

Good morning

Today's forecast:

Fair but patchy morning fog and low clouds. Highs in the middle 50s. Lows 10 to 20 degrees.

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Magic Valley

What's in that package?

With more bombs showing up outside public buildings nationwide, Twin Falls County courthouse workers are trying to improve their building's security.

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Council hears assurances

The asks are solid, the aquifer is safe, and the nuclear waste is leaving Idaho someday anyway, according to experts who spoke to the Twin Falls City Council.

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Road warriors

Travel miles could increase if Idaho's few remaining Class A-4, 11-man football programs form one conference.

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Jayhawks hold top place

Kansas easily held its No. 1 men's college basketball ranking for the third week in a row.

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Sooner coach quits

Howard Schnellenberger resigns after posting a 5-5-1 record as Oklahoma's football coach last season.

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Don't mince words

The "Rodeo Freedom Act" may not mention tobacco, but tobacco is what it's about, today's editorial says.

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Gloom grips Wall Street

Pessimism and frustration send the stock market plummeting.

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Regulations delayed

Trucking regulations negotiated as part of the North American Free Trade Agreement are delayed.

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Honors for famed judge

Isaac C. Parker, the "hanging judge" of frontier Fort Smith, Ark., may have the federal building there named for him.

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Post-election scramble

The Russian government hints it may revise its market reform policy.

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Police link man to 'monkey' virus after computer crash

By Liz Wright
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Authorities say a vengeful 25-year-old employee planted a computer virus in his bosses' computers following a dispute over his bail money.

Now, Doron Steinlauf is apparently the first person charged locally with a felony "computer crime," said Twin Falls County Prosecutor G. Richard Bevan.

Steinlauf was arraigned Monday on the felony charge of "altering or damaging a computer." The crime occurred in September when a virus dubbed "Monkey B" ravaged the computer system at the Home Place, a manufactured-home dealership in Twin Falls.

The crime carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison and up to \$5,000 in fines.

Steinlauf sabotaged the system after his

boss, Raymond Perron, discovered that Steinlauf had retrieved the \$1,000 bond that Perron had put up in Gooding County after Steinlauf was arrested in Gooding County on a traffic offense, according to an affidavit written by Deputy Patricia Barth of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

A store co-worker, Pam Boldt, said Steinlauf told her he was going to "crash the computers" before he quit the Home Place, the affidavit said.

Computer trouble-shooters from the Computer Depot found the virus after two of the office computers crashed on Sept. 9; they determined that the virus had been manually installed and was called "Monkey B" in the affidavit said.

Steinlauf was booked over to stand trial on the charge following a preliminary hearing in November, according to court documents. A jury trial is set for 9 a.m. on April 16. He was released on his own recognizance.

Jerome waits on 'official' language



Jerome County Commissioner Jerry Ridley (left) discusses the reliance of local agriculture on its Spanish-speaking work force. Ridley and Commissioner John Toolson (center) were not ready to back Commissioner Roy Prescott's proposal for making English the county's official language on Monday.

By H.R. Weikel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — At the end of a sometimes fiery debate Monday, the Jerome County Commission postponed a decision on endorsing English as the county's official language.

"What made this country great was the ability to communicate," said Commissioner Roy Prescott, a rancher and backer of the English measure. "What I see happening today is we're getting away from that."

The sharpest exchange occurred when retirees from New York and California weighed in with sharply different views.

"I'm completely against it," said resident Alan Marks, a former vice president of a New York City department store. "My own feeling is this is just a case of being against minorities. We're not giving minorities a break."

"Most of the people who can't speak English are poor and don't have a chance to move up the ladder. So it's a part of good citizenship that taxpayers should pay for anyone coming to the country and give them the benefits they are entitled to," Marks continued.

"I'm a flaming liberal Democrat," he explained in a telephone conversation after the meeting.

Paul Williams, a retired California businessman, disagreed with Marks at the hearing and said, "If you don't (make English the official language) you're opening up a can of worms. We went through this same thing in California." He said ballots in California had to be printed in at least five languages, "and it was just costing too much."

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Fewer federal workers get holiday this time

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Anyone wanting to enlist in America's armed forces or have Uncle Sam kill a pesky coyote on private land was in luck Monday, but those who tried to visit a Bureau of Land Management or National Park Service office

were out in the cold.

For the second time in five weeks, political impasse over the federal budget in Washington idled some — but not all — U.S. government employees in southern Idaho.

Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine recruiters were open for business in Twin Falls Monday, and government-paid

hunters with the Animal Damage Control program also were on the job.

Unlike the last federal shut-down, the Social Security Administration office in Twin Falls remained open.

"The three days we were off (in mid-November) created real service problems," said Eric Riedl, manager of the Twin Falls office. "We don't have the

margins to make up for lost work — so we'll keep working. I think it's an intelligent decision."

Social Security employees in the agency's central offices have been furloughed, Riedl said, "but community offices such as ours are open for business."

Elsewhere, all 130 full-time employees

Please see SHUTDOWN/A2

Clinton vetoes 2 bills, books meeting with GOP leaders today

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a battle without leup, President Clinton vetoed two bills Monday that would have eased a partial federal shutdown, citing "unacceptable cuts" in key programs.

With Clinton and the Republican-controlled Congress at an impasse, the full-out likelihood of a striking, 100-point decline on the stock market — and a quarter-million federal workers laid off on a mass, pre-Christmas furlough.

"It's absolutely disgusting," said Walter Martin, sent home from his Labor Department job. "There's a lot of work to be done that's not being done."

Clinton spoke with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole in separate, mid-afternoon telephone calls and said he had offered "some ideas about how we might reopen the government and how we might resume negotiations" on a balanced budget.

Dole said the telephone conversation had been encouraging, adding, "It's time for adult leadership."

After conferring, the two Republicans asked to meet with the president, and, according to a senior White House official speaking on the condition of anonymity, a meeting this afternoon appeared likely.

"We do not view this as a negotiating session, but as an opportunity to discuss, face-to-face, the importance of getting a balanced budget agreement this year, and how we might achieve that goal," Dole and Gingrich said in a joint statement.

House Republicans, accusing Clinton of intransigence on balancing the budget, said they had no immediate plans to offer legislation to reopen the government. Gingrich raised the possibility lawmakers might be in session Christmas week.

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Fog lifts; U.S. troops flow into Bosnia

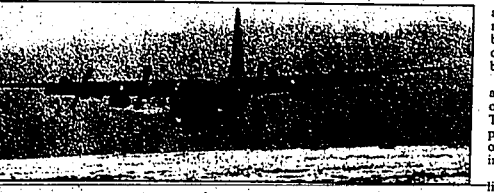
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The sea of fog parted Monday and 16 U.S. Air Force cargo planes descended from the mist.

They brought jeeps, armored cars and a few dozen soldiers into Tuza's abandoned military airfield, doubling the deployment of U.S. combat troops in Bosnia.

"We haven't put a plane in here for five days, and we've got some catching up to do," said U.S. Army spokesman Maj. Garfield Dorman, of Spalant-Mitch, who was bringing in tents, communication equipment, support personnel. Before anything else, we've got to upgrade the air base."

Elsewhere, a couple hundred U.S. Army troops moved by train from Hungary into Croatia, carrying four Abrams M-1 tanks and armored fighting vehicles. The troops will provide security while the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers builds a pontoon bridge across the Sava River, bridging



The first U.S. Air Force C-130 transport plane in several days arrives at Tuza Airbase in Bosnia Monday after fog thinned enough to let it land.

Croatia and Bosnia. The bridge will be a major entry point for U.S. troops into Bosnia.

Also Monday, the U.S. general leading the initial deployment of some 20,000 troops into Bosnia met with military representatives of all three warring factions, securing promises that U.S. troop movements will not be hindered.

"We asked for reconnaissance of selected routes that will be our main deployment routes into the country, and they agreed to

a schedule," said Brig. Gen. Stanley Cherrie. "That will kick off on Wednesday. I briefed them on how we're going to get our people out into the country.... Everybody was more than agreeable."

Some 100 U.S. soldiers and marines are already on the ground in Bosnia, a fraction of the 1,000 NATO troops deployed so far. The U.S. troops already on the ground are primarily securing bases for the main body of combat troops who will arrive in coming months.

The soldiers who will patrol combat lines are still on military bases in Germany and Italy, awaiting transport. But when about 60 soldiers of the 325th Infantry Battalion, an airborne combat team based in Aviano, Italy, arrived late Monday, the combat mission got a symbolic start.

"It's our honor to lead U.S. combat troops into Bosnia," said Lt. Col. Curtis Scapparroni, of Logan, Ohio, who is leading the Third Battalion of the 325th Infantry.

Nation

D'Amato rejects new offer to end Whitewater stalemate

WASHINGTON (AP) — Facing an upcoming Senate vote to take President Clinton to court, the White House dropped some of its conditions Monday for turning over disputed Whitewater notes and opened negotiations designed to end the impasse.

But the Senate Whitewater Committee chairman immediately declared the new offer inadequate, and moved ahead with plans to have the Senate vote Wednesday on authorizing the court challenge.

"The new White House proposal delivered to the committee is not acceptable," said Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y.

The offer, he said, still left his panel "in the impossible position" of getting the notes only if other investigative bodies, over which it has no control, agreed to conditions set by the White House.

