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New drug holds hope for ALS sufferers

By Julie M. McKimmon
Times-News writer

WENDELL — It was her left foot slapping the tile floor at her mother's nursing home — making a sound like that of a clown's oversized, floppy shoe — that Sarah Bitterli noticed first.
Over the last year, it became harder for Bitterli to walk. The rural letter-carrier had a bad hip, so she thought maybe her problems had something to do with that. The first doctor she consulted thought Bitterli was having back problems.
But the diagnoses, just like her condition, kept getting worse.
On June 23, 1994, the normally healthy Bitterli was told she has Lou Gehrig's, a fatal neuromuscular disease that gives its victims a life expectancy of three to five years.
"I pretty well knew what it was," 57-year-

'I could see I was getting worse all the time.'

— Sarah Bitterli, who has Lou Gehrig's disease

old Bitterli said last week. "I could see I was getting worse all the time."
"As I was getting worse, and I knew it was something other than my back, I started putting things together."
There is no cure for Lou Gehrig's disease, formally known as amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS.
But Lou Gehrig's patients recently found some hope: The world's first drug to treat the disease will be on pharmacy shelves early next year.

Riluzole isn't a cure — and it only helps patients live an average of three months longer — but Bitterli and others hope that will help.
"Within three months, they might come up with something else," said Bitterli, who was able to start taking Riluzole on Nov. 22 because she had been in a six-month trial for another drug. "Hopefully, they are on the verge of a cure."
Myotrophin, which appears to slow muscle deterioration, and a drug called brain-derived neurotrophic factor, which treats lung symptoms, are being worked on.
Bitterli has been in a couple of drug trials, the last a six-month study to see if a drug used by epileptics would help Lou Gehrig's patients. She could have been in a year-long trial for the brain-derived neurotrophic factor, but she didn't know if she would get the drug or a placebo.
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BUDDY CHARLES MANNING/The Times-News
Sarah Bitterli needs a wheelchair a year after her diagnosis.

Grateful Santa



A group of children and adults gathered around a table in U.S. troops on their way to Christmas dinner Monday at the 12th Airborne in Bosnia.

Around the world, Christmas celebrated

The Associated Press
TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — American troops spent a muddy first Christmas in Bosnia Monday, enjoying a hot turkey dinner and a visit from Santa Claus as they prepared for the arrival of thousands more soldiers.
"I was hoping for a white Christmas, but I guess rain will have to do," said Air Force Capt. Ed Thomas, sloshing through ankle-deep muck at Tuzla air base, the U.S. headquarters in Bosnia.
More than just troops were on duty Monday. Joseph Robertson rolled out of bed at 5 a.m. not to open presents piled under the tree but to do a day's work on an oil rig 110 miles out in the Gulf of Mexico.
Texas ranch foreman Bill Bland rode the range, and served dinner to 2,000 head of cattle.
For some people, Christmas was another work day. "But we've still got the Christmas spirit," Robertson said of himself and his fellow rig hands bunking aboard an Oryx Energy offshore oil platform. "Everybody's called their families."
"We've got good food, turkey and everything you can think of for Christmas dinner," said Robertson of Lafayette, La. And crews working the offshore plat-



Ed Field has a problem Monday with Bill Komar's musical accompaniment to Christmas dinner at the Banning (Ill.) Senior Center.
forms needed a link to land.
Ten helicopter pilots were on duty at the Petroform Helicopters Inc. base near Sabine Pass, Texas.
Thomas Blanchard was one of them, flying to rigs as far as 125 miles off the coast.
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Crooner, comedian dead at 78

The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — Dean Martin, the easygoing, highball-sipping crooner who left the hit comedy team of Martin and Lewis to become a member of Hollywood's Rat Pack and the star of his own TV variety show, died Monday at 78.
The singer died at his Beverly Hills home of acute respiratory failure, said his longtime agent and friend Mort Viner.
Martin and Jerry Lewis were top stars in movies, television and nightclubs when Martin broke up the act in 1957. The smart money figured Lewis would prosper while Martin would fade.
But the dark-haired, handsome Martin became a much bigger star than he had been as "straight man and singer, beginning with the 1958 war drama "The Young Lions," which also starred Montgomery Clift and Marlon Brando.
With stardom came membership in the Rat Pack, the Hollywood boys club that included Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Peter Lawford, with John F. Kennedy, Lawford's brother-in-law, an honorary member.
"Dean was my brother — not through blood, but through choice," Sinatra said Monday in a statement. "Good times and bad, we were there for each other. Our friendship has traveled down many roads
Please see MARTIN/A2



Martin

Falls developer ponders houses as back-up plan

By William Brock
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The man who wants to dam the Snake River to generate electricity at Anger Falls is pursuing an alternate plan to build 450 homes nearby if his hydro project falls through.
If he chooses that route, Salt Lake City developer Steve Harmsen has a long way to go with his application to establish a planned-unit development on 450 acres in the Snake River Canyon, about three miles west of the Perrine Ridge.
Twin Falls County will require Harmsen to provide detailed answers to questions about water supply, sewage treatment, road access, school availability and environmental effects on the area's fish and wildlife, said Doug Howard, county planning and zoning director.
With an average occupancy of 24 people per home, Harmsen's proposal would create a sizable new community, with a population equal to the combined total of Murtaugh-Hansen, Castleford and Hatcher, Howard said.
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A smashing idea: Making compost from roadkill

The Associated Press
MARTINSBURG, W.Va. — Roadkill: It's not just for dinner anymore.
Throw in some wood chips, chicken waste and dirt, and automobile-crushed critters can be composted into fertilizer or topsoil.
It is about to be done in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle. A "bio mass composting" — a 60-by-15-foot wooden shed with a concrete floor — is about to be built

in rural Berkeley County. Inside, the waste ingredients will be layered to transform them into a nutrient-rich soil.
The \$10,000 state project is suited to this area because of the poultry and logging industries nearby. The decomposition takes about 45 to 60 days, said Cam Tabb, a dairy farmer serving as a consultant on the roadkill composting.
He has been using dead cattle this way on his farm for three years. As for the small, there is none unless something is off, bal-

anic, such as too much moisture, Tabb said.
Highway workers will use the compost to fertilize wildflowers and cover eroded spots. The state will save the cost of buying commercial fertilizer.
More than 8,500 deer and numerous other animals were killed in road accidents in West Virginia last year.
"Back in the old days ... someone would call the game warden to take it and give it out to children's homes or orphanages," said Bob Amtower, a project super-

visor and assistant district engineer with the state Division of Highways. But the agency doesn't give away roadkill anymore.
"It's a real liability risk," Amtower said. "If a bunch of people get sick, you'd feel real bad."
Nature takes care of the problem in states, such as Wyoming, Montana and South Dakota, where roadkill is devoured by wolves, eagles and other animals. But West Virginia doesn't have enough predators to keep the roads clear.

