attended to by Joseph or her mother-in-law, we know she had relatives in the vicinity."

Today, a Bethlehem grotto is revered as the site of Jesus' birth and is marked by the 4th Century Church of the Nativity. Plann and



Stephen Plann, here adjusting the nativity scene in their house in Jerusalem with his wife, Claire, claims that Jesus was not born in a stable but more likely in Joseph's crowded clan home in Bethlehem.

Murphy O'Connor say the site fits in well with their home delivery theory.

Excavations have shown that the cave adjacent to the grotto was in use in the 1st Century, said Murphy O'Connor. The grotto sits at the edge of what was the oldest

Bethlehem village, and the adjacent Manger Square is built over a little dip that separated the village from land to the west.

"A house at that point would have had very easy access to the cave," Murphy O'Connor explained.

Lutheran-dispute challenges group's existence

Knight-Ridder News Service

A group of Lutheran dissenters who formed their own association of congregations in 1982 just months before the merger of three major Lutheran denominations is facing a possible schism of their own that may threaten the association's existence.

The American Association of Lutheran Churches, a denomination of about 90 conservative congregations, is embroiled in a dispute that has caused the resignation of at least one key leader and the termination of another.

For the most part, the AALC is made up

of congregations that once belonged to one of three denominations that merged in 1988 into the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, a 5.3-million member church body headquartered in Chicago.

Six to 10 congregations in the AALC are preparing to pull out of the association and others are saying the presiding pastor, Rev. Duane Lindberg, is guilty of micro-managing the association.

The schism became more focused Tuesday evening when 30 leaders of the denomination conferred for more than three hours via a conference telephone call. The issue was the denomination's newsletter, the Evangel and the publication's editor,

Chris Barnekov, who is charged with publishing unbalanced articles that unfairly chronicled the struggles of the association.

By the end of the conference call, the current issue of the Evangel was repudiated and publication of the newsletter was suspended until a full analysis is done.

The council asked for Barnekov's resignation and offered him three months' salary - about \$6,000 - if he steps down by noon on Dec. 20. If he doesn't step down, the council will fire him and offer only two months pay.

Barnekov's trouble started last summer when a conflict broke out during the

association's national convention. Barnekov reported the flap openly in the 16-page newsletter. Some leaders criticized that action, saying it was like airing the denomination's dirty laundry in public.

The Rev. Duane Lindberg, the presiding pastor of the association, which is the top post in the denomination, says Barnekov is his chief antagonist and probably has only five or six people who agree with him.

"When you hear from Chris Barnekov, you're talking to the leader, the supplier, the massager of negative news regarding the AALC," Lindberg said.

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Religion

Russian children share fruits of God's bounty

By H.R. Weixel

Times-News correspondent

CHELZYAHINSK, Russia — Once upon a time, a long time ago, a little boy gave his lunch for Jesus to share with thousands of hungry people. The lunch wasn't fancy—nor was it a big lunch. Just a few fish and some loaves of bread. It was all the boy had. It was all that was needed.

Cut to the 20th century. The place is an orphanage in the mountainous area of the Urals. A crowd of little boys and girls come charging into a large room, each carrying a stool to sit on. There are a lot of hugs and laughing, then silence as everyone eagerly waits for the Bible story to begin. It is amazing that almost 100 young children can be so quiet.

On that day, we told the story of Jesus using a little boy's lunch to feed more than 5,000 people. As usual, we applied the story to a modern-day event, and told of an American boy who shared his banana with another boy whose mother had very little money and had packed an overly ripe, blackened banana in his lunchbox.

All went well during the storytime. The children shouted, "Eshcho, eshcho!" (Again, again), but it was time to start their activity time. To

Winter is a season of sound and fury

It's cold in this Siberian border city. Mighty cold. People say it's eight layers of clothing weather, and they are right. But those folks use so much common sense and are so practical that they don't get cold.

High boots with felt liners, beautiful fur coats, a wool scarf and the high fur hat that the Russians are so noted for are all that is needed to be cozy warm.

Knowing of the animal protection laws in America, one man told us, "You Americans protect your animals and keep them from dying. Our animals protect us and keep us from dying."

The hats and coats are a lifetime investment and are made from rabbits, wild dogs, porcupines, fox, mink, cattle, sheep, muskrat, badger and many other animals. Out hats are made from brown bear hides. Even in the worst weather, we haven't been cold. The hats actually serve as a little heater on top of our heads.

Commenting on wearing real fur coats instead of coats made of fake fur, the man mentioned above said, "Fake fur is for fake weather. Real fur is for real weather, like we're having."

coordinate with the lunch story, we had them make little paper lunchboxes with a paper handle and a lid. We also planned to give each child a banana for a snack.