Despite D'Amato's rejection, the White House pursued its offer by contacting Starr prosecutor Kenneth Starr to discuss the possible release of the notes. While the White House offer may not be enough to stop the Senate vote, some negotiations could result in a settlement before the matter reaches court.

At issue are handwritten notes from White House lawyer William Kennedy took during a Whitewater meeting on Nov. 5, 1993, involving presidential aides and Clinton private attorneys. Senators subpoenaed the notes earlier this month as part of their probe into whether pres-

idential aides tried to impede two Whitewater-related criminal investigations in 1993.

The president has refused to let Kennedy turn over the documents, arguing they are protected by attorney-client privilege.

The White House's new offer contained two significant changes in its earlier positions: The administration would no longer insist that the Senate panel agree that the Nov. 5 meeting was privileged. And the White House would negotiate with other investigative bodies, including Whitewater prosecutors, to secure one of its key conditions for the notes' release.

That condition is that the Senate panel, prosecutors and other investigative bodies would have to agree in advance that Clinton was not surrendering his legal right to keep conversations with his lawyers confidential.

Until Monday, the White House was demanding that D'Amato's committee be responsible for securing those agreements. The GOP-led panel called that unreasonable before voting last week to ask the Senate to initiate the court challenge.

The White House, followed the offer by making initial contact with Starr on Monday afternoon, although there was no immediate formal proposal about the privilege concerns, sources said.

Two individuals familiar with Starr's thinking, speaking only on

condition of anonymity, indicated he was open to agreeing that the release of the notes would not waive Clinton's attorney-client privilege.

Starr's office last week issued its own subpoena for the same notes as part of its criminal investigation.

White House lawyer Jane Sherburne wrote to the committee that the White House still hoped "we can resolve the current dispute without a highly partisan vote in the Senate."

The White House's new offer also:

- Modified its insistence that the Senate panel formally agree that the Nov. 5 meeting was covered by attorney-client privilege. Instead, the committee would "simply acknowledge that a reasonable claim of privilege has been asserted" to cover various "confidential communications" between White House lawyers and the president's personal attorneys.
- Dropped outright its previous condition that if the Senate panel was given the notes, it could not pursue a future challenge of the president's claim of privilege without full bipartisan support.

Republicans had charged that term would have given committee Democrats an absolute veto.

Still, the major hang-up in the dispute with senators continued to be the White House's insistence that it not release the notes until all the other investigative bodies agreed that the president was not waiving his attorney-client privilege.

Computers abort NASA rocket launch with 2.5 seconds remaining

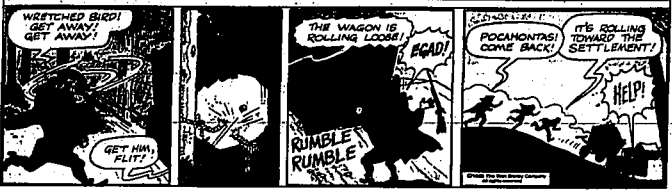
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The launch of a NASA rocket carrying a \$195-million X-ray telescope was aborted Monday when the engines abruptly shut down 2.5 seconds before liftoff. It was the fifth delay in just over a week. A launch controller could be heard swearing as the shutdown was announced.

A stuck oxygen valve in the main engine apparently caused computers to halt the launch. The shutdown occurred after the rocket's two auxiliary engines had fired but before the main engine had ignited.



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Feds delay border area truck rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government Monday delayed trucking rules that would allow Mexican cargo trucks access to highways throughout Texas, California and other border states.

Transportation Secretary Federico Pena said the regulations, under the North American Free Trade Agreement, would be delayed until the completion of new talks between the United States and Mexico over improved trucking safety and border crossing efficiency.

"We want to make sure that we implement NAFTA correctly," Pena said. "It is a solid arrangement between the United States, Mexico and Canada. ... We want to make sure that it continues to operate successfully, safely and efficiently."

Currently, Mexican trucks are restricted to a 20-mile commercial border zone. Under the NAFTA provisions, Mexican trucks would have access to the interior of Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California. U.S. trucks would gain access to Mexican border states.

The expanded access had been criticized by border officials, traffic safety groups, the Teamsters union and Sen. presidential candidate Pat Buchanan.

Critics argue that most Mexican trucks do not meet state and federal standards on safety, weight and insurance and that Mexican drivers often aren't trained to handle hazardous cargoes and aren't subject to limitations on time behind the wheel like U.S. drivers.

Even though Mexican truckers must comply with U.S. federal and state laws, critics worry law enforcement officials won't have the resources to nab trucks not in compliance.

Mexicans have their own concerns, fearing better-equipped U.S. trucking firms will come to Mexico and siphon off their business.

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Arson suspect to be extradited

Seattle Times

SEATTLE — Brazil's Supreme Court on Monday voted to extradite arson-murder suspect Martin Pang to Seattle on first-degree arson charges, but not murder, according to a spokesman for King County Prosecutor Norm Maleng.

Spokesman Dan Donohoe said sentences for either charge can be 20 years to life in prison, if Pang is convicted. "The arson charge carries a sentence of 20 years to life, so there's no difference there," Donohoe said.

Pang is charged with setting the fire that killed four firefighters Jan. 5 in his parents' International District warehouse.

Maleng has said he would seek a life sentence for the crime.

Pang's attorneys had argued that Brazil's Supreme Court should limit Pang's possible sentence to 30 years or less, which is the maximum penalty for a similar crime in Brazil.

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Nation

AIDS rule may result in bill veto

WASHINGTON (AP) — The defense bill awaiting final action by Congress this week would require automatic discharge of thousands of service members with the AIDS virus.

That provision is one President Clinton has cited in threatening to veto the bill.

Senate negotiators had pushed to remove the provision from the bill, fearing it would serve as "veto bait." But their House counterparts insisted, and the final version of the measure passed the House last Friday 267-149, short of the two-thirds majority that would be needed to overturn a veto.

Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., said Monday he hoped the Senate would send the \$265-billion bill to Clinton on Tuesday.

Under the AIDS provision, put forward by Rep. Robert K. Dornan, R-Calif., service members who test positive on two separate tests would be discharged within six months. The bill makes an exception for those within two years of retirement who would be able to serve out their military careers. In any case, the discharge papers of the service member would not mention the AIDS virus.

Lawmakers negotiating the final version of the bill were concerned that service members would be unable to obtain civilian health insurance, according to a House National Security Committee summary of the measure.

Senators won inclusion of a new provision that would enable those discharged to continue receiving military health care services.

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said he will oppose the bill because of a number of "fundamental flaws" including the AIDS provision and measure banning abortions at overseas military hospitals.

FDA approves faster test for tuberculosis

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new test promises to tell Americans within hours, instead of days, if they have tuberculosis.

The Food and Drug Administration approved the new spit test for tuberculosis from Gen-Probe Inc., called the Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Direct Test.

About 10 million Americans are infected with TB and about 10 percent will develop an active case of the disease, where they become ill and spread the germ by coughing or sneezing.

Now, doctors diagnose TB through an intensive laboratory test that takes about a week, and sometimes more, to get results. Typically, doctors don't prescribe antibiotics until they see those test results.

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Nation

'Hanging Judge' gets bum rap, town says

FORT-SMITH, Ark. (AP) — Isaac Parker was the law in these parts in the late 1800s, a "hanging judge" who sent 79 people to their death.



Parker

As many as six people at one time swung from the gallows when he was on the bench.

Locals nowadays regard Parker as a civilizing influence in the Old West, and they don't take kindly to outsiders who say his name doesn't belong on Fort Smith's federal courthouse.

But before going on to the Senate, the bill introduced by Rep. Tim Hutchinson, R-Ark., drew 40 votes against.

"He was a racist and hung blacks just because they were black," said Rep. Eddie Bernice Johnson, D-Texas, who is black. She and other black representatives were joined by opponents of capital punishment.

Parker defended his actions as "equal and exact justice" in a top murder case. His heavy workload — some 13,000 cases during his career, 1875-96 — was unheard of at the time. His deputy marshals were the only ones who had law enforcement authority in Indian Territory, now Oklahoma.

Some Fort Smith residents don't agree.

"I was stunned. I absolutely could not believe that anybody could make a statement like that," said a local historian, 89-year-old J. Fred Patton, who has written a history of Fort Smith and helped begin the effort to rename the courthouse.

"Crimes they have said I am, but they forget that in my court jurisdiction along 65 deputy marshals were murdered in the discharge of their duty."

Whatever his intentions, he's often remembered today from depictions in modern-day fictional Westerns like "True Grit" and "Lonesome Dove," that have given him a bloodthirsty image.

Parker appointed the first black deputy U.S. marshal west of the Mississippi and employed several other blacks, Patton said. Parker's bailiff was an ex-slave. And he showed compassion toward Indians.

"He established law and he determined what law was in a time and a territory that was completely lawless," said Fran Bedell, an economics teacher at Westark Community College.

When Parker arrived in Fort Smith, it was a town of about 3,000 people, mostly merchants and farmers who had settled around an Army post on the Arkansas River. Now it's a manufacturing city of 78,000.

Powell: I'm not running for VP either

WASHINGTON (AP) — Colin Powell says he meant it when he took himself out of the 1996 presidential race and said he also had no interest in the No. 2 spot on a Republican ticket.