Weather

REGIONAL Weather

Tuesday, Dec. 26

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures

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San Francisco	58
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Idaho-forecasts

Magic Valley

Today patchy morning fog otherwise mostly sunny. Highs in the 30s. Light winds. Tonight mostly clear. Patchy fog. Lows 5 to 15. Wednesday patchy morning fog otherwise mostly sunny. Highs in the 30s.

Extended regional forecast

Thursday and Friday areas of low clouds and fog otherwise partly cloudy. Lows 5 to 20. Highs in the 30s.

Saturday becoming mostly cloudy. Lows 15 to 25. Highs in the 30s.

Wood River Valley

Today and Wednesday mostly clear but patchy fog on the prairie. Highs in the lower 20s. Lows 5 below to 5 above.

Treasure Valley

Today mostly cloudy. Areas of fog. Highs in the 20s. Northeast winds 5 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy. Areas of fog. Lows 15 to 20. Wednesday mostly cloudy. Areas of fog. Highs in the 20s.

Northern Nevada

Today patchy valley fog and low clouds in the morning then occasional high clouds north and mostly sunny south. Highs in the upper 20s to lower 40s. Tonight patchy valley fog and low clouds otherwise, fair skies. Lows from near zero in the east to 15 above in the west.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Dec. 26

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day

FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY

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National temperatures

City	Max	Min
Albuquerque	43	18
Atlanta	45	21
Boston	37	25
Chicago	31	19
Cincinnati	40	31
Denver	50	19
Des Moines	30	24
Detroit	30	24
Honolulu	88	70
Houston	80	44
Indianapolis	40	28
Kansas City	32	25
Las Vegas	55	27
Los Angeles	69	50
Memphis	37	29
Miami Beach	58	40
Minneapolis	25	24
Missouri	22	13
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New York	37	28
Oklahoma City	39	23
Phoenix	51	28
Portland	31	28
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Portland, Ore.	44	13
Reno	38	10
St. Louis	33	28
San Jose	50	18
San Francisco	63	45
Seattle	44	24
Spokane	40	24
Washington	36	30

Almanac

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pop
Boise	22	18	1r
Burley	40	12	m
Caldwell	m	m	m
Gooding	m	m	m
Hagerman	100	51	m
Idaho Falls	38	6	m
Jerome	37	15	m
Lewiston	29	6	m
Malden	37	6	m
Malta	36	9	m
McCall	m	m	m
Pocatello	45	6	m
Salmon	16	4	m
Stanley	m	m	m
Sun Valley	m	m	m

Twin Falls

Yesterday	23	7
Last year	35	28
Normal	40	21

Precipitation

Month to date:	1.71
Normal mo. to date:	.94
Water year to date:	3.95
Normal year to date:	2.89

Comfort factors

Humidity at 7 p.m.:	92 pct
Barometer at 7 p.m.:	30.36

Skywatch

Sunset today 5:11 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:07 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, Dec. 21; first quarter, Dec. 28; full, Jan. 5; last quarter, Jan. 14.
Visible planets: Morning, none. Evening: Mars, Mercury, Saturn, Venus.

Northern Utah

Today low clouds and cold with areas of morning fog. Partial hazy afternoon sunshine especially along the higher benches. Highs near 30. Tonight and Wednesday continued cold with low clouds and areas of fog.

Idaho weather summary

Skies were cloudy at Boise, Salmon and Lewiston with fog reported at Boise. Elsewhere skies were sunny to mostly sunny. Temperatures were in the 20s and 30s statewide. The winds were generally light and variable across the state.

Temperature extremes

Idaho: High 51 degrees at Lewiston. Low, 20 degrees at Galena Lodge. Nation: High 73 at Oceanside Harbor, Calif. Low, minus 22 degrees at West Yellowstone, Mont.

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Snow falls around Great Lakes, rain pelts California

The Associated Press

Locally heavy snow fell along the shores of the Great Lakes on Monday, and rain and snow showers were scattered in parts of southern California.

Arctic air blowing southeastward from central Canada picked up moisture from the Great Lakes and turned it to snow on the leeward shores, with the heaviest accumulations in Upper Michigan.

Up to 10 inches of snow had fallen by midday in the Michigan region on the Lake Superior shore of Upper Michigan.

As much as 18 inches was possible there and in the snow belts along the Great Lakes.

There was a chance of snow showers or flurries extending from west of the Great Lakes into the Northeast.

A low pressure system centered off the southern California shore spread showers into the Point Conception area and elsewhere along the coast.

Inland, a few light snow showers were scattered in the mountains at elevations above 200 feet.

Elsewhere, a few light showers drifted across parts of Texas.

Temperature extremes around the lower 48 states ranged from a morning low of 22 degrees below zero at West Yellowstone, Mont., to an early afternoon reading of 67 at San Simeon, Calif.

The lowest wind chill, forming based on temperature and wind speed, was 35 below zero at Ely, Nev.

Crash points to human error

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials investigating the deadly Colombian crash of an American Airlines jet have ruled out mechanical trouble or sabotage and believe human error may have been responsible, according to reports.

Although a final conclusion is probably months away, Colombian and U.S. technicians working in the National Transportation Safety

In praise of National Whiner's Day

Newaday

Whiners of the world — today's your day. Dec. 26 is set aside for all kinds of whines and crybabes, affectionately designated as "National Whiner's Day."

The origin, though, was elsewhere: In the office and factories across the country, where folks whine all year long, according to the Rev. Kevin C. Zaborney, a Methodist minister from Michigan. Zaborney started National Whiner's Day in 1986, in honor of a weary whiner worker, he said — back in their McDonald's days of bagging burgers and heating french fries.

No one has a corner on whining, although some Generation-Xers are said to notice life's inequities more vocally than others.

"The need to receive instant gratification is more pronounced today than in the past when there were no microwaves," says Zaborney. "I know to some as the 'Connoisseur of Fine Whines'."

Martin

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over the years and there will always be a special place in my heart and soul for Dean.

"He has been like the air I breathe — always there, always close by."

He once cited the two greatest turning points in his life as "First, meeting Terry Lewis. Second, leaving Jerry Lewis. I became a real actor because of those two things."