Buying bananas in Chelzyahinsk isn't easy, especially now that it is sub-zero weather. All fresh fruit is sold in outdoor markets and freezes quickly. We had found 23 bananas during the week and planned to venture out Saturday night after

teaching at the school to see if we could find about 25 more, then give each child half of a banana.

When the time came, we made a bunch of excuses — there's a blizzard, we're cold, the bananas would probably all be frozen anyway. So we didn't get any more bananas.

We decided we'd just give each boy and girl 4 1/2 of a banana. Besides, that small of a piece would just fit in the little lunchbox, we reasoned.



H.R. Weixel

We prayed and asked God to bless each 4 1/2 of a banana. Then we started passing the fruit to each child. The children looked bewildered. Through our translator we told them they could start eating the bananas, but none did. Some fit the piece of banana into their little boxes. Others just rolled it around and looked at it.

Our translator explained, "They have never had a banana before. They are so happy to have one they want to keep it forever."

All of our lame excuses about why we wouldn't buy any more bananas came flashing back.

Yet, we knew God had again, blessed and divided what was available and had made the small pieces of bananas enough for the crowd waiting to be fed.

H.R. Weixel of Jerome, along with her husband, the Rev. Elroy Weixel, is serving on a mission team in Russia. She will be sharing her experiences in a column each Saturday.

Missionary

RUPERT — Elder Jody K. Rasmussen has been called to serve a two-year mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

He will speak in sacrament meeting at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Rupert 4th Ward chapel, 100 W. 36 S., and will enter the Mission Training Center in Provo, Utah, Jan. 4.

He is the son of Kelly and Marla Rasmussen of Rupert and a 1993 graduate of Mountain High School where he was on the honor roll and active in football. He attended Idaho State University in Pocatello for one year.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.



Rasmussen

Put Jesus Christ back into Christmas season

Will someone please define the oft-mentioned "spirit of Christmas?"

Is it joy? Is it good will? Is it peace? Is it love? Is it giving?

Let us agree on one fact: Christmas is the observance of an historical event. It commemorates the Nativity of our Lord.

No, not one of us was there to witness the event. But we accept authentic accounts of reliable historians, just as we accept historical accounts of America by Christopher Columbus (or previously by some unnamed Norsemen), the birth of Abraham Lincoln on Feb. 12, 1809, or that Alcibiades turned traitor to Athens some 400 years before Christ.

There is widespread disgust surrounding the rampant commercialization of Christmas. The extensive exploitation of this anniversary has scant correlation in the minds of many people in today's world of giving gifts and charitable benefactions in remembrance of the adoration and bestowal of costly gifts to the child in Bethlehem's manger by the first visitors to that scene. Notwithstanding this disparity, there is a measure of propriety for the tradition of Christmas gift-giving.

Far more reprehensible is what often appears to be a deliberate attempt to subvert the Christmas observance and supplant it with a mere winter festival, a peace promotion, a children's joviality or a grand holiday bash.

Recently, this writer received, through the mail, a collection of unsolicited greeting cards from a prestigious national enterprise displaying not the faintest suggestion of Christmas.

Let Christmas be Christmas. No one has the right to annul its heralding message. "Today ... a Savior has been born to you; he is

Clergy corner
The Rev.
E.J. Bernthal

About the Rev. Bernthal

The Rev. E.J. Bernthal is a retired pastor. He graduated from Concordia Seminary in 1935 and has pastored in Schuyler and Wayne, Neb., Sheridan, Wyo., and at Immanuel Lutheran in Twin Falls. He and his wife have five children. They have lived in Twin Falls since 1973.

Christ, the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

"Christmas" is not so much a season, a mood, a quality or a temperament. It is essentially a truth which, when believed and acted upon, can transform life and give it a new direction.

An old English hymn says in one of its stanzas: "And to those who never listened to the message of thy birth; who have winter but no Christmas bringing them thy peace on earth. Send to those the joyful tidings by all people in each home: be there heard the Christmas anthem: Praise to God, the Christ, has come."

The Times-News invites area clergy to submit columns of 400 words or less. Column topics can include a point of doctrine, religious perspective on current events or social commentary. Send columns to Denise Turner, Assistant Features editor, Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Letter

Cults continue to miss Jesus' message

In Matthew 24:34, Jesus said, "Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass till all these things be fulfilled."

How many generations will it take until cults, large and small, acknowledge the generation Jesus was talking about?

Greed, hatred, wars, rumors of wars and cults waiting at walling walls give us a good example of man's everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46).

Cults waiting for a better world should "ask not what God can do for them but rather ask what they can do for God" (Matthew 25:43).

Jesus said, "Those who do the will of God are his brothers and sisters" (Mark 3:35).

He never said those who believe in God were his brothers and sisters, for there is a great difference between the two.