The question surfaced again this past weekend when the Republican presidential front-runner, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole, said he believed Powell would accept the GOP's vice-presidential nomination if it were offered.

Dole said he understood Powell had disavowed interest, but predicted the retired general might change his mind if called by the GOP nominee.

In a GSSAP interview conducted last week, Powell said he is to be sured Jan. 7, Powell said he had that question. Powell did not rule out accepting such an offer. But he noted that when he decided not to run for president he said, "I am not interested in a political opportunity and I will stand on that."

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A Director from District 3 (Filer) will be elected for a three-year term.

Other business will also be transacted. There will be reports from the Company's General Manager, auditors and lawyers. There will also be reports on water supplies, the condition of the canal system, the Company's water quality efforts, the Snake River Aquifer study, conjunctive management rulemaking, the status of the Snake River Basin adjudication, an update on the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation water transfer proposals, and the developments concerning new and proposed water quality requirements.

The corporate books will close for the transfer of stock ten (10) days before said meeting.

The polls shall be open at the Twin Falls Canal Company office at 357 Sixth Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, between the hours of 12:00 noon and 8:00 p.m., on January 9, 1996.

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Idaho

Briefly

School bus study has officials worried

LEWISTON — School officials in north-central Idaho are keeping a wary eye on a legislative performance audit of school transportation expense.

The state pays 85 percent of the allowable transportation costs. School district officials worry that if the state tries to cut the reimbursement formula in hopes of saving money, their budgets will be what suffers.

In a meeting with lawmakers last week, Harold Ott, superintendent of the Whitepine District, said area school officials should watch the audit closely. It's expected to be released in late January or early February.

Ott said if the state cut its share of the transportation expense to 50 percent, it would cost his district about \$67,000 of its \$192,000 transportation budget.

Low-rent projects run into difficulties

NAMPA — Affordable housing is simple enough in theory but hard to turn into reality. Growth, resistance from the public and a lingering poor image of yesterday's low-income housing approach make it anything but simple.

A 16-home housing project at Lone Star Road and Midland Boulevard in Nampa caused a three-year battle between the neighborhood, city officials and Mercy Housing of Idaho Inc., the nonprofit developer.

Construction finally began on that project during the weekend. But local housing advocates say the affordable housing battle continues.

Pine Creek's cleanup may be near

PINEHURST — Scientist Dave Fortier stood on a pile of mine tailings along Pine Creek recently and discussed how recent flooding pushed poisonous wastes into the region's waterways.

During high runoff, Pine Creek is a major source of the zinc, lead and other metals that flow downstream into the Coeur d'Alene River, Lake Coeur d'Alene, the Spokane River and beyond.

The U.S. Bureau of Land Management is responsible for much of the land here. It's riddled with historic mines, mill sites and tailings dumps — those often reddish piles of grit where even bugs don't like to live.

The wastes at Pine Creek are the legacy of the Liberal King zinc ore processing mill.

Tax group hears development fees pitch

MOSCOW — A University of Idaho agricultural economist thinks the Legislature should allow more local government to impose impact fees on new development so growth could pay for the additional services it requires.

The 3 percent cap on property tax increases also should be removed, Steve Cooke told Latah Citizens for Fair Taxation at a meeting last week.

But at least one official thinks the ideas have little chance. Latah County Treasurer Nona Rae Robinson said although the impact fee idea is appealing, the Legislature won't approve because it looks like a tax increase.

New president announces staff plans

SANDPOINT — The Festival at Sandpoint plans to hire an office manager and staff this week to reopen the festival office, which was closed Nov. 20 when the executive director and three other paid staffers quit.

Connie Berghan and her staff disagreed with recent decisions by the festival board of directors and were under fire for a plan to move half of the Sandpoint concerts to Kootenai County.

"I have people asking me if there will be a festival at all in Sandpoint next summer. But there is no doubt in my mind there will be one and it will be better than ever," he said.

Compiled from wire reports

Idaho senators vote to protect high drug prices

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's Republican senators, Larry Craig and Dirk Kempthorne, are coming in for flak from disgruntled Idahoans over their Dec. 7 votes that helped extend patent protection for the popular anti-ulcer drug Zantac.



Kempthorne Craig

Craig and Kempthorne switched their votes on a 49-48 rollcall that left Glaxo Wellcome Inc., a British drug company, with another 18 months protection on Zantac.

Zantac users now pay \$1.50 per pill, about twice the cost of generic versions that won't be allowed until July, 1997, under the vote that Craig and Kempthorne helped produce.

It was a procedural vote on an amendment that would end the extra patent protection for Zantac and 26 other prescription products.

In a weekend column, Boise writer Dan Popkey reported that many Idahoans who use the drug are outraged by the vote, and feel Craig and Kempthorne voted for the British drugmaker because of the company's \$441,319 in political donations last year, 50 percent of which went to GOP candidates.

The Democrat who is running against Craig in next year's election, Walt Minnick, on Monday called it "another example of powerful special interests buying influence" and said the elderly senator.

"Our politicians give us ulcers; now they're taking away our ability to afford relief," said Minnick.

Craig and Kempthorne said in the column they feel for consumers but they fear taking drug company property rights. But neither could explain to Popkey why the action was a "taking."

"I'll be honest with you, I'm not that clear," Craig said.

Glaxo's U.S. headquarters is in North Carolina. Popkey reported that Republican Sen. Jesse Helms pressured Kempthorne and Craig to change their votes and keep the amending legislation from a Senate vote.

Craig's press office in Washington, D.C., couldn't be reached for comment. An operators said people in the press center weren't answering their telephones Monday morning.

Kempthorne Press Secretary Mark Snider said the senator voted the way he did because he agrees "this is an issue that needs a full public hearing."

Snider said Kempthorne was promised by Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, Judiciary chairman, that hearings would be held within 120 days.

Kempthorne took Hatch at his word and agreed that a hearing is necessary," Snider said.

Kempthorne was unconcerned about the delay in allowing generic Zantac compounds. "It doesn't hurt anybody to have hearings. I don't think four months is that extreme."

Minnick contended that taxpayers bear the burden of the loophole that allows the British drugmaker to profit.

"This is another example of Senator Craig supporting a subsidy that runs counter to balancing the budget," the Democrat said. "Once again, he's trying to work both sides of the issue — saying he's for a balanced budget and acting otherwise."

A mistake in drafting the GATT treaty on world trade extends patent protection for 27 prescription drugs, including Zantac. So far, the Senate has rejected efforts to pass an amendment. The measure could come up again this week.

Senior citizen advocates in Idaho say extending the patents, requiring people to use more expensive prescription drugs and not their generic equivalents, will cost Idaho residents more than \$10 million in the next 20 months.

That includes an estimated \$9.3 million to taxpayers and an \$1 million extra to buy three major drugs for Medicaid patients.

That includes Zantac, \$778,459; an anxiety compound, Buspar, \$77,050 and Capoten, heart medicine, \$35,973.

Defense claims Smith has reasonable alibi

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The attorney for accused double murderer Lanny Smith has advised prosecutors that Smith will claim he could not have killed an elderly Ammon couple in 1992 because he was somewhere else at the time they died.

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Refusing laws brings activist jail sentence

REXBURG (AP) — A Madison County jury has summarily rejected an anti-government activist's claim that he is subject to the laws or courts of Idaho or the nation and convicted him of refusing to purchase a driver's license.

But Magistrate Mark Rammell was relatively lenient with 71-year-old Detest Parkinson, limiting his penalty to the 21 days Parkinson already served in jail on the charge and to the \$51,500 bond he originally posted in the case.

Parkinson, however, remained in jail this week for contempt of court because he has refused to file state income tax returns for 1990, 1991 and 1992. His wife avoided jail when she met a judge's deadline for filing returns in her name, covering her financial activity for those years.

"You're a man of convictions," Rammell told Parkinson. "You're a man who is stubborn."

Parkinson posted the bond on the license charge in November to win his release from jail only to be jailed again a few days later on the contempt charge.

The six-member jury deliberated only 15 minutes before convicting Parkinson on the testimony of three police officers and two court clerks that he was arrested in October for failing to have a driver's license, auto registration or insurance and then did not appear at two subsequent court hearings.

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World

Russians vote for opposition

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin's humiliated government hinted Monday it might moderate free-market reforms after Communists and right-wing nationalists scored major victories in parliamentary elections.

The strong hard-line showing in Sunday's vote was a harsh indictment of Yeltsin's painful reforms six months before presidential elections. But the 64-year-old leader, still recuperating from heart trouble in October, thrives on a challenge and the results could invigorate him.

In a field of 43 parties, the Communists led their closest competitor by more than 10 percentage points, and Yeltsin was expected to hold their lead as the vote count slowly proceeded.

The party of ultranationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy was in second place, but could lose ground to Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin's Our Home is Russia and the reformist Yabloko bloc, which were third and fourth. More than half the votes remained to be counted late Monday.

The opposition has blamed Yeltsin and his reforms for impoverishing millions of Russians since the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

In an impassioned plea to voters about the dangers of a Communist comeback before the election, Yeltsin had vowed there would be no turning back. But as results came in Monday, his advisers were already suggesting policy changes.

"It is necessary to draw conclusions from the results of the Sunday elections and to correct the course of reforms," said Sergei Filatov, head of Yeltsin's administration.