His smooth baritone on such songs as "That's Amore" and "Ole" made him a favorite with record buyers. He was one of the few non-rock-

Developer

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"That's about 80 percent of the population of Filer," Howard added. "It would have a tremendous impact on the infrastructure of the city of Twin Falls — on the school system, on transportation, and a number of other things."

The Twin Falls Canal Co. is curious about where a development of that size would acquire enough water, according to Marty Gergen, canal company engineer.

"A preliminary application for a planned development permit was filed with Howard's office," said Harmsen

plans to buy water from the city of Twin Falls, or develop private wells.

Moreover, "the project area has water available from canyon overflows, Rock Creek, Snake River, natural springs, several ponds, and other natural sources," according to preliminary application materials.

Overall, "the proposed land-developmental project should have minimal environmental effects."

"That degree of detail won't be enough for county planning and zoning officials."

"The detail needed is directly proportional to the size of the development," Howard explained. There are a 450-home development in a relatively isolated area such as Auger Falls would require more analysis than a smaller proposal in a highly developed area, he said.

Once the analysis is complete, Harmsen would have to accept input from a gamut of government agencies — including the city of Twin Falls, the school district, the highway district, the health district, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, and others.

Harmsen is president of Cogeneration Inc., which is seeking to dam the Snake, and build a 43.6-megawatt power plant near the mouth of Rock Creek. Cogeneration has obtained virtually all of the necessary state and federal permits for the hydro project, but opponents are aggressively seeking to derail the proposal.

In a telephone interview, Harmsen said he wants to be in the hydroelectric business, not the housing business. The housing development is a prudent "Plan B" if the hydro project is scuttled, he said.

"Our land is wonderful land and we hope to be able to develop it into a nice residential area," he said.

Acting on Harmsen's behalf, local engineer Jack Straubhaar put it even more bluntly in a Nov. 20 letter to Howard. The 450-home proposal will be developed if the hydro project isn't, he wrote.

"This should not be interpreted as a threat," Straubhaar wrote. "The land with its proximity to the Snake River and Twin Falls City is much too valuable to sit idle."

Christmas

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Gulf Coast, working his monthly 14-day stretch 760 miles from his home in El Paso. "We have to man the (helicopter) ships every day," he said.

Cowboys no longer share Christmas together around the campfire, so Blang gave his crew the day off at the 30,000-acre E.W. Hunt Ranch near Seymour, Texas.

That meant that the chore of feeding about 2,000 head of cattle fell to him. "I stayed here, cut the chores down to the minimum and did them myself," he said.

And afterward, he had dinner with about a dozen relatives. "We're going to have a big ham, turkey and all the accessories that go on the side."

In Little Rock, Ark., Bill Rogers cleaned the telephones and watched a little football to pass the time at the

ALS

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"I didn't think I had 12 months to play golfing game," said Bitterli, who lives in Wendell with her husband, Bud.

About two months after she was diagnosed, Bitterli started using a cane. Six months later, Bitterli needed a walker. She has used a wheelchair since July. Little more than a year after she was diagnosed.

"I can't stand up any longer," Bitterli said. "I require a lot of help."

Bitterli also has noticed the disease progress in smaller increments. Two weeks ago, for example, Bitterli could move herself from her shower wheelchair to a bench in her shower. Now she needs to slide on a board between the two.

"It's a daily thing to adjust to"

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported icy highways in northern Idaho and fog in most areas Christmas afternoon.

Road conditions:

- I-55 — Plummer-Moscow, icy spots; Wyo. 31 — Dry, fog.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Salmon, dry, fog; Lost Trail Pass, broken snow floor.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, fog, Galena Summit, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, icy spots; Kooskia-Lolo Pass, icy spots.
- Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Burley-Utah line, dry, icy spots, fog.
- Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-New Meadows, icy spots, fog.
- Idaho 27 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots; Idaho City-Banner Summit, icy spots, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 29 — Mountain Home-Carey, dry, icy spots, fog; Arco-Ashcroft, dry; Ashcroft-Arco line, dry, fog, icy spots.
- U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots, dry; Blackfoot-Arco, dry.
- U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Salmon, fog, dry; Lost Trail Pass, broken snow floor.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, fog, dry.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Dubois, dry.
- Monida Pass, icy spots.
- U.S. 30 — McCall-Moaning line, dry.
- U.S. 91 — Dry.
- Idaho 28 — Dry.

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Nation

Retiring Democrats dim hopes of power

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — With growing confidence, Democrats insist a host-of-new-lawmakers will be arriving on Capitol Hill after the 1996 election.

Then, Democrats believe, voters will roll back the Republican tide and return control of one — or perhaps both — houses of Congress to the Democrats.

"It is an extreme Republican agenda, and I have every confidence the voters will reject it next November," said House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.

But while poll numbers indicate that the GOP Congress and its leader, House Speaker Newt Gingrich of Georgia, are in trouble with voters, Democrats are abandoning Washington in startling numbers, dimming the mathematical possibility of a Democratic congressional revival next fall.

Thus far, Democratic strategists have watched 15 members of their party announce they are leaving the House outright.

Eight other Democratic House members are stepping down to run for the Senate, and there have been four midterm resignations.

In the Senate, a dozen incumbents — nine of them Democrats — are retiring at the end of the current term.

That exodus constitutes the largest number of retirements in a single year since the popular election of senators began in 1910. And the list may not be complete.

The road to recovery, many Democrats believe, will be found in focusing on Gingrich.

"I have one piece of advice: Your opponent's middle name is Gingrich," Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas, has said at every opportunity.

But the first salvo in the "Newt Gingrich" strategy fell apart in northern California last month when the GOP candidate, Tom Campbell, swamped a Democratic hopeful who sought to tie the former Stanford professor to the controversial speaker.

Campbell, who had served in the House before, is hardly a Gingrich revolutionary. He supports abortion rights, gun control, gay rights, environmental protection legislation, and last week voted against the GOP welfare reform bill.

Clearly, Newt Gingrich and I are in different wings of the Republican Party," Campbell told voters before the election.

Rep. Bill Paxton of New York, chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee, acknowledged that a moderate-to-liberal Republican such as Campbell could have won in California's 15th District.

But he dismisses talk of a

Democratic comeback as electoral bravado.

"The strength of the Republican message ... running against the Democratic record of obstructionism and scare tactics ... will lead us to gain an additional 20 to 30 seats in 1996," Paxton said.

But growing public disaffection with Gingrich and his troops has given Democrats a window of opportunity next fall.