WILLIAM HAFNER

Twin Falls

The Times-News welcomes letters on religious topics of 200 words or less from readers. Letters should include the writer's signature, mailing address and telephone number. Letters considered libelous, obscene or in bad taste will be rejected, and The Times-News reserves the right to edit all letters.

Church news

Reformed Church plans memorial service

TWIN FALLS — A Community Memorial Service is planned for 2 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls Reformed Church, corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive North.

Pam Bolton of Friends of Bereaved Families will talk about how to get through the holidays and will perform a candle ceremony. Debbie Walsh will be soloist.

All people who have had a loved one die during the past year or are struggling with their feelings during the holiday season are invited. The service will be a remembrance and tribute to those who have entered God's eternity, a support for getting through the holiday season and an encouragement for the future. It is not a duplicate funeral service but an opportunity for people to celebrate the meaning and mystery of life. For more information, call the Rev. Vernon McNear at 733-6128.

Deacon to be ordained at Eastside Baptist

TWIN FALLS — Steven Muse will be ordained a deacon during a Deacons Ordination Service set for 6 p.m. Sunday at the Eastside Southern Baptist church, 204 Eastland Drive-N.

As a deacon, Muse's responsibilities include assisting the pastor in the care and encouragement of members and working in the outreach ministry.

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Passing quiz can make you a wise man too

By Tom Schaefer
Knight-Ridder News Service

You've been rushing about, trying to get everything done in time for Christmas, and you need a breather, right?

I have just the thing. It's a quiz, and you can take it yourself, test friends or family members, or see if your minister needs some additional schooling. (Just kidding, reverend ones.)

First, a warning: This is for serious students of the season. Nonetheless, don't be embarrassed if you miss a question or two — or three — or 10. It's meant to be difficult. After all, I could have asked a question like: Which apocryphal infancy gospel has had a major influence on early Christian understanding of the holy family? (Answer: The Protevangelium of James. But you knew that, didn't you?)

Now for the really frustrating part. I won't give you the answers until next week's column. (Now, now. This is the season of peace-on-Earth-good-will-to-religion-columnists. Be patient.)

So, give it your best shot. Make it a team sport. You'll find this to be either an enjoyable respite from your holiday stress or a challenge to what's left of your sanity.

If you want to submit your answers — first one with the most correct answers will be noted in next week's column — you'll have to fax them to me at (316) 268-6627 or mail them to: Tom Schaefer, c/o The Wichita Eagle, P.O. Box 520, Wichita, Kan. 67201. Your deadline — just

what you needed, another deadline — is noon on Wednesday.

And your prize? What can I say? Knowledge is its own reward.

Christmas quiz:

1. Who was the angel that visited Mary, announcing the birth of Jesus?
2. What is the famous, one-word title for Mary's song of thanksgiving, following the angel's announcement?
3. In Mary's song, she refers to the "prophet of the Most High." Which prophet is she referring to?
4. Which New Testament Gospel tells the story of Joseph's deliberation as to whether he should divorce Mary?
5. In the New Testament, two names are given for Joseph's father? What are they?
6. According to one tradition, what were the names of Mary's father and mother?
7. In Matthew 13:56, Jesus' sisters are referred to, but no names are given. A non-biblical source, however, provides the names. What are they?
8. According to biblical chronology, Jesus was born how many years after the world's creation?
9. Many astronomers believe that the Star of Bethlehem that the wise men followed was actually a rare celestial alignment of planets and a star. What heavenly bodies were in this rare alignment?
10. According to legend, what were the names of the three wise men? Bonus points in case of tie: What were the ages and races said to be?
11. Which New Testament apostle, according

to legend, later baptized the three wise men?

12. The "Arabic Gospel of the Infancy" includes references to Mary, Joseph and the baby Jesus fleeing to Egypt. In one account, they are waylaid by robbers who take pity on them. Who did one of the robbers turn out to be?

13. This bishop was one of the first to declare: "The observance or celebration of the birthday of our Lord (be held) on what day soever the 25th of December shall happen." Who was the bishop?

14. These Latin words — "Verbum Caro Hic. Factum Est" — appear at a famous site. What is the site and what is the English translation of the words?

15. Which saint is credited with bringing carols into the formal worship of the church?

16. During the Middle Ages, carols were often sung at mystery plays that dramatized biblical stories. What was one of the most popular plays performed at Christmas, especially in France?

17. Some of the music to "Joy to the World" was based on what famous composition?

18. Many countries have carols that tell of miraculous events occurring when Christ was born. Only one country has a carol that says even the fish of the river rejoice. Which country is it? Bonus: What is the name of the carol?

19. The Posada (the search for shelter in Bethlehem) is traditionally performed for nine nights preceding Christmas in which country?

20. For 12 years, all church festival days, including Christmas, were banned in England. Who was responsible for the ban?