Despite the shaky performance of reformers, the balloting for parliament's 450-seat lower house, or Duma, was a step forward for Russia's young democracy. It was just the second time since the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution that free elections chose a parliament in these countries.

At 65 percent, voter turnout was much higher than expected, defying predictions of an apathetic electorate too exhausted by the tumultuous changes since the 1991 Soviet collapse to vote.

The vote was a warning to Yeltsin and his government that millions of Russians are fed up with long-delayed pay, corruption and crime and want the kind of order the Communists and nationalists promise.

It also was a slap at Chernomyrdin, a former Communist manager of the Soviet gas industry whose party was the biggest spender in the Duma race.

Princess Di snubs royal Christmas

LONDON (AP) — Never mind that she confessed adultery on television, and he's being more open about his mistress.

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Diana canceled plans to spend Christmas with Prince Charles and her in-laws, Buckingham Palace announced Monday. That means for the first time, she will be away from her sons, princes William and Harry, for the holiday.

Japan marks WWII end in ceremony

TOKYO (AP) — Japan ended a divisive year of World War-II anniversary commemorations Monday by muting an earlier apology for its wartime aggression.

Months after the 50th anniversary of Tokyo's surrender, Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama said Japan

would strive to "promote world peace and prosperity and to play an active role as a member of the international community."

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Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson. Includes strips 'OH BOY! LOOK AT ALL THE SNOW!', 'THIS WILL BE PERFECT FOR SLEEPING ON...', 'DING DONG! DING DONG DONG DONG!', 'WHAT THE HECK IS WRONG WITH THIS PLANET YOU SULD US IN?'

B.C. by Johnny Hart. Includes strips 'WHAT'S YOUR HOTTEST ITEM THIS YEAR?', 'A SOLAR-POWERED RABBIT THAT ROUNDS A DRUM INCESSANTLY.', 'ARE THE SOLAR CELLS INCLUDED?', 'YES, BUT THE SHOTSUN IS EXTRA.'

Garfield by Jim Davis. Includes strips 'MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU, SON!', 'MOST MOTHERS JUST SLIP A FEW DOLLARS INTO THEIR CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CARDS', 'JON'S MOM SLIPS IN A BAKED HAM', 'ARE THE SOLAR CELLS INCLUDED?'

Hi and Lois by Chance Browne. Includes strips 'SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR!', 'IN A WHILE, CROCODDILE!', 'SEE YOU SOON, YOU BIG BABOON!', 'THIS AFTER-NOON, YOU SILLY RACCOON!', 'JUST LEAVE!', 'GO JUMP IN A LAKE, YOU SLIMY SNAKE!'

The Wizard of Id by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Includes strips 'CONGRATULATIONS... YOU HAVE THE HEART AND THE BODY OF A THIRTY YEAR OLD!', 'OH BOY!', 'WHAT'S WRONG?', 'I'M ONLY TWELVE'

Hagar the Horrible by Chris Browne. Includes strips 'LISTEN TO YOUR MOTHER Helga tells it like it is', 'YOU MUST TEACH YOUR HUSBAND THE MOST IMPORTANT PART OF CHRISTMAS SHOPPING...', 'HE SHOULD SAVE THE RECEIPT SO YOU CAN EXCHANGE IT'

Beetle Bailey by Mort Walker. Includes strips 'STRANGE, I'M JUST NOT HUNGRY TODAY', 'BESIDES, I DON'T LIKE ANY OF THIS STUFF', 'SO JUST GIVE ME ONE HELPING OF EVERYTHING'

Frank and Ernest by Bob Thaves. Includes strip 'ACME PUZZLE COMPANY HELP WANTED, INQUIRE WITHIN'

The Born Loser by Art Sansom & Chip. Includes strips 'I'VE SEEN GOLF FANATICS BEFORE, BUT YOU TAKE THE PRIZE!', 'YOU EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO HIT THE BALL IN THESE CONDITIONS?', 'IT'S FINDING THE BALL AFTER I'VE HIT IT THAT'S THE PROBLEM!'

For Better or For Worse by Lynn Johnston. Includes strips 'OH, WOW! SHE'S ACTUALLY CHEAP! SHE'S ONLY \$2.99!', 'BUT YOU MUST KNOW ALL KINDS OF GIRLS, MIKE!', 'THAT SO NEW WOMEN COULD CUT SO DEEPLY THAT WOULD BE A GOOD THING...'

Biondile by Dean Young & Stan Drake. Includes strips 'I WANT TO TAKE MY TOP EXECUTIVE TO THE GAME THIS WEEKEND', 'HOW MUCH WILL IT BE FOR THE BEST SEATS IN THE STADIUM?', 'THAT MUCH?!', 'WHAT A SHAME. THEY'RE COMPLETELY SOLD OUT'

Pickles by Brian Crane. Includes strips 'WHAT'S WRONG, YOU BEING A LITTLE SAD?', 'OH, I ALWAYS GET A LITTLE MELANCHOLIC THIS TIME OF YEAR.', 'I GUESS THE HOLIDAYS JUST REMIND ME WHAT A PITIFUL OLD MAN I AM.', 'I GUESS I'M LUCKY. I HAVE A WIFE WHO DOES THAT FOR ME ALL YEAR LONG.'

Dennis the Menace by Hank Ketcham. Includes strip 'Dennis the Menace'. The Family Circus by Bil Keane. Includes strip 'Deck the halls with balls of jelly.'

In TV, background music is 'rug'

Q. What's the best way to find residential neighborhoods with the cheaper land in a metropolitan area? A. Nothing to it. Look for abandoned houses. Odds are you can find television if you refer to a show's background music as the "rug" background-music as the "rug" background-music as the "rug" background-music...

L.M. Boyd What's that? they called Emmy to settle for "Emmy." Everybody in France loved violin. Because Napoleon loved them. Then Napoleon got whipped at Waterloo. And everybody in France hated violin.

Sydney Omarr Horoscope

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CSI plans to remodel, expand

By Karen Tolkinen
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho is planning its most expensive remodeling phase ever in 1996. Officials have earmarked at least \$2.1 million, mostly from plant facilities funds, to expand the gym, remodel the administration building, renovate the kitchen, add five outdoor tennis courts and remodel the Canyon building.

"Some things are coming due," said Ken Campbell, director of institutional research for the college. The college has doubled its

student population and needs to expand to cope with a growing demand for services, he said.

Here's a breakdown of the projects:
• \$1.5 million will pay for an additional 12,000 square feet on the north end of the gym, including a 3,000-square-foot aerobics room. This money will come entirely from the plant facilities fund. Construction should begin in July and finish in January 1997.
• \$430,000 to remodel the administration building, after the library moves to its new building. Plans call for offices and conference rooms upstairs. The state will foot most of the bill for this project.

Construction should take about 90 days, most likely in the summer.

• \$100,000 to redo the kitchen, most likely finished by next fall. It will become more specialized, with counters for different types of meals. This will be paid for by plant facilities money.
• Between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to remodel the Canyon Building, where the Adult Basic Education offices are now. The area will turn into four staff offices and three classrooms. The project is to be financed completely by plant facilities money and be completed by next fall.
• \$30,000 for lights on five new tennis

courts by the end of next summer. The city of Twin Falls will pay \$100,000 for construction, and the college will have dibs on use and maintain the courts. The city and the college will share an unspecified cost for rooms near the courts.

"We just have a lot of needs," said finance dean Mike Mason. "We're getting done with these other projects."
"Other projects" refers to the library, the planetarium and the dormitory expansion. The college will pay for the projects with money left over from previous years — as much as \$750,000 — as well as next year's plant facilities budget.

Around the valley

Well protection panel to meet this morning

TWIN FALLS — The committee which drafted a plan to protect wells in Twin Falls and Jerome counties will meet at 11 a.m. today in the Health and Welfare building on Pole Line Road in Twin Falls. The committee must revise the plan to accommodate issues raised in planning and zoning hearings in both counties, Twin Falls County Commissioner Dennis Maughan said.

If adopted by county commissioners on both sides of the river, the plan would limit some land uses near wells that supply drinking water to towns within the two counties.

Twin Falls Council votes to annex 4 areas on perimeter

TWIN FALLS — The City Council voted Monday to annex four areas around the town's perimeter.

Included are:

- The Fawnbrook Apartments complex and Lazy J trailer park north of the College of Southern Idaho campus.
- Land north and northeast of the Candleridge subdivision, and a block north of the Twin Falls Christian Academy.
- The Motorvu Drive-In on Eastland Drive.
- Two pieces of land west and northwest of Oregon Trail Elementary.

Festival of Trees attendance, revenue decline from 1994

TWIN FALLS — Attendance and revenue at this year's Festival of Trees were both down from 1994.

About 10,500 people toured the displays of Christmas trees and decorations and listened to live entertainment at this year's event, held Nov. 29 through Dec. 3 at the Twin Falls Elks Lodge, according to Larry Baxter, executive director of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation which sponsored the festival.

In 1994, when the event was held at the former Self-Service Furniture building in the old Blue Lakes Shopping Center, about 15,200 people attended, Baxter said Monday. This year's event raised about \$64,500, Baxter said. The '94 festival collected about \$72,000.