"I think the lay of the land is,

significantly different than it was six or eight months ago," said Stuart Rothenberg, who publishes a nonpartisan political newsletter. "It looked like the Republicans

were to pick up four to eight House seats. Now, looking at the public mood, Democrats may be positioned to pick up three or four seats."

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Murder victims' families work to change system

HOUSTON (AP) — First, Jennifer Ertman and Elizabeth Pena were raped. Then they were beaten. And when they wouldn't die quickly, they were tortured some more by their six teen-age attackers.

"They crushed Jenny's chest down, they broke her jaw," said Randy Ertman, recalling testimony he forced himself to endure during the trials of five of the six responsible for his 14-year-old daughter's death. "Then when they couldn't choke my daughter to death, they decided they had to stomp on her."

It has been 2½ years since murders No. 250 and 251 of 1993 rocked Houston. But rather than spend the years adrift in grief, the Ertmans and the Penas became leaders in the national victims' rights movement.

What Mothers Against Drunk Driving did in the 1970s and '80s, the Ertmans, Penas and other murder victims' families hope to do in the 1990s: reform the criminal justice system by making it a victims' justice system.

"People got to learn to fight and quit laying back and saying, 'Oh, I've been hurt. I'm so sorry,'" Ertman said.

The Ertmans and Penas fill their days in between work with fund-raising, support group meetings and activist appearances. Or they sit in court with other parents who are watching their child's killer on trial.

This past September, the Ertmans and Penas scored their first legislative victory. Beginning next year, murder victims' families will be able to watch the executions of their loved one's killers.

When the five defendants in the Ertman-Pena case were found guilty, both couples became the first Texas families to utilize a Texas law allowing victims to address the court after a conviction. Some 28 states have such a law.

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Marginalized moderates

In Senate, deal-making Republicans are few but focused

WASHINGTON (AP) — Republican moderates are a dwindling band in the Senate, but they try not to be discouraged.

When upcoming retirements are figured in, moderate Republicans soon will number only a half-dozen in the Senate, a "hearty band," as Rhode Island Sen. John Chafee wryly puts it.

Their ranks may be replenished somewhat in next year's elections. In Massachusetts, for example, Republican Gov. William Weld, a fiscal conservative and social liberal, is challenging Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

Even so, the situation is a far cry from days past when GOP moderates, although a minority, commanded important committee and leadership posts in Congress and filled many more seats. "I do feel like I'm in a dwindling group," said Chafee, who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee and is considered one of the GOP's strongest advocates for environmental protection.

"However, I don't get discouraged," Chafee said. "I think that we try to set forth our views and try to recognize where the other fellow comes



Sen. Arlen Specter
Moderate Republican

from. We don't have a lock on all wisdom."

By and large, moderate Republican senators look back on 1995 pleased with concessions they have won so far on education, welfare and Medicaid. But with the budget stalemate continuing, it remains too early to know whether

those concessions will be part of any final legislation.

"We've done everything we can knowing that our votes will make the difference," said Sen. Olympia Snowe, R-Maine.

In today's Congress, diehard partisans often hold compromise in contempt. With the Republicans holding a 53-46 majority in the Senate, moderates were able to flex their muscles simply because their leaders needed their votes.

"Ultimately," said Snowe, "that's the leverage that we have."

But they also had to walk a fine line between supporting their party and deciding when to stand against it.

On welfare, for instance, moderates hoped to require states to spend some of their own money on the poor, as they do now.

A provision requiring spending at 75 percent of the current level was included in a House-Senate compromise, a significant victory considering the House originally required no state funding.

concerns about other provisions, including one they said would threaten medical care for millions of poor women and children.

But the efforts by Chafee, an ardent balanced-budget supporter, failed to win over the Family Economic Security Alliance, a Rhode Island coalition of advocacy groups that is holding weekly vigils outside his Providence office.

On the GOP's overall goal of balancing the budget in seven years, most moderates fell in with their party's line.

At the same time, centrists led by Chafee and Sen. John Breaux, D-La., devised an alternate plan that would reduce tax cuts for families and businesses, compared to the plan Congress' Republican leaders favor, and take less from the growth in social program spending.

Neither the balanced budget plan nor welfare has been resolved.

Moderates also sought influence through committees. Chafee stood against House proposals he believed would strip away environmental protections. And Snowe, Sen. Nancy Kassebaum, R-Kan., Jeffords and Specter secured more funding for education.

But "if he ever deserts the true beliefs as defined by the freshmen, they'll throw him overboard. Gingrich knows that. He has allowed his spine to be stiffened."

Asked to explain why new Republicans have been so adamant in demanding the Clinton White House come forth with an explicit plan to balance the budget, Rep. Linda Graham of South Carolina said, "I'm not going to negotiate with myself any more."

"We're not dictating how to allocate the pot of money," he said. "We're just saying, 'Balance the budget.'"

That kind of thinking has left Gingrich waging a two-front campaign, dealing pragmatically with the traditionally cautious Senate and the Democratic White House while working to keep his stubborn members happy.

No compromise from House's driven GOP ranks

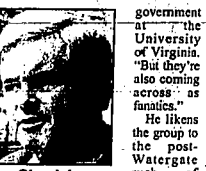
WASHINGTON (AP) — It has taken House Republican freshmen — zealous, uncompromising, even ornery — to make Speaker Newt Gingrich look like an accommodating, deal-making guy.

The more than 70 newcomers, joined by experienced allies, are as cohesive today as when they swept into the chamber almost a year ago determined to upend practically everything.

Among the results: No agreement to get the government fully back to work until a budget deal is reached; delays on welfare reform until it was toughened; a mixed, grudging message on Bosnia; churning reminiscences on Whitewater.

Together, it has been a demonstration that gridlock is not just an insider's game — it can be played by policy revolutionaries, too.

"They're coming across as very principled individuals who are sticking to their agenda at some political cost," said Larry Sabato, professor of



Gingrich

government at the University of Virginia.

"But they're also coming across as fanatics."

He likens the group to the post-Watergate rush of Democrats into Congress, people equally impulsive, committed and daring to take the "tremendous risk" of hanging tough with their agenda.

Freshmen say the intent is not to be obstructionist, but to leapfrog over the usual politicos on the balanced budget and other matters and achieve real change.

ded and winked and cooked the books" and, as a result, we have a \$4.9 trillion national debt our children are saddled with."

"Most of us understand there has to be more give and take," said Rep. Mark Souder, R-Ind. "We understand there has to be a deal, but don't come back to us with a false deal."