Events

Continued from C1

Normal Ave. in Burley. The narrated program features soloists, Tracy Knight and Robyn Kravince; duets by Wayne Blauer and John Klepper; and a piano and organ duet by Mayna McGill and Jeff Rasmussen.

Boys and girls ages 4 to 12 are invited to a Christmas party planned for 1 to 3 p.m. Friday at the Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, 821 E. Ave. H in Jerome.

Children can participate in games, songs and Bible stories. Refreshments will be served.

The youth of Christ Church Episcopal in Shoshone will present "Christ Is Born Today" at 10 p.m. Christmas Eve. Carols and hymns will be included in the service.

A Candlelight Family Service is set to begin at 8 p.m. Christmas Eve at the Trinity Episcopal Church, corner of Seventh and Idaho streets in Gooding.

The 10th Annual Community Christmas Carol Event is planned for 6 p.m. Christmas Eve at the United Methodist Church in Murtough. It features a candlelight service, singing of carols and children's gift bags. Cookies and punch will be served. The public is invited to the non-denominational service. A

collection will be taken to benefit the East End Quilt Project. The United Reading of Christmas stories is on the agenda for 9 a.m. Sunday, and Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9 a.m. Christmas Day.

Briefly

Mormons mark opening of 2,000th stake

MEXICO CITY — The Mormon Church celebrated the opening of its 2,000th stake, or diocese, with a celebration in Mexico City that was attended by thousands of worshippers.

Latter-day Saints, led by President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, performed ceremonies in this capital dedicating the latest stake.

"Today there are approximately 9 million members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in more than 21,000 congregations worldwide," said a statement issued by the Mormon Church.

The first stake was organized on Feb. 17, 1834, in Kirtland, Ohio. The 1,000th stake came in 1928 and the 1,000th in February 1979.

The Mormon religion first was introduced to Mexico as early as 1825, but the first stake was not organized in this country until 1963. The church dedicated a temple in Mexico City in 1980 and Mexico now has 127 stakes. The stake was organized in southern Mexico City.

Time move up due date for religion items

DEADLINE: The office by noon Wednesday, Dec. 21.

Send information to Denise Turner, Assistant Features editor, Box 548, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

Letters will be due in 83303-0548.

Study: Church monetary support on slide

The Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Member support of Protestant churches and their missions dropped for the third straight year, according to a new survey.

Financial reports of 100,000 Protestant congregations reveal that giving is down for the third consecutive year when measured in dollars adjusted for inflation, and for the seventh straight year as a percentage of income.

John and Sylvia Ronvall, authors of the study, "The State of Church Giving Through 1992," have blamed past drops in giving on the recession. But now they think people simply are spending more money on other things.

Some pastors agree. "People have really become consumers rather than disciples," said the Rev. Jerry King of the Tolono (Ill.) United Methodist Church. He has followed the decline even though his church is financially healthy.

In dollars adjusted for inflation

to 1987 levels, giving was down from \$368.79 per church member in 1991 to \$366.39 in 1992, the study said.

The authors were particularly concerned about a

seven-year decline in support for programs other than the minister's salary, utilities and other costs related to the operating expenses of churches.

That's meant less money to fund missions, the larger church institution and other programs.

David McCrath, coordinator of stewardship education at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, the national headquarters for that denomination, said declines in giving mean cuts in spending.

"We see the need to trim our budget by about 5 percent per year," he said. "We've seen a

steady decline for almost three years."

Some employees have been let go as the church office struggled to maintain programs through

volunteers, McCrath said.

David Crittenden, associate executive of the Presbyterian Synod of Lincoln Trails in Indianapolis, said church officials must do a better job keeping their congregations informed.

"People need to see that their efforts both in time and money are going somewhere and are making a difference," Crittenden said. "We need to look for new ways of connecting folks on the local level with the missions happening in the church."

The survey was based on financial reports from the U.S. Protestant churches in the

Yearbook of American and Canadian Churches, published by the National Council of Churches.

Catholic churches are excluded from the survey because their financial reports are not available to the public, Sylvia Ronvall said.

As a percentage of income, giving dropped from 2.59 percent in 1991 to 2.52 percent in 1992. In 1968, members contributed an average of 3.14 percent of their income to the church, they said.

The Ronvalls figured giving as a percentage of income based on U.S. government income statistics for the entire U.S. population, not just for church members. But they noted 70 percent of the U.S. population claims some religious affiliation and figured salaries of church members follow the norm.

The study, first done in 1988 and updated every year since 1991, is published by empty tomb inc., a Champaign organization funded by a Lilly Endowment grant.

"People have really become consumers rather than disciples."

— The Rev. Jerry King, Tolono (Ill.) United Methodist Church

Religion

Bakker, Heritage USA start path to new life

The Washington Post

FORT MILL, S.C. — The 21-story shell of brick and glass looms over the rolling Carolina countryside, a solemn reminder of the past that still haunts the world that Jim Bakker built.