The festival, in its 11th year, raises money for children's health-care programs and for local quick-response units. Because of a shortage of vacant large buildings in the Twin Falls area, the event has been held at different locations nearly every year.

Public hearing on Jerome area of impact set tonight

JEROME — A public hearing to hear testimony for and against adopting an area of impact for the City of Jerome will be held at 7 p.m. tonight. The proposed area of impact encompasses the city and stretches south to the middle of the Snake River.

After the public hearing, council members will hear an audit report on city finances and procedures. Laurie Harberd, of Smith, Cook & Co., will present the report.

Also on the council agenda are decisions on whether to spend \$22,930 for two reconditioned police patrol cars and enact a moratorium on placing single-wide manufactured homes in commercial zones within the city limit.

The public is invited to the hearing and council meeting. For more information, call 324-8189.

Unemployment insurance tax rates to increase for Idaho

TWIN FALLS — With more people filing for unemployment insurance benefits — 7 percent more this July-to-November compared with 1994 — unemployment insurance tax rates will increase Jan. 1 for Idaho employees.

The number of people claiming unemployment benefits this July-to-November also was 30 percent higher than in 1993. Meanwhile, there are more people working in Idaho, increasing the potential for additional payouts, said Dwight Johnson, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Employment.

The amount of individual wages taxed for unemployment also increased, going from \$21,000 to \$21,600.

The 1996 tax schedule ranges from 0.5 percent to 5.4 percent, a 0.4 percentage-point increase from the 1995 schedule. An employer's tax rate is based on experience rating, which is determined by the company's employment growth and number of workers who have received benefits.

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Auger Falls dam draws lawsuits

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Claiming the process was flawed, a pair of conservation groups has announced it will sue the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for granting a construction permit to build a hydroelectric dam across the Snake River at Auger Falls.

In addition to the Corps, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency also will be sued for violations of the federal Clean Water Act, said Laird Lucas, Boise-based staff attorney for the Land and Water Fund of the Rockies. He has been hired by the Idaho Conservation League and Idaho Rivers United.

On Monday, Lucas sent letters to the Corps and the EPA informing them that he plans to file suit in 60 days. In an interview, Lucas maintains the Corps:

- Never held a public hearing on the Auger Falls project, which is being pursued by Salt Lake City developer Steve Harmsen.
- Relied on an out-dated environmental impact statement when it recently granted a "dredge-and-fill permit" for Harmsen's company, Cogeneration Inc., to start construction of the dam.
- Failed to explain how the Auger Falls hydro dam will serve the public interest.
- Cannot prove the dam won't harm water quality in the Middle Snake River.

"We have strongly worded letters from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the EPA — stretching back over five years saying time and time again that this dam will hurt water quality; it will hurt fish and wildlife, and it will hurt the river," Lucas said.

The Corps' regional office in Walla Walla, Wash. had no comment Monday, said spokeswoman Nola Conway.

Meanwhile, members of the Magic Valley Flyfishers club are circulating a petition urging the Idaho Land Board not to grant an easement to build the dam, which would stand on state land in the bed of the Snake River.

"We are adamantly against this dam," said fishing club spokesman Ben Collins, of Buhl.

The petition maintains the Auger Falls dam would undermine broad-based efforts to reduce pollution of the Middle Snake. Further, the petition describes Auger Falls as "an irreplaceable natural resource that helps cleanse the Snake River and has the potential to provide wonderful recreational opportunities to Idahoans of all ages."

The dam is proposed for a spot less than three miles downstream of the Perrine Bridge. Drawn by exciting rapids and easy access, whitewater boaters often paddle a stretch that the dam would reduce to a relative trickle.

Once collected, the signatures will be forwarded to Idaho Rivers United's office in Boise, Collins said. The conservation group will share the list of signatures with members of the Idaho Land Board, then

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All quiet on the home front



Twin Falls podiatrist Peter Rickards, from left, speaks with state Sen. John Sandy of Hagerman and Bob Ferguson, administrator of the INEL Oversight Program, before Monday's Twin Falls City Council meeting.

City Council hears quiet INEL session

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Despite threatening beforehand to turn a Twin Falls City Council meeting into an "open mike" session, Peter Rickards managed to squeeze in only a half-dozen objections from the back of the room.

The city council held an informational meeting Monday evening on Gov. Phil Batt's recent deal with the federal government to resume shipments of spent nuclear fuel to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory and on the safety of INEL operations.

"I plan on turning it into an open mike. I hope they don't arrest me," Rickards said Monday afternoon. Rickards, a Twin Falls podiatrist, is a Republican primary challenger to Rep. Mike Crapo who has made nuclear issues a centerpiece of his campaign.

Monday's meeting proceeded peacefully under the watchful — but apparently bored —

eye of a uniformed city police officer.

- Beatrice Brailford, a Pocatello-based staffer for the Snake River Alliance, said that Batt's agreement fails to expedite cleanup at the INEL, to guarantee that shipments of commercial nuclear waste will stay out of the state or to ensure that spent fuel will ever leave the state.

The alliance is a nuclear watchdog group that has protested the governor's agreement with Uncle Sam. A handful of local alliance members attended, several carrying signs and "Stop the shipments" bumper stickers.

Craig Hansen, manager of the Naval Reactors Idaho branch, told the council that five wells drilled at the Navy's INEL facility revealed no radiological contamination in the Snake River Plain Aquifer.

Hansen also detailed the testing of spent fuel shipment casks that bring radioactive material through the Magic Valley and extolled the value of Navy research performed in the Idaho facility.

- Donald Macdonald called the govern-

nor's agreement "reasonable, sensible and responsible" and said it accelerates cleanup efforts by 40 years ahead of the federal Energy Department's plans. The agreement provides ample milestones — and noncompliance penalties — for treatment and removal of waste from the INEL, he said.

Macdonald is the executive assistant to the manager of the DOE's Idaho office.

- Bob Ferguson, administrator of the state's INEL Oversight Program, assured the council that the state will keep a close watch on DOE compliance with the agreement's deadlines.

"We're going to watch those on a day-to-day basis," Ferguson said. "We'll trust them, but we'll verify."
The council had called for the public to submit questions to supplement councilmen's own questions for Monday evening, but only anti-nuclear activist Bill Chisholm met the deadline, Mayor Gale Kleinkopf said.

Rickards said he missed the question deadline but asked to be a presenter at the meeting.

Police seek leather-loving thieves

The Times-News and The Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — Police are searching for whoever stole up to \$1 million worth of leather goods in the past eight days from two stores in two malls in two Idaho cities.

The burglary of Leathers Plus at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls occurred between Dec. 8 and 9. A similar break-in was reported Saturday at the Grand Teton Malls in Idaho Falls.

At each place, burglars stole about \$500,000 worth of merchandise. Both incidents were some of the biggest burglaries to strike the cities, police said.

"I can't think of any time I have seen that amount taken in a burglary," said Lt. Ron Axman of the Twin Falls Police Department. Twin Falls police have several leads they are working on, he said.

Burglars used a crowbar to open the back door of the Leathers Plus store in Idaho Falls, and they made off with at least 1,300 coats.

In Twin Falls, thousands of goods

including coats, wallets, gloves, chaps, backpacks, shorts and skirts were taken, according to a police report.

The burglaries come at the worst time of the year, said Ather Khan, of Boise, who owns the four Leathers Plus stores in Idaho. Most of his sales are during the Christmas shopping season.

"I'm so upset," Khan said. "Things like this put people like myself out of business."

Khan said he is insured for some of the loss, but not for the full amount.

There are no reported suspects. Idaho Falls Police Detective Earl Harrayman said there is a ready market for the coats, and they could be sold readily.

"They could be all over the country by now," he said.

Khan said his staff was inventorying the loss at Idaho Falls on Monday. Burglars left 123 coats behind from an original stock of at least 1,400.

Anyone with information on either crime should contact the Twin Falls Police Department at 736-2200 or the Idaho Falls Police Department at 529-1200.

Courthouse steps up security

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Recent attacks on public buildings around the nation have county courthouse employees worried.

Citing incidents such as the evacuation Monday of an Internal Revenue Service office in Reno, Nev., after a bomb was discovered outside, commissioners say they will step up security measures at the Twin Falls courthouses — for the safety of both employees and the public.

"We need to be as ready as we possibly can" for disasters such as bomb threats, fires or floods, Commissioner Brent Reinke said.

"If someone decides they want to attack something, that's a disaster,"

Officials are "seeing more people agitated" while paying taxes or dealing with the social services department, he said. And with tax-collection season in full swing, he said, security is especially pertinent — someone could try to create a large-scale diversion in the courthouse to steal away tax coffers.

Within two weeks, the courthouse will post floor plans with evacuation routes in

county offices, Reinke said. By mid-January, all employees will be sporting photo identification tags, and they'll be instructed to question unidentified people who loiter in the courthouse, he said.

Courthouse employees will be trained to look for identifying marks of people they see in the building, watch for abandoned briefcases and escort parcels of money, Reinke said.

They will decide who secures what in emergencies, and where to meet for a head count, he said.

Acting on recommendations from Senior Deputy U.S. Marshal David Meyer, a county employees' committee will put together a reference book about — for example — evacuating the building, dealing with difficult people and questioning phone callers who make bomb threats.

The guidelines should be drafted by the end of January, Commissioner Dennis Maughan said.