Under Gingrich's unquestionably firm and ideologically driven leadership, the House majority has been able to legislate like greased lightning, moving through item after item on the Contract with America manifesto.

But the Republicans have gone glacial when it comes to getting out of the president's way, and their leaders have been pushed to stand firm. Who's leading whom is not always apparent.

"There's affection there and that will take you part of the way," Sabato said, sizing up the relationship between Gingrich and the class of '95.

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Nation

Can charity provide safety net for poor?

By Clifford Rothman
The Los Angeles Times

Clarity and volunteerism will pick up the slack and supply a reliable safety net, it is reasoned, for those who can't find jobs, pay to see a doctor, buy food for their children or afford rent after federal dollars are tightened or transferred for distribution by the states.

So say congressional Republicans who strongly support the "Contract With America" and insist that less government is best. They advocate less federal involvement in programs — medical, education, welfare, environmental, regulatory — developed to help the less well-off, including the poor, the disabled, the unwell and the elderly.

These are only some problems it can work. So says Julian Wolpert, Bryant Professor at Princeton University and chairman of the research committee of the Independent Sector, the leading organization of charities in the United States. As one of the nation's most respected experts on patterns of philanthropic giving — who gives where, how much or how little and why — Wolpert is author of a landmark study, "Patterns of Generosity in America," comparing charitable giving patterns in America's 85 largest metropolitan areas.

Half of all private giving goes to churches and synagogues for basic upkeep — little to none transfers, Robin Hood-like, from rich to needy.

Wolpert spoke from his home in Princeton, N.J., about what his study revealed; his concerns about the fallacies of the "Contract With America" and how it ignores the inability of the private sector and nonprofits to maintain services being eliminated or reduced by the government.

Q: You're concerned about the GOP's "Contract With America." Why, in the context of your study?

A: The reasons for undertaking this study, to begin with, was to try to understand what was likely to happen if the federal government were to reduce its safety-net coverage and level of responsibility for the most vulnerable part of the population. The study reveals that places around the country vary a great deal not only in the charitable giving of people, but in the generosity of their state and local government programs.

Q: How much do states differ in their generosity toward the needy?

A: The differences are profound. The study revealed great disparities in state levels of generosity. And this, I suppose, what worries not only me but lots of critics of this devolution — experiment of the "Contract With America." Of what will happen when the states are given much greater control over such programs as Aid to Families with Dependent Children and the Medicaid program. And how adequately will the states take care of this population — which, up until now, has been dependent upon federal safety nets?

Q: And charities, you say, cannot compensate for the cutbacks, especially in the face of regional differences?

A: We already know that charities do not have enough funding — even if all of the contributions, instead of going to museums and hospitals and

universities, were all to be targeted to try to make up for the cuts in the current budget proposal. ... And any severe change of targeting — that is, reduction of charitable giving — would undermine the current support for a whole set of services in communities that are very important and valuable.

Q: So, you are saying there is a basic flaw in the blueprint of the "Contract With America"?

A: Rather than starting this revolution so hastily, it would have helped to have some evaluation studies, assessments and demonstrations to see whether or not the changes that they propose really will have a better impact. The fact that they didn't, the fact that their revolution is based on assumptions that have never been tested, really implies that their agenda is more fiscal than moral.

Q: What is your prognosis for the effects of cutbacks and transfers?

A: The full impact won't be felt until probably more than a year; and the effects, if the programs are instituted, will be cumulative. And, so, we will get the most severe impact closer to the year 2000, and afterward.

Q: Severity, like what?

A: Greater homelessness, greater nutritional problems, fewer people getting job training that is enabling them to get decent jobs, fewer beds in nursing homes under the Medicaid program — those are the programs that are likely to go. Many more people pushed from the welfare rolls. Reduced funding for some of the population that is receiving Supplemental Security Income. That is where the cuts are likely to be most severe, and that's where we will have the real test of what the states can or will do to make up for these federal cuts.

Q: So charities can't provide a safety net?

A: The fallacy is that the net will be maintained by charities, as well as states; that there are no Scrooges out there; that states and the charities will not let people go destitute. The charities will do what they can, but the magnitude of cuts would require increasing the level of contributions by 35 times in order to make up the difference. That is clearly impossible. Charitable giving has remained stable for half a century at just less than 2 percent of personal income.

Q: Is there any way to stop a train that seems to be moving on a track that is unstoppage, based on overwhelming sentiment, to cutback on the needy?

A: I suspect not. Most of the impact of these cuts probably will not be felt until after the election next year. It's not as if we are going to be witnessing the impact in time for them to be part of the political campaign. I suspect that it will take levels of suffering, like those that helped to initiate the Great Society programs.

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Opinion

Editorial

Deadline signals expiration of a wrong-headed drive

This Christmas brought Gov. Phil Batt a much-deserved gift: an unmet deadline for recall petitions. So ends a bad idea.

A recall is the political equivalent of capital punishment — the ultimate penalty imposed by angry voters. It should be reserved for extreme cases of illegal, dishonest or incompetent behavior.

Gov. Phil Batt never committed any of those offenses. The attempt to unseat him was plainly a misuse of the system.

It also never had a realistic chance. Petitioners had only 60 days to raise 125,000 signatures — an all-but-impossible goal.

But futility is no deterrent when your real objective is publicity. Peter Rickards, the Twin Falls activist who launched the recall, was mainly interested in media exposure for his crusade against nuclear-waste storage.

Rickards got the publicity he wanted. Now he and his supporters should let the recall campaign die. Although they legally can start another, they shouldn't.

Batt's sin in Rickards' eyes was to sign an agreement allowing federal shipments of spent nuclear fuel to the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory, in return for guarantees about waste removal. It was a controversial decision, one questioned by many

Idahoans. But controversy and disagreement are not grounds for recall. Batt simply has not done anything bad enough to justify the political death penalty.

He didn't, for example, lie to taxpayers about his intention of signing an agreement. He telegraphed his punch moments in advance, and the final deal was not substantially different from his advance description of it. Citizens had ample opportunity to comment on Batt's plans.

Nor did Batt ignore citizens' wishes. Yes, many Idahoans, especially here in the Magic Valley, opposed any deal with the perfidious feds. This column repeatedly begged Batt to force a states'-rights showdown rather than sign. But many other Idahoans thought a deal was the wiser course, and so did Batt.

Faced with a divided constituency, the governor did what he thought was best.

Time may demonstrate Batt's wisdom, or it may demonstrate his folly. But right or wrong, Batt appears to have acted in good faith.

That's more than can be said for Rickards and his supporters. They went gunning for Batt, just to make a political point.