It was supposed to be the Heritage Grand Towers, 500 more hotel rooms to house overnight visitors at Heritage USA, Bakker's last full year here, a time of relentless construction. Bulldozers are cutting roads to new home sites. Golfers play a new course, one of Bakker's dreams. The new entrance he planned is open, putting the resort within easier reach of Interstate 77. After dark the roads glimmer with Christmas lights as they did in Bakker's heyday.

But for now there are too few visitors to merit finishing the Towers, and there appears to be no chance that Bakker will ever again run or be the star at this place, which many of his former followers consider his finest achievement.

Malayan United Industries, the Kuala Lumpur-based conglomerate that owns other hotels and bought Heritage USA four years ago, appears anxious to keep a distance between Bakker and his \$80 million investment.

Asked about Bakker, a spokesman, Bill Attey, said only, "We as a corporation wish him well in whatever he would elect to do."

Bakker, who served five years for defrauding contributors to his PTL television ministry, has declined requests for interviews. As he began his parole Dec. 1, ending five months in a halfway house and home confinement, the 54-year-old evangelist issued a brief note saying he looked forward to rebuilding his life "and being of useful service to others." For now, Bakker is living on a farm near Hendersonville, N.C.

Heritage USA, which Bakker began building in 1978, suffered its own trials during and after the PTL sex-and-money scandal — the tumultuous stewardship of Jerry Falwell, bankruptcy, a succession of interim leaders and would-be buyers (including Bakker) and the wrath of Hurricane Hugo. The resort, which by Bakker's generous count had pulled in 6 million visitors a year, was forced to shut down in 1989.

Reopened in 1992, the property



Jim Bakker, seen arriving at a halfway house in July 1994, has now been paroled and wants to stay out of the limelight, but his Heritage USA theme park has taken new life as well.

continues to change as MUI tries to broaden its appeal. About 1,450 acres have become the site for a secular, planned community with lots for 2,500 new homes.

The remaining acres comprise the resort, which includes Bakker's water park, an amusement center due to open next spring and Bakker's 500-room Heritage Grand Hotel now being operated as a Radisson franchise. The complex is still being marketed as "America's premier Christian resort," a family vacation spot and conference site for religious groups.

But the Malaysians, as MUI is commonly known here, are unlikely ever to offer the round-the-clock mix of ministry and entertainment, of the holy and Hollywood, that attracted Bakker's supporters, or "partners," from across the country.

Bakker and his then-wife Tammy Faye were as much television stars as they were evangelists, and their presence, celebrity guests and daily TV

broadcasts, a blend of marketing and ministry in the final years, were a powerful magnet.

"You've got to hand it to Jim and Tammy," said Bobbie Woodie, who once worked for Bakker and now runs two stores on Main Street. "They drew millions, because people loved them, and they still do."

Some 114,000 supporters bought Bakker's "lifetime partnerships," typically \$1,000 for a guarantee of three free nights a year for life in a Heritage USA hotel.

It was this offer — oversold by Bakker to pay PTL's spiraling bills, including construction costs, Jim's and Tammy's salaries and benefits, and payments to keep Jessica Hahn from disclosing a sexual encounter that landed Bakker in prison. With the bankruptcy of PTL, the lifetime partners got nothing for their payments, which included \$10 million.

By all reports, Bakker is a changed man after federal prison in Minnesota

Bakker family keeps moving

The Washington Post

Jim Bakker has continued to communicate with admirers through letters distributed by New Covenant Ministries in Largo, Fla., an entity Bakker opened after leaving PTL.

New Covenant general manager Shirley Fulbright-Bakker's secretary at PTL, says New Covenant is the work of Bakker's daughter, singer Tammy Sue Chapman, and has nothing to do with Bakker.

If Bakker returns to evangelism, it would presumably be without his former wife Tammy Faye, whom he married in Bible college and worked with at the Christian Broadcasting, and Trinity Broadcasting networks.

Bobbie Woodie, owner of two shops in Heritage USA, and others say Tammy Faye has been trying to market a television show similar to "Tammy's House Party," a family-oriented talk and a cooking show that Tammy had at PTL.

Tammy Faye divorced her husband in 1992 and married Roe Messner, once Jim Bakker's contractor of choice at PTL.

Woodie said Tammy Faye "felt it could never work again with Jim.... She had helped build three ministries, and she said Jim had lost all of them."

and Georgia, where his visitors included Charles W. Colson, Billy Graham and former nemesis Falwell. He is thinner and grayer and, friends say, more cautious and calm.

Henry Harrison, once Bakker's co-host at PTL, says Bakker told him, "I have never known the peace that I have in my heart now.... I have craved in so much of the World in the last five years that I feel I will explode if I don't have the opportunity to share some of it."