Courthouse officials also are looking over suggestions for anti-intruder landscaping and parking plans that eliminate vehicles near buildings, he said.

Maughan said no local incidents have prompted the extra security measures.

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Snow covered mountains give a wintry backdrop to Christmas carolers from Albion Elementary School as they tour through town Monday morning on a two-horse open sleigh.

Amputee's condition grows slightly worse

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

MALTA - A farmworker who lost three limbs due to an accident last week was still critical and in slightly worse condition Monday at a Salt Lake City hospital, officials said.

Javier T. Juarez, 23, was moved from the University of Utah Medical Center's surgical intensive care unit to the hospital's burn center Monday afternoon, according to John Dwan, public relations executive. Dwan said Juarez's body temperature increased slightly Monday, indicating an infection was spreading.

Juarez was moved to the burn center to receive chemical burn treatments for his wounds, said Dwan.

Dwan added that doctors will continue to monitor Juarez's condition every four hours and that he probably will need more surgery if he regains enough strength to walk.

"Just keeping him alive is our main concern right now," Dwan said. "There is no prognosis, he is day-to-day. It's very tragic and we are all just hoping for the best."

A temporary employee of Tracy Farms, Juarez was caught in a post-hole digger Wednesday afternoon. The machine severed both of his arms at the shoulder. Doctors tried to reattach Juarez's left arm, but the surgery was unsuccessful.

His left leg, which was crushed in the accident, was surgically removed Thursday. Dwan said the leg was amputated just below the knee. His right leg was also broken in the accident.

Juarez's 17-year-old wife, Norma, who speaks no English, and their 3-month-old daughter, Christina, have stayed in the hospital since the accident. Dwan said. A volunteer from Salt Lake City provided accommodations for them on Monday, Dwan said.

The man's father also arrived from southern Mexico on Sunday. Another

To donate:

Tracy Farms is accepting donations for Javier Juarez. The address is Tracy Farms, Malta, Idaho, H.C. 72, P.O. Box 2398, 83342. A trust fund for Juarez has also been set up at the First Security Bank in Burley.

Salt Lake City resident donated \$500 for air fare for Juarez's mother, Dwan said.

Juarez's care will cost between \$3,000 and \$4,000 per day, not including the 15 hours of surgery he has already had and any additional surgery he may need, Dwan said.

"A hospital social worker is looking into how the hospital bills will be paid," Dwan said.

He may be eligible for some benefits, but the hospital bill will be horrendous.

Charlotte Tracy, one of the owners of Tracy Farms, said Juarez has immigration papers. Dwan said he asked Norma Juarez whether she had immigration papers and her response was no. The baby was born in this country and is therefore a U.S. citizen, Dwan said.

Tracy said Juarez is not a full-time employee of the farm. He was on a piece-work rate when the accident happened. The farm does not carry workman's compensation insurance, she said.

However, Tracy Farms does have an insurance policy that may provide some money for the hospital costs, she said.

The Juarezes have been married for less than one year, she said.

"We are planning to put donation bottles around the county," Tracy said. "She is without income and she needs money for living expenses, which is our goal for now."

Cassia asks plant backers to return

The Times-News

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners said Monday they'll ask a pair of chemical-plant backers to pay a return visit to confirm they will run a safe operation.

Commissioners already have approved a special-use permit that will allow a farm-chemical plant to operate at 500 South and 285 West. But they say county residents have voiced concern to them about the safety of the plant, which will manufacture the soil fumigant niten sodium.

Bob Kenley, a chief financial backer of the plant, is part owner of a Tussion,

Ariz., plant that is under court order to close by December 1997. The Arizona plant has a history of trouble with environmental regulators.

George Baker, owner of Or-Cal Inc. of Junction City, Ore., also will be asked to the meeting. The Burley plant will make metam sodium for Baker's company, its backers say.

Kenley has said the Arizona plant is being forced to close because local American Indians want it removed from their Tucson-area reservation to make room for casino gambling.

Tribal representatives say that idea is ridiculous, since federal laws would restrict casino expansion.

Doctors strip offices before moving to new hospital

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners are wondering why some doctors stripped the cabinets, sinks and toilets out of their offices behind Cassia Memorial Hospital before moving to the new Cassia Regional Medical Center.

"I guess it was rather dismaying to us as county officials," Prosecutor Stephen Bywater told Richard Packer and Brian Hickenlooper, the hospital's administrator and chief financial officer.

Packer and Hickenlooper agreed to

investigate and possibly compensate the county for its loss.

Packer told commissioners he recalls a physician telling him that the county had said it would be all right if doctors removed some fixtures from the offices. Packer said he confirmed the assertion with former Commissioner Weldon Beck.

Beck said in a telephone interview Monday that he recalls saying doctors could remove what they had put into the offices themselves.

But Bywater said a recent tour of the old hospital by commissioners found that cabinets, sinks, and even toilets were stripped from some offices.

A majority of the offices were stripped. County Administrator Tim Hurst said. In two offices, ceiling tiles and their frames were removed; he said.

"We felt like that was not right," Bywater said.

Cassia Regional, on Hilland Avenue and East 16th Street, was opened recently by Intermountain Health Care, the company that previously ran the county-owned Cassia Memorial. The old Cassia Memorial building has been bought by Western Health Care Corp., which is using it as a health-care and rehabilitation center.

In the county commissioners' meeting Monday, Commissioner John Adams said that the county had agreed with Intermountain Health Care that what was attached would stay.

Bywater said the county had contracted to hand over the building to its new owners in a certain condition. Also, he said, the county could not legitimately dispose of the equipment without an auction.

The stripped offices have cost the South Central District Health Department an additional \$9,000 in expenses it hadn't planned on, Bywater said.

Magic Valley United Way director calls it quits

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The executive director of the United Way of Magic Valley announced her resignation Monday, saying it's time for "new energy" at the helm of the 33-year-old organization.

Susan Kelley, who has run the day-to-day operations of the local United Way since January 1993, will leave the job at the end of next month. She said she had no immediate plans.

"To quote (retiring) Congresswoman Pat Schroeder, I am violating the first law of wingwalking, which says never let go of what you have until you have a firm grip on something else," she said. Kelley said she was quitting because she's convinced the United Way needs new people with new ideas, and because she's ready for "new personal challenges."

"I think some of the strengths I brought to the job, like enthusiasm for United Way, were what was needed when I arrived, but the needs of a volunteer organization like this change."

She cited increasing competition for dollars in an

environment in which shrinking government will make more needy people dependent on private-sector giving.

"Organizations like the United Way are finding that they have to be more aggressive and yet more creative in the way they raise dollars," she said.

"Neither the United Way's current president, Niels Knutson, nor its president-elect, Ciella Victor, could be reached for comment Monday.

"I'm very proud of what was accomplished during my time here," Kelley said. "But most of it was done by the volunteers, and I can't take credit for it." Kelley, who had been a nursery manager, inherited the United Way job that had been without an executive for months. Some of the group's directors were talking about folding the organization. National United Way was suffering an image problem, and the organization was suffering an image problem, said president William Aramony now in prison for embezzlement.

"I came in at the tail end of the controversy over Aramony," she said.

In Kelley's first campaign, United Way pledges increased by 2 percent, to \$242,000, and last year

by another 4 percent, to \$252,000.

No updated figures were available Monday for the current campaign, which still has a month to go and seeks to raise \$275,000. But pledges have been running ahead of last year's pace.

Still, the 1993 and 1994 campaigns both missed their fund-raising goals, as they had for five of the nine years before Kelley arrived.

Although the United Way raised a record \$302,000 in pledges in 1991, donations have generally lagged behind a booming Magic Valley economy.

In the five years between 1990 and 1994, for example, sales in Twin Falls County grew 47 percent while United Way of Magic Valley pledges declined by 12 percent.

"The dollars are out there, and this is still a very giving community," Kelley said. "I believe very strongly in the future of the United Way here." But she said her next job probably won't be in fund-raising. "No," she said. "I think I'd like to try something else."

Although the local United Way doesn't reveal salary figures, it spent \$55,700 in administrative costs this year, down \$5,500 from 1994.

Auger

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suggest board members, six the hydro scheme.

Copies of the signatures also will go to Twin Falls and Jerome county commissioners in an attempt to strengthen their resolve against the Auger Falls project, said Liz Paul, a Boise-based staffer with Idaho Rivers United. The signature drive is not an initiative petition, she said.

"This is a demonstration of public dissent from Magic Valley citizens who felt frustrated because there was nothing they could do," Paul said.

"The whole issue at this point is, is this project in the public interest," she continued, "and those signatures will show it is not in the public interest. If those people aren't the public, then I don't know who is."

"I haven't talked to a single person who is in favor of this dam," said local farmer Larry Pennington in a prepared statement. In addition to being a farmer, Pennington is an Idaho Conservation League board member.

"We've been trying our darndest to clean up our river and I sure can't see the sense in issuing a permit to add more mud to an

already polluted stream," Pennington said.

Cogeneration's proposal calls for a low dam across the Snake River coupled with a 1.7-mile canal to carry water to a powerhouse near the mouth of Rock Creek.

If built, the project would generate 43.6 megawatts of electricity - making it the largest privately owned powerplant in Idaho.