They've made it. Now they should move on.

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Letters

'Fab four' should do homework

The Dec. 15 editorial written by one of the fab four editors of *The Times-News* states that there's only one person on Jerome's planning and zoning commission who has any sense, the only person who wants Twin Falls to take over a land between the Perrine Bridge and I-84 so that Pee-You Lakes Boulevard can be extended. How hypocritical, since a month earlier your editorial was warning about how people creating controversy over this situation might have a hidden agenda. What's your hidden agenda, Hartgen, Walworth, Crump and/or Miller?

You should do more homework (like reading our comprehensive plan) before you criticize. But, more importantly, you might want to develop some imagination and create some positive thinking on your own rather than just waiting for it to occur as current events, news, etc., and then praising or belittling it. As you have proved, any fool can do that.

The letter from Twin Falls City to Jerome County saying that "the use of fuel or chemical storage tanks, fuel lines, pipes or anything else that could threaten groundwater should be prohibited" really gets us snickering. After the diabolical performance of your experts (ha, ha, ha), who advised you on the "wear and replace" system for your water and your ability to build houses on some of the nicest farmland around and your achievements of being able to look so far into the future with your traffic situation, is it any wonder that we should ignore you?

Wouldn't it be better to work together, regionally, to ensure compliance with existing environmental laws, as those agencies — Division of Environmental Quality, Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Agriculture, etc. — are underfunded and undermanned to do the job properly. This will create a few more jobs and ensure the quality of the only real asset the Magic Valley has — our water supply.

The smear job *The Times-News* did on Dr. Peter Rickards should get *The Times-News* the Enquirer magazine prize given out once-a-year — I think it's called "the Yellow Journal Smear." Whoops, he's doing the job he's qualified for without the bureaucratic paperwork — essentially, the same as driving

a car with an expired license. That's front-page news if I ever saw it. At least he needs an education and a license to practice his occupation. Any fool can start a newspaper and preach and editorialize and moan and criticize and, oops, I'm starting to sound like a newspaper editor.

JOANN HALPER
Jerome

Shilo Inn misses its holiday tree.

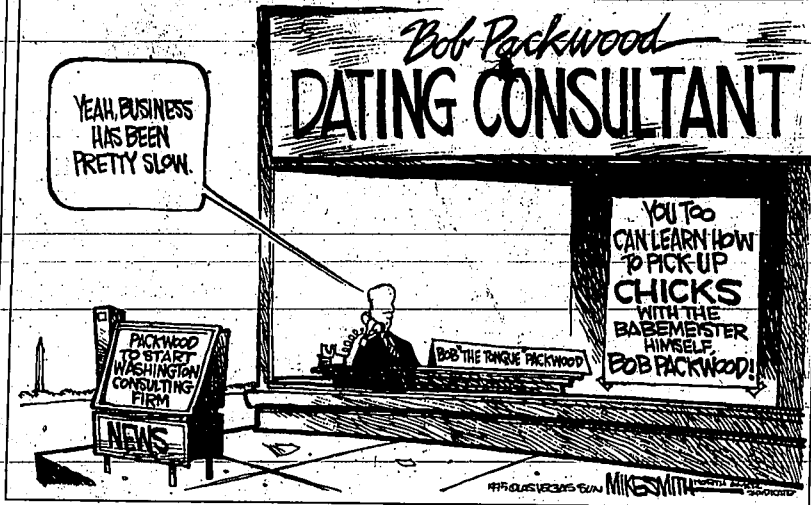
Good morning Twin Falls!
Today is Dec. 20, five days before Christmas, and for the first time in my life I am angry, very angry, because of a tree — a live blue spruce that started out to be a 12-foot living thing. Yesterday, Dec. 19, we at the Shilo Inn construction site felt it would be nice to put a few decorations on one of our lovely trees that had been planted last week. Well, some of the employees and myself put some things together and made a good looking tree for all of us to enjoy while working and for anyone else that would see it.

Upon coming to work this morning (Dec. 20) what do we find? Our beautiful 12-foot tree is now a 5-foot "gutted" tree with very little chance of survival! Yes, someone needed or wanted a tree so much that they had to destroy a living tree to satisfy their need. But perhaps the need was so great that there was nothing to keep them from it.

Anyway, we here at the Shilo Inn in Twin Falls hope that the tree was a needed thing to help someone have a better Christmas. Perhaps they needed the Santa hat from the top to keep them in the Christmas spirit. But my question is, what has happened to the wonderful Idaho that has always been proud of what we have? My husband and I having been away from Idaho for 11 years, working for Shilo Inn, and are so happy to be back in Idaho, opening a new business here in Twin Falls. But is this a way to welcome any new business?

I, for one, feel it is time for all of us to take a moment and think of what we can do to prevent this type of thing happening, as I know it is all over town, not just business, but in our front yards too.

FLORENCE HARRIS
Manager, Shilo Inn
Twin Falls



The scary new world of health care

Increasingly and worryingly, in the fast-growing managed health care plans you must pay (or be paid for) before you are allowed to enter and then you get only what the management types decide you need. The less they let you have, the more money they make.

Millions of people are being herded into managed care — pushed by employers and insurers who hope to save money, by government which is burdened with the steeply rising costs of Medicare and Medicaid and by theories that Americans have been getting too much unnecessary medical treatment.

But the savings may turn out to be illusory. Underwriting patients, sometimes with disastrous results, is inevitable. Medical decision-making is shifting from physicians to management. Patients will find it more difficult to trust their doctors, who may not be acting in their best interests.

What is now the best health care in the world is beginning to erode. And the money that's being wrung out of the health care system won't be going to provide care for the poor or relief for taxpayers but as profits for investors and bonuses for administrators.

Individual patients will find it difficult to insist on the care they need and will be forced to turn, increasingly, to state legislatures and to Congress for new laws governing managed-care services. Political pressure to require that health maintenance organizations pay for more than a single day of hospitalization after normal childbirth may be the start of a new pattern of political involvement in what used to be medical decisions made by doctors supposedly in their patients' best interest.

Physicians have been slow to act on the dangers to themselves and to their patients as they are pressured to sign up with HMOs or lose patients who are forced into managed care. Some doctors are trying to compete by expanding physician-owned group practices. But most can't, grow fast enough to com-



Joan Beck

mand enough capital to compete long-term with managed care corporations determined to dominate the market.

Thursday's issue of the *New England Journal of Medicine* carries two surveys of managed care and an editorial warning about the consequences of its rapid development. They're scary stuff.