Bakker has told friends he would not exchange his prison experience for anything.

For now, Bakker has no plans to get back into television and is being cautious not to annoy the American public, whose trust he needs to be credible as an evangelist, according to his lawyers.

Bakker "wants to lead his life one day at a time and kind of stay out of the limelight," said Harold Bender, a Bakker lawyer.

Independent Mormon publications take off

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The number of independent Mormon organizations and periodicals has skyrocketed in the past 25 years, according to a list published this month in Sunstone magazine.

Brian Waterman, an associate editor of the magazine, spent the last 1½ years compiling the list. Almost 150 of the 171 periodicals and organizations have been organized since 1970.

"Everybody knows that Mormons are compulsive organizers," Waterman said. "This list just confirms that."

Waterman's list, organized by categories, includes church-sponsored periodicals and organizations, as well as independent groups including the Sunstone Foundation, which was founded in 1974 as a non-profit corporation. Its magazine is described as an independent

journal for Mormon thought. The list also gave the names of the most groups and periodicals in Mormon history, which includes one of the oldest independent Mormon organizations, the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers.

The categories with the most dramatic growth are Mormon humanitarian groups, computer networks and periodicals and organizations that focus on homosexual issues.

Two years ago there were two independent Mormon organizations for homosexuals. Today there are eight organizations, five periodicals and three computer networks, Waterman said.

"What we are seeing by this explosion of groups is evidence that Mormonism is becoming less monolithic, if it ever was, and a more diverse, pluralistic culture," said Waterman, a doctorate student at American studies at Boston University.

Share your favorite Christmas memory

The Times-News

Chestnuts roasting on an open fire? Or Santa Claus on the rooftop?

What's your favorite Christmas memory?

Tell us your story, in 200 words or less. We'll print some of them in the Christmas Eve edition of the Times-News.

Send stories to Denise Turner, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls Idaho 83303-0548. Please include name, address and phone number.

Stories must be received by Monday.

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ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN MISSION IS PLANNING AN OPEN HOUSE FOR THEIR FIRST ANNIVERSARY ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 AT 6:00 P.M. THE CHURCH IS LOCATED IN THE CHAPEL AT THE YFCA IN TWIN FALLS. THE ADDRESS IS 1751 ELIZABETH BLVD.

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UNCHANGING FAITH IN A CHANGING WORLD

Holidays become joyless time for grieving

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Rosa Baynard has special plans for Christmas Eve.

She'll prepare the holiday meal. She'll give gifts. Then she'll head to Lincoln Memorial Cemetery to say Merry Christmas to Jerry and Jerome, her sons who were lost to her, along with their father, within 16 months — one to murder, one to a car crash and one to illness.

As Washington bustles with Christmas activity, Rosa Baynard will sit at the adjoining grave sites of "the boys" and remember a 2-year-old Jerry gazing at an earlier Christmas tree, while the more mischievous Jerome, five years older, tugged at the presents underneath.

She'll update them on the family news: that she's moved to a new house to escape the memories, that Jerry's 7-year-old daughter, Senika, wants to change her name to Jerry.

She'll pray. Then she'll dry her eyes and stand up.

Like thousands of people who are grieving for loved ones during the holiday season, Baynard looks to the festivities with more trepidation than anticipation. The holidays often can be painful to survivors, say counselors and therapists, a time when everything — from carols to decorations to eggnog — may remind them of the sister, husband, friend who has died.

The time is especially difficult, therapists say, because the holidays are so connected to families and friends. The realization that a deceased loved one will not be there to share in gift giving or a special meal can lead to terrible loneliness, therapists say.

While the world is decking the halls and being jolly, grievers are feeling alone, helpless and even depressed, says Ena Watson, a clinical social worker with Metropolitan Psychotherapy & Counseling Services in Camp Springs, Md.

"In all the gift giving and so forth there is an embedded ritual of renewal and reaffirming relationships during the holidays," Watson says. "With all that emphasis on relationships, if someone has lost a loved one what has really been lost is a valued relationship."

The holidays can be especially difficult for children who have suffered the loss of a parent or whose parents have divorced, says Deborah Kleiner, a licensed clinical social worker with Potomac Psychotherapy Associates of Bethesda, Md.

"What children who are grieving really need is very attentive listening and time given to honor the loss," says Kleiner. "It's most important that their pain be acknowledged and that they know they are not alone...."

Loved ones of grievers should watch to make sure they don't become depressed, therapists say. Signs include sleeplessness, spontaneous and uncontrollable

crying, loss of appetite, inability to function and excessive grumpiness, Watson says.

Some guidelines on coming to terms with grieving during the holidays:

• Grievers should let their acquaintances know this time of year is difficult, instead of putting on a brave face.