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Valley life

Relax, don't rush, for winter festivals

DEAR ABBY: I just read a letter in your column from a young woman who wanted to please all her relatives when it came to holiday visits with her young daughter. Abby, most people try to cram so much into Christmas Day there is not enough time or energy to do everything they might want to.

I tell my friends that Christmas is not a single one-day event. The ancient Romans had their equivalent of Christmas every December, and the festivities went on for days. For thousands of years, Jews have celebrated Hanukkah - the Festival of Lights - for eight days; and for millions of Christians, the ancient celebration was the Twelve Days of Christmas, between Dec. 25 and Jan. 6. Even Kwanzza, the African holiday, is a multi-day event. If you don't get everything done by Dec. 25, so what? You have 12 days at least to exchange gifts, see relatives, do charity work, have dinners, take walks on the beach or in the woods with people you love, and to rest.

Abby, please spread the word. It might save some frayed nerves; it might even save a few lives.
- PATRICK PORTER, FERNDALE, CALIF.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR PATRICK: Consider the word spread. Thank you for what can be a valuable holiday gift for millions of readers.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to a letter signed "Defensive Driver in International Falls, Minn."

The writer said he had waited to see if other drivers would write in about having a cigarette butt hit their windshield and doubted it had happened.

Abby, I had a new pickup truck destroyed by fire when a lit cigarette butt was thrown from a passing car and landed in the back of my truck. The truck was loaded with furniture because we were moving. The driver and passenger barely escaped before the truck was fully engulfed in flames!

Another time, a lit cigarette was thrown from the car in front of me and landed in my back seat! Luckily, I smelled it burning the

upholstery and was able to stop the car and put it out before it did further damage.

I am constantly seeing careless smokers throw butts from their cars. Not only is this an extremely dangerous practice, it litters the countryside. Cars are supplied with ashtrays, so it is not necessary to throw butts out the window. I am not a hate monger, as "Defensive" suggested, but I am very concerned that someone could be killed by another's carelessness. I want only to alert others to this danger and perhaps save a life.

- DR. CHARLES F. DOWNEN, MERRITT ISLAND, FLA.

DEAR DR. DOWNEN: Thank you for a letter that is well worth space in this column. For those who think Dr. Downen's experiences are unique, I offer one of many other letters from readers whose safety was threatened by carelessly tossed cigarettes.

DEAR ABBY: "Defensive Driver in International Falls, Minn." should have added "And paranoid!" He refuses to believe that lit cigarette butts actually hit the windshields of other cars. It has happened to me numerous times.

Once, a thoughtless smoker flung her cigarette out of her car window. It flew right into my car, landed on my leg and burned me!

Ashtrays are put in cars for a reason, and littering is against the law. It is unfortunate that so many smokers don't understand that.

I am not a "hate monger," as "Defensive" would label me. I'm just an ordinary person who is appalled at such carelessness and disregard for the safety of others. You may use my name.

- KIMBERLY CARTER, MESA, ARIZ.

What makes a scrooge a scrooge?

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — Do you say "Bah Humbug" at this time of year instead of "ho, ho, ho?" Would you rather watch stock quotes instead of "It's a Wonderful Life?"

And is the patter of eight tiny reindeer on your roof usually followed by a call to the police?

If the answer to any of the above is 'yes,' you may be a Scrooge.

Psychologists say the hard, misanthropic spirit of Ebenezer Scrooge existed long before Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol" in 1843 — and it continues to flourish more than a century and a half later.

"Scrooge is alive and well, and new ones are coming along every day," says psychologist Dr. Joyce Brothers.

Businesses who announce layoffs before the holidays are often seen as Ebenezer's modern day counterparts. "When you think about Scrooge, you think about companies," said Robert Butterworth, a clinical psychologist in Los Angeles.

But experts say the spirit of Scrooge extends far beyond the business world.

"There's a lot of Scrooge stuff going on today," said Samuel Roll, professor of psychology and psychiatry at the University of New Mexico, pointing to the current backlash against welfare and immigration as examples.

"In a large number of ways we tend to assault the people who have needs," Roll said.

Dickens' Scrooge is a miserly old coddler whose only care in the world is making and hoarding money. He denounces Christmas as a waste of time and resources until he is shown the evil of his ways by three specters from the past, present and future.

"Scrooge was a person who knew the price of everything and the value of nothing," Roll said.

It's that balance between money and family, success and happiness, work and fun, that lies at the core of the "Scrooge Syndrome," several psychologists said.

"We are all like Scrooge to the extent that we are chasing fame, money, ... size of things to fill a space with something that will not fill it."

Around the holidays, when charity, generosity and family are celebrated, Scrooges find it even harder to give of themselves than they normally do. "The tightwad or the Scrooge hoards everything," Brothers said.

According to the experts, Scrooge was a case study in depression: He grew up away from his family, his sister died young, and his beloved fiancée spurned him because of his greed. He grew old and alone.

Roll's diagnosis: "Scrooge is a obsessive compulsive character with a severe anal fixation together with an underlying chronic moderate-level depression."

Those who suffer Scrooge Syndrome feel they have been deprived of love and see money as a substitute. But Scrooges never make enough money to make them happy because that's not what they really want.

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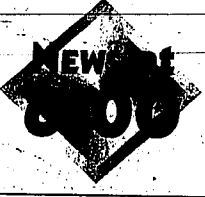
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Detroit-Pittsburgh Super Bowl?



Freelance photographer Aldo Martinuzzi shows his bleeding right hand and the damaged camera after he claimed he was injured by a crystal trophy cup hurled by Italian ski ace Alberto Tomba during the podium ceremony at the end of the men's World Cup giant slalom in Val Badia, Italy, Sunday. Martinuzzi circulated nude shots of Alberto Tomba.

Photographer sues Italian downhill ace

MADONNA DI CAMPIGNO, Italy (AP) — Alberto Tomba, used to the limelight for his skiing, found himself under the glare of investigators Monday for allegedly striking a photographer with a trophy.

Bolzano police are looking into the Sunday tiff between Tomba and freelance photographer Aldo Martinuzzi, who has been on difficult terms with Tomba since he circulated nude photos of the World Cup champion last summer.

Police reviewed TV footage and said it appears Tomba intentionally tossed the crystal cup at Martinuzzi, but no charges were immediately filed. Tomba claims he was trying to toss the 5½-pound cup to his sister from the awards podium in Alta Badia.

Martinuzzi said he sustained a cut on his right forehead and a minor shoulder injury. In Milan, he filed a deliberate assault suit against Tomba.

The Carabinieri paramilitary corps, in which Tomba is a non-commissioned officer, announced their own inquiry that could lead to disciplinary action.

The Italian ski federation also said it will decide Friday on whether Italy's No. 1 skier must be judged by a disciplinary commission.

The federation president, Carlo Valentino, said "it's a case which saddened us all... The commission has the power to suspend Tomba from races if serious misbehavior is ruled."

Valentino did not say how long the commission investigation would take. The decision can be appealed.

"It's absurd that the image of a great athlete ... can be obscured by such a senseless episode... I'm embittered as a man and as a president," Valentino said.

Martinuzzi claimed Tomba also tried to hit him with a champagne bottle but missed.

"This is some sort of psychosis. I don't like and I didn't want," Martinuzzi said. "I have nothing personal against Alberto, but I can't ignore what he has done to me."

Martinuzzi's photos of Tomba naked in a sauna were taken in 1988, but were only published last summer in a celebrity-oriented magazine.

Dozens of fans applauded Tomba at the drawing ceremony for a World Cup slalom race Tuesday, his 29th birthday. The three-time Olympic champion picked the No. 3 bib.

Last year, he was accused of using police lights to bypass a traffic tie up in the Italian Alps. This summer, a photographer claimed Tomba damaged his camera after he shot the skier and a girlfriend under a disco on Adriatic coast.

The Associated Press

If a yellow-flag or two had been kept in a zebra's pocket, the Dallas Cowboys might now be contemplating a playoff game in ... Green Bay?

As it is, the beat-up Cowboys will be happy for the week off they'll get if they can manage to win in Arizona next Monday (no longer a given.) But they'll have their hands full with whomever they get in the playoffs.

Particularly if it's the Packers or Lions.

For if the rule holds that teams peaking late end carry it over to the playoffs ...

Get ready for a Detroit-Pittsburgh Super Bowl, particularly if William Clay Ford, the Lions' owner, extends his "playoffs or else" ultimatum to Wayne Fontes to "Super Bowl or else."

There's still a week to go in the regular season and not all the playoff berths are secured. But ... fortunately ... the last few weeks have demonstrated that things aren't quite as simple as the San Francisco-Dallas scenario most people envisioned.

NFC

The 49ers remain the favorites. But the Cowboys look like a team that will have trouble making it past its first game.

Indiana is playing this way, we're not going to go very far. Troy Aikman said after Dallas' 21-20 escape against the Giants, a win helped by a couple of phantom calls.

No defense that allows a 5-10 team to rush for 244 yards (187 by Rodney Hampton) is going far in the playoffs. And particularly not without Charles Haley, who makes offenses adjust to him.