Managed-care plans do differ in how they recruit doctors, pay them and monitor their work and in other respects. In the late 1980s, when enthusiasm for managed care was growing rapidly, most HMOs paid their physicians a straight salary. But today, according to the *Journal*, more than half the doctors pay to bonuses, incentives and penalties designed to reduce care and increase corporate profitability.

The earlier plans based on salaries or fee-for-service pay did not "sufficiently squeeze care or expand profits," comments the editorial by Dr. Steffie Woolhandler and Dr. David U. Himmelstein. That's why an increasingly number of managed care plans now "the doctors' incomes to curtailing services," they explain.

Physicians whose incomes are linked to reducing care put a smaller percentage of their patients in the hospital and give them less outpatient treatment than doctors who work on a salary, the editorial points out. Such systems "pressure doctors to exploit patients' trust for financial gain," they say.

There is also danger to physicians, says the editorial. Some doctors "will boost their incomes by suppressing the use of services — an ever more difficult proposition as norms ratchet down. Many more, if their practice styles (or their patients' illnesses) are too

costly, will become unemployable in the midst of a glut of physicians that grows as utilization falls (and unmet needs mount)."

In the future, predicts the editorial, there will be "fierce competition among doctors to avoid sick patients. Doctors who attract sick patients — for example, experienced surgeons, minority-group physicians, medical school faculty members and those who care for the poor-risk being extracted, from plans and even physician groups. The gulf between clinical excellence and professional success will widen."

Woolhandler and Himmelstein quote their own HMO contract with U.S. Healthcare, which provides that physicians must not say anything or do anything that could undermine the confidence of patients, potential enrollees, employers, unions or the public in U.S. Healthcare or the quality of its coverage. They must also keep all financial and utilization review procedures confidential.

Their editorial points out that U.S. Healthcare spends only 74.4 percent of its revenues from 2.4 million enrollees on medical care, that it has a \$1.2 billion cash reserve, that it makes \$1 million a day in profits and that its chief executive officer got \$20 million in a single year and has \$534 million in company stock.

"It is hard to be a good doctor," the editorial says. "The ways we are paid often distort our clinical and moral judgment and seldom improve it. Extreme financial incentives invite extreme distortions. ... But if we shut the sick out of our information to benefit ourselves, we conspire in the demise of our profession."

A footnote to the editorial says that on Dec. 1, Dr. Himmelstein was notified that U.S. Healthcare terminated his contract without cause, effective Feb. 26, 1996.

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Letter

Small schools have athletes too

Perhaps *The Times-News* editorial writers should look at more than the small schools for travel connected with sports.

At Murtagh, we have a fairly large group of kids to play football so we are not going through some of the things other A-d schools are. Our kids want to play 11-man football for a variety of reasons. Our teams have done a good job of scheduling in the local area, but with several schools dropping back to an eight-man program, it is becoming more difficult to schedule competitive games with the larger schools. We scheduled both eight-man and 11-man games several years ago, and it was very confusing for the players as the plays were very different between the two games. Also the eight-man schools miss one class time because most of their football fields do not have lights, which require daytimes games.

The travel concerns you mentioned, if they are primarily for safety, are valid concerns, and as parents, we are always concerned about the safety of our kids. However, signing out of the small schools is very unfair. Our conference has included Mackay in the football program for several years, so the issue of travel to and from Mackay is a non-issue — it's nothing new.

By Garry Trudeau Mallard Fillmore

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By Bruce Tinsley

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World



Three-and-a-half years of war causes these Bosnians to search for their Christmas meals in the midst of a NATO trash heap in Visca, about 12 miles from Tuzla.

Bosnians search for food

VISCA, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — About the time NATO troops were finishing the turkey and moving on to pie, Small Mulavdic gave up at the garbage dump and went home with his family's dinner fixings: bits of chocolate, a few crumbs of cake, some vegetables too old for soup.

"I think someone got here before us," Mulavdic said, dejected, ankle deep in reeking sludge on a moonscape littered with large-size empty cans, military ration wrappings and cartons marked "Frozen Prawns."

Four friends who were foraging with him agreed. The best any of them had done was a plastic sack of four brown celery stalks. Usually, pickings were a little better.

Mulavdic is neither a refugee nor a wounded soldier unfit to work. At 26, able-bodied if emotionally scared, he is just another hungry Bosnian in a country thrown into desperation by a long, vicious war.

A Muslim, he is not particularly worried about a bleak Christmas dinner. It is all the other non-meals that scare him. His daughter, Samira, is nearly 4. She needs food, medicine and clothes.

"This is it. I have no other income," Mulavdic said, casting a

glance at his grimy place of business, a NATO trash heap in a disused open-pit coal mine near Tuzla.

"We come here two or three times a week to see what we can find, maybe cake or chocolate bars or juice," he explained. "Sometimes other people get here first, and they take all the good stuff."

If he's lucky, Mulavdic gets a hand-out of food or clothing from

'This is it. I have no other income.'

— Small Mulavdic, in reference to the NATO trash heap

humanitarian agencies. His wife scrapes by, finding ways to turn scraps into meals or trade junkheap treasures for necessities.

He wore a discarded camouflage flage shirt and grimy sweater against the cold. His filth-caked pants looked as if they might not survive a washing. He had an old army hat and thin rubber boots.

Not all Bosnians are hungry. A lot have jobs that pay a living

wage. Many held onto their wealth during the war. A few clever — and not always scrupulous — businessmen made fortunes from it.

U.N. agencies, the Red Cross and scores of private relief agencies feed refugees; vulnerable families and people injured in the war. But many people, like the little gang at the junkheap, fall through the cracks.

One of Mulavdic's friends just looked away when asked his name. He had a good job at the coal mine but was on indefinite leave without pay until operations start up again. It has been three years now.

Another laughed and said, "Just call me Problem." He is 19 and just graduated from a technical school, in coal mining. Now all he needs is a mine that is hiring, rather than laying off, workers.

The fourth was Azmir Mazic, wizened at 15, in a dirty red sweatshirt and dirtier torn boots. He was happy to talk but had little to say.

Asked what he wanted to do when peace settled in, and he finished school, Azmir just shrugged. "I have no idea," he said. "I am thinking about what to eat today."

Algerians still wish for peace

ALGIERS, Algeria (AP) — In the early hours of the election, most Algerians paid heed to the threats of Islamic extremists to kill anyone who dared to vote. Polling stations were nearly deserted.

But by midday, word began to spread that no harm was coming to the trickle of people making their way past the armored cars and soldiers guarding the schools being used for voting. And the unexpected happened.