• Grievers should realize that other members of the group may deal with a loved one's death differently and be given the freedom to grieve their own way.

• Survivors should not force themselves to participate in special family traditions if doing so is too painful.

Therapists say focusing attention away from self and channeling energy toward helping others goes a long way in helping grievers to cope this time of year. Volunteering to raise money to purchase gifts for indigent children, serving meals at a homeless shelter or visiting a nursing home can help ease the pain.

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Stocks sprint higher on programs, rosy outlook

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks sprinted higher on the biggest volume since the day after the 1987 market crash, spurred by a frenzy of computerized trading tied to the quarterly expiration of index funds' options.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 41.72 to 3,807.19, closing above 3,800 for the first time since Nov. 18.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange soared to 470.18 million shares. That was the third-largest volume ever, topped only by the Oct. 19, 1987 market crash and the

day after.

Advancing issues led decliners by about 13 to 9 on the Big Board. Blue-chip issues, which are the bread and butter of the market, led the advance. The Nasdaq composite index fell 1.61 to 729.07. But the American Stock Exchange's market value index rose 0.21 to 426.23. The NYSE's composite index rose 1.58 to 250.54, while the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index added 3.46 to 458.80.

Traders attributed the day's advanced largely to the so-called "triple witching" expirations, which often lead to heavy buying.

Stock listings

NEW YORK (AP) — The following are the closing prices for the New York Stock Exchange.

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TWIN FALLS COUNTY MINUTES

AUGUST 16, 1994

More detailed minutes are available in the office of the County Commissioners, 425 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho.

August 1, 1994

In the Matter of BIDS

Commissioners held a bid opening for the Landfill Road project at 10:00 a.m. on this date. Three bids were opened and opened. Bidders included O.K. Paving, 150333, Kopper, Inc. 422,857.56, and Gordon Paving, 451,544.00. Bids will be reviewed and winner announced.

August 3, 1994

In the Matter of RESOLUTIONS

Upon a motion by Commissioner Hopman and seconded by Commissioner Reinko and an unanimous vote it was decided to adopt the resolution regarding pest control.

RESOLUTION

PEST CONTROL DISTRICT FOR TWIN FALLS COUNTY

WHEREAS, Twin Falls County has a particular post known as the Black Fly or Buffalo Knot and other pests that are a nuisance to the citizens of the County;

WHEREAS this pest disrupts the local cattle and sheep industry to the point that animals will not eat in order to protect themselves from this pest and may be the cause of spreading certain diseases; and

WHEREAS this pest invades the space of humans that are trying to work in yards and gardens or enjoy an outdoor service center with Thomas Manpower Corporation;

WHEREAS the control of this pest in the past was attempted by private citizens; and

WHEREAS the control of this pest has become very costly;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pest Control District be organized and that the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners do hereby allow to assist in the control of this pest.

POST

Effective 3rd day of August, 1994.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

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August 1, 1994

In the Matter of JUVENILE

Upon a motion by Commissioner Reinko and seconded by Commissioner Hopman, it was decided to sign a good service contract with Thomas Manpower Corporation for the Juvenile Detention Center for one year.

August 8, 1994

In the Matter of HUMAN RESOURCES

Commissioners approved the appointment of Linda Mann to the position of part time Juvenile Carworker at \$24,229 per year with a wage of \$7.00 per hour.

Commissioners approved the appointment of Cindy Bess to the position of Juvenile Carworker I with a wage of \$7.90 per hour effective August 1, 1994.

August 10, 1994

In the Matter of ORDINANCES

Commissioners signed Ordinances 127 and 128 both of which amend the Two-Eight-Zero Zoning Map as set forth in Ordinance Number 21.

August 12, 1994

In the Matter of BIDS

Commissioners held a bid opening for the updating of the Twin Falls County Comprehensive Plan. Bids were submitted by JUB Engineers, \$39,819; and SAIC, \$44,229. Bids will be taken under advisement and the low responsive bidder will be announced.

August 15, 1994

In the Matter of ORDINANCES

Upon a motion made by Commissioner Hopman and seconded by Commissioner Reinko and a roll call vote (Hopman yes, Reinko yes, Frayley yes) the following Ordinance 129, this Ordinance 129, was adopted.

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Executive Committee. All individuals appointed to fill an Appointed Permanent Member vacancy shall serve the remaining term of the expiring Appointed Permanent Member.

6. Past chairman of the GTFATC shall serve a continuous term as a Past Chairman Permanent Member, and they shall be appointed by the Executive Committee. If a Past Chairman Permanent Member resigns from the GTFATC, said vacancy shall not be filled.