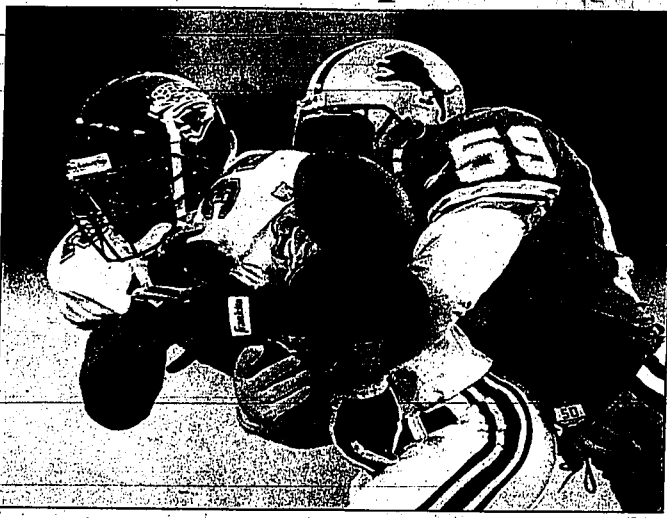
So who challenges San Francisco if not Dallas?

Well, there's Detroit, 6-0 since Ford issued his ultimatum to Fontes.

Match offenses: Saw Mitchell to Herman Moore, Brett Ferriman and Johnnie Morton. PLUS Barry Sanders. Sanders over Derick Loville, gives the Lions an edge at running back and the three Lions over Michael Irvin and Kevin Williams give them an edge over the Dallas offense, particularly with Dallas missing center Ray Donaldson.

How match Green Bay against the Cowboys or 49ers?

The Packers' defense is better than Detroit's and Brett Favre pulls touchdowns out of hats. The Packers have lost five straight in Dallas over the last three years but the way the Cowboys are playing now ...



Detroit Lions Mike Johnson (59) breaks up a pass to Jacksonville Jaguars Vaughn Dunbar (32) in the Super Bowl.

Philadelphia's a sleeper and whoever sneaks in at No. 6 is gone after the first round.

Bottom Line?

San Francisco's the favorite, but not as clear cut as it might have been.

The mindless talking heads are trying to conjure up the scary visage of Buffalo back in the Super Bowl. Frankly, there could be worse plods — a granddaddy coach and some old guys who can still play, notably Bruce Smith, Thurman Thomas, Jim Kelly and Steve Tasker, who's suddenly become Kordell Stewart north. They also have a defense that swarms quarterbacks — Smith, Bruce Paup, Phil Hansen and Jim Iffort may be the best pass-rushing four some in the NFL.

But they probably won't go to the Super Bowl because Pittsburgh, or Kordell Stewart south, has emerged as the favorite and Kansas City does nothing right but win. Seattle can be fun if it gets in, but the Seahawks may be done in by their only loss in their last seven games — at home to the woeful Jets.

Oklahoma coach quits after only a year

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — Howard Schnellenberger resigned abruptly Monday, ending a one-year stay at Oklahoma that started with high expectations but dissolved into an ugly 5-5-1 season.

Schnellenberger made his unexpected announcement in a statement issued through the school's sports information office. No news conference was held, and none was planned.

"I felt we made significant progress on many fronts, both on and off the field, that will serve this program for many years to come," said Schnellenberger, 61.

"But in recent months a climate has developed toward the program, understandably in some cases and perhaps unfairly in others, that has changed my outlook on the situation. A change could help improve that climate."

University president David Boren said Schnellenberger's decision was "voluntary, and that neither he, athletic director Don Duncan nor the school regents had made an issue of the poor season."

Duncan, who wasn't even on campus for the announcement, and Schnellenberger also said rules violations were not an issue. The resignation came just two days after a newspaper reported that Schnellenberger often exceeded the NCAA's time limits for practices.

"My decision has nothing to do with any rules problems, because we have been diligent in adhering to the rules at OU and throughout our career," Schnellenberger said.

"Overall my decision is simply based on a realistic evaluation of the situation, what needs to be done at OU and what is best for our family at this point."



Howard Schnellenberger Resigned abruptly Monday

Schnellenberger was not available for further comment. He issued a brief, videotaped statement later in the day that essentially repeated what was said in the written statement.

Schnellenberger was hired Dec. 16, 1994, signing a five-year deal with a base salary of \$125,000. The total package, including revenue from television shows and other perks, was reported to be worth close to \$500,000 annually.

The new coach's outgoing personality was a welcome change from his predecessor, Gary Gibbs, and Schnellenberger's promise to turn things around helped revive fan interest in the team.

Interest heightened when the Sooners won their first three games and reached No. 10 in the Associated Press poll. They followed that with a sellout crowd against Colorado — Oklahoma's first home sellout since 1989 — but wound up losing by 21. That game started what proved to be a season-long swoon.

After having to rally to beat Iowa State, the Sooners lost by 21 at home to Kansas and by 39 to Kansas State.

The lowest point was a 12-0 loss to Oklahoma State, the Sooners' first loss to their in-state rival since 1976. After the game, a player and an assistant coach got into a shouting and shoving match.

The Sooners' only two victories after their 3-0 start came against Iowa State and Missouri, two of the weakest teams in the Big Eight. During the season, the Sooners had seven punts blocked or in some way botched.

As it turned out, the highlight of the year may have been the only game Oklahoma didn't win or lose — a 24-24 tie with Texas, when the Sooners rallied from a 21-0 first-quarter deficit.

Schnellenberger came to Oklahoma from Louisville, where he had coached 10 years. Prior to that he spent five years rebuilding the University of Miami program, and he led the Hurricanes to the 1983 national championship.

He promised that his Oklahoma teams would be in better condition than their opponents, and that the Sooners would have a legitimate chance to win each week. Instead, they were often manhandled late in games, and they were clearly outclassed by the four ranked teams that beat them — Colorado, Kansas, Kansas State and Nebraska.

The Sooners set a team record for penalties. The offense became less productive each week during the final two months, and the problems with the special teams were almost comical.

Maker of Titleist golf balls buying maker of Cobra clubs

GREENWICH, Conn. (AP) — American Brands Inc., which owns the Titleist golf brand, agreed to buy Cobra Golf Inc. for \$700 million in cash in a deal that will extend its influence in golf equipment.

"American Brands said today it has signed an agreement to acquire Cobra for \$36 per share. That represents a 30 percent premium over Cobra's closing price of \$27.624 a share on Friday on the Nasdaq Stock Market.

In early trading today, Cobra stock surged \$7.874 a share to \$35.50.

"It represents a partnership joining two of the premier brands in golf equipment," said Thomas C. Hays, chairman and chief executive of American Brands.

With products sold under the King Cobra brand name, Cobra is a leader in the rapidly growing market for oversize and graphite-shaft golf clubs.

American Brands' Titleist, Rinnacle and Foot-Jay brands are worldwide leaders in golf balls, gloves and shoes.

"We believe the American Brands offer represents significant value for stockholders while at the same time enabling these two outstanding companies to become the greatest organization in golf."

— Gary Biszantz, Cobra chairman.

Carlsbad, Calif., will be based in American Brands' golf group, reporting to Walter R. Uihlein, the group's president and chief executive.

Last year, Cobra had sales of \$124 million. Through the first three quarters of 1995, Cobra reported sales of \$152 million, up 60 percent over the same period a year ago.

American Brands' golf products operations had 1994 sales of \$507 million. In the first nine months of this year, sales were up 15 percent.

Georgia hires Mason to replace Goff at helm

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Glen Mason, who in eight seasons built Kansas into a nationally ranked team, was given the job Monday of returning Georgia to the football elite in the Southeastern Conference.

He agreed to a six-year contract to coach the Bulldogs and will succeed Ray Goff, who was fired last month after seven seasons at his alma mater.

"To say that I'm excited about being a Bulldog is an understatement," Mason said before returning to Kansas on Monday night. "The Jayhawks travel to Honolulu on Tuesday for their Christmas Day Aloha Bowl game against UCLA."

Goff interrupted Georgia's football practice for its Peach Bowl game with Virginia to introduce Mason to the squad.

"They are a good-looking lot," Mason said of his new team. "They fill out their uniforms pretty well."

Athletic director Vince Dooley said he met with Mason earlier this week in New York. After deciding he was the person he wanted, Dooley telephoned Mason on Sunday to see if he was still interested.

"He said, 'I'm not interested. I want the job,'" Dooley said. "He was very emphatic."

Dooley said the contract will pay Mason a base salary of \$130,000 a year for the six years. Coaching radio, television and other outside

interests, the job will be worth about \$500,000 a year. Dooley said there was no roll-over clause in the contract.

Mason said while he's in Hawaii he will be telephoning prospective Georgia recruits and also beginning to assemble his staff. He said he hoped to hire some of his Kansas assistants and retain some of the coaches from Goff's staff.

Mason, 45, has a 54-37-1 record in 11 seasons, the first two at Kent State and the last eight at Kansas, where he went 42-47-1.

The Jayhawks are 9-2 this season, with victories over Big Eight powers Colorado and Oklahoma. The two losses were to top-ranked Nebraska and Kansas State.

Mason, who played football at Ohio State, rebuilt the Kansas program after he arrived from Kent State in 1988. The team was 1-10 in his first year. By 1992, Kansas was able to beat Brigham Young in the Aloha Bowl for its first bowl victory since 1961.

This year, after the Jayhawks finished No. 11 in the final regular-season Associated Press poll, Mason was named Big Eight coach of the year by The Associated Press.

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