7. From the Permanent Members of the GTFATC, said members shall, by a majority vote of the total Permanent Members, elect a chairman to conduct meetings and act as spokesperson for the Committee, a vice-chairman to act as chairman in the absence of the chairman, and a recording secretary to keep minutes of all meetings.

8. The GTFATC shall also establish an Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall include the chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, and all Past Chairmen. Chairman, vice-chairman, and recording secretary Executive Committee Members shall serve their term as Executive Committee Members beginning on January 1 of the odd numbered years and expiring on December 31 of the subsequent even numbered year. Past Chairman Permanent Members of the Executive Committee, until they resign as an Executive Committee Member.

9. Appointed Permanent Members of the GTFATC shall include:

a. A representative from the Twin Falls City Council, who shall be appointed by the Twin Falls City Council.

b. A representative from the Twin Falls City staff, who shall be appointed by the Twin Falls City Council.

c. A representative from the Twin Falls Legislative Delegation, who shall be appointed by the Twin Falls Legislative Delegation.

d. A representative from the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, who shall be appointed by the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

e. A representative from the Twin Falls Highway District, who shall be appointed by the Twin Falls Highway District.

f. A representative from the Twin Falls County Commissioners, who shall be appointed by the Twin Falls County Commissioners.

g. A representative from the trucking industry in and about Twin Falls, who shall be appointed by the GTFATC Executive Committee; and

h. Four Members-at-Large, who shall be appointed by the GTFATC Executive Committee.

Appointed Permanent Members of the GTFATC, appointed by entities other than the GTFATC Executive Committee, shall be appointed by the appropriate entity every two (2) years, upon receiving notice from the GTFATC that such an appointment is necessary.

The individual appointed by the appropriate entity as an Appointed Permanent Member may be a current Appointed Permanent Member's term expires. The individual appointed by the GTFATC Executive Committee as an Appointed Permanent Member may be a current or past Appointed Permanent Member of the GTFATC. Each Appointed Permanent Member shall serve his/her term as provided in paragraph 10.

10. The GTFATC shall not have authority to bind any governing body affected by its planning decisions. However, the GTFATC shall have the power to make recommendations to any governing body, whether it be Twin Falls Highway District, City of Twin Falls, County of Twin Falls, Idaho Department of Transportation, legislative committees, United States Government, or others.

11. To conduct business at any meeting of the GTFATC, a quorum must be present in person or by proxy. A majority of the Total Permanent Members of the GTFATC. To make a recommendation concerning planning, a quorum must be present in person or by proxy. Any other transportation issue addressed by the GTFATC, a majority vote of the total Permanent Members is required.

12. This resolution shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by the Twin Falls County Commissioners.

PASSED BY THE TWIN FALLS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 12, 1994.

SIGNED BY COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 12, 1994:

STACEY FINLEY, Chairman
MARVIN HEMPLEMAN, Vice-Chairman
STACEY FINLEY, Secretary
STACEY FINLEY, Treasurer
STACEY FINLEY, Clerk

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Upon a motion made by Commissioner Hempleman and seconded by Commissioner Reinke and a roll call vote (Finley yes, Reinke yes, Hempleman yes) it was decided to certify leave for Twin Falls County taxing district.

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Found: Times News parking lot. Black & brown puppy with floppy hair. Please call after 6 pm. 733-5050.

Lost: 7 month old Golden Lab, male, near North Old Dairy. 400 S. Jerome. Reward. 536-2295.

Lost, small Peck-a-poo Terrier mix. Lost in the vicinity of Trotter rd. Female short grey hair. Call 733-3862.

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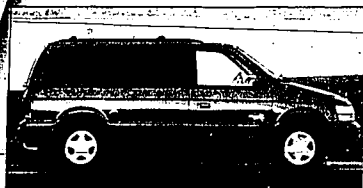
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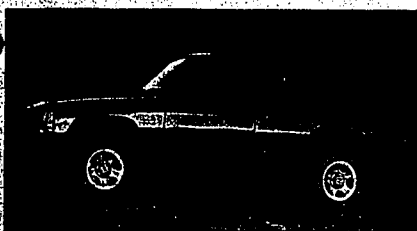
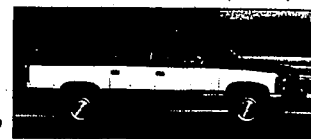


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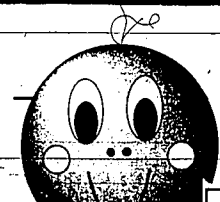
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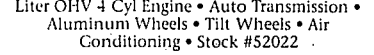
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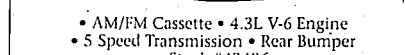
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- ✓ Auto. Trans. & Air Cond.
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- ✓ Air Conditioning
- ✓ Power Steering & Brakes

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- ✓ Power Windows & Locks
- ✓ Air Conditioning
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- ✓ Automatic Transmission
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