In the slums and chic quarters of Algiers, in small towns from the northern mountains to the vast Saham, people poured into the streets Nov. 16 to participate in the first multi-candidate presidential election in the country's history.

The turnout was seen by many as a slap at extremists who have waged war since the military blocked an Islamic group from winning parliamentary elections four years ago. Lamime Zeroual, a retired general named president by the army in 1993, won with 61 percent of the votes.

But the election, which was intended to set a new, peaceful course for the dispirited nation, has brought Algeria little peace.

Instead of seeing an end to the throat-slashing, decapitations and car bombings that have grown gruesome commonplace, Algerians are suffering continuing violence.

Just hours after Zeroual was sworn in, 18 extremists killed Gen. Mohammed Boutighane while he shopped in an Algiers suburb. Two weeks later, a bomb exploded outside a cafe, killing 14 people and wounding 41.

On the other side, security forces raided 20 suspected Islamic radicals in a city in early December in the western city of Tlemcen. At least five Muslim activists were shot to death by police in Algiers's Casbah.

In all, more than 40,000 people have died in the conflict since 1992.

Algerians are waiting for Zeroual to act on his inaugural promise to pursue national reconciliation. He also made an earlier commitment to resume talks with the jailed leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front, the group that was expected to win the 1992 parliament vote but has been outlawed.

Exiled officials of the movement say they want to renew the talks, but have made contradictory statements about accepting Zeroual's victory.

Perhaps more critically, the country appears to lack a roadmap for finding a constructive place for a strong religious and social movement that feeds on decades of political and economic failures.

Before the Islamic Salvation Front was made illegal, it drew support in hundreds of towns by opening health clinics, providing transportation for shoppers, tutoring children and subsidizing food during the holy month of Ramadan.

North Korean leader denounces reformers, holds Communist line

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Il on Monday denounced economic and democratic reformers as traitors, in an attack that could signal a policy shift or an impending purge in the hard-line Communist state.

Kim's unusual public statement followed a report last week by a U.S. defense official that North Korea is forcing thousands of people to attend mass executions in an apparent attempt to quash dissent as the country heads into potential famine this winter.

Kim urged his people to stick to the policy of his father, Kim Il Sung, a Stalinist Communist who founded and ruled North Korea for 46 years until his death in July 1994.

Kim Jong Il, 53, is believed in control in the North. But for reasons that are not clear, he has failed to take power officially, and he is rarely seen in public.

Kim published his policy "discourse" in the Workers' Party organ Rodong Sinmun, Pyongyang's official Korea Central News Agency reported.

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Amir: 'I didn't mean to kill Rabin'

JERUSALEM (AP) — Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin told his attorneys he "didn't mean to kill" the Israeli prime minister, one of the lawyers said Monday.

In the past, Yigal Amir had told investigators that he had plotted for months to kill the prime minister and felt no remorse.

Amir met for four hours Sunday with attorneys Jonathan Goldberg and Mordechai Offri in the isolation wing of the Ohalei Kedat Prison near the southern Negev

desert town of Beer Sheva.

Goldberg quoted his client as telling the lawyers: "I didn't mean to kill Rabin." Goldberg, a Jewish settler from Houston, would not elaborate on their discussion.

Asked whether Amir might plead innocent when his trial resumes Jan. 23, Goldberg told The Associated Press: "We will have to wait and find out. We still haven't finished going through all the material."

Amir, a 25-year-old law student, is accused of assassinating Rabin

at a Nov. 4 peace rally in Tel Aviv in an attempt to wreck Israeli-PLO peacemaking. His murder-and-conspiracy trial opened Tuesday; if convicted, he faces life in prison plus 49 years.

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World

Christmas 1995: World leaders speak of peace

The Associated Press

On a Christmas Day bright with new hope for peace on much of the earth, the people of Sarajevo and Bethlehem prayed for lasting good-will as the new year began. The manger where it all started celebrated the holiday under new rule.

"Christ said, 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God,'" Queen Elizabeth II said in her taped annual Christmas message.

"Thanks to the peacemakers, many millions will enjoy a better Christmas this year," the queen said, giving special thanks to those in the former Yugoslavia and in Northern Ireland, where a storm brought the country its first white Christmas in years.

In Sarajevo, authorities lifted a curfew for Christmas Eve and Christmas. A peace pact less than two weeks old let the city's people fill the streets past-midnight-and-pack churches for Christmas Mass. "I pray to God... to help all people of goodwill to establish peace," President Alija Izetbegovic, a Muslim, said in a Christmas message to Catholics in Bosnia and refugees abroad.

Far from the snow of the Balkans, South African President Nelson



A Catholic nun holds up a doll representing the infant Jesus at the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem on Christmas Day.

Mandela welcomed hundreds of villagers who set up tents at his Qunu estate for a Christmas celebration. Christmas days in Mandela's village childhood offered the only cup

of tea he would have all year, he said, which is why he now offers hospitality to as many people as possible.

But South Africa's Christmas was bloodied by an escalation in violence between rival Zulus returning from city jobs to rural areas for Christmas. At least 600 armed men swept through the southern KwaZulu-Natal province Monday, killing 11 and burning dozens of homes, police said.

In Rome, Pope John Paul II spoke of the need for reconciliation in Africa, particularly after the genocide in Rwanda and unrest in other trouble spots around the world.

"Will there be room, on this day, for the scattered families of Bosnia, Herzegovina, who are still anxious, by waiting for the results of peace?"

the pope asked. He cut short his Christmas message to the crowds in St. Peter's Square, suddenly sighing and retreating from his window. "I can't go on. Merry Christmas and God bless," he said.

For the first time in his papacy, the 76-year-old pontiff was unable to deliver Christmas Mass. A Vatican spokesman said later that John Paul might have the flu.

The sun shone on Bethlehem on Monday as caretakers hosed away the debris of a round-the-clock celebration to mark the town's first Christmas under Palestinian rule.

Clanging church bells woke pilgrims, who streamed into Manger Square to inspect the many souvenir shops, hawkling mini-mangers and wooden Jesuses.

Equipment trouble shuts Japanese reactor

TOKYO (AP) — Operators shut a nuclear reactor to control a water leak on Monday, less than a month after an experimental reactor was turned off following a dangerous coolant leak. The water leak did not involve the core of the conventional reactor at the Onagawa plant.

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600 die in Russian offensive

Los Angeles Times

MOSCOW — A ferocious government offensive to drive separatist rebels from the second-largest city in Chechnya has killed more than 600 people — nearly half of them civilians, the commander of Russian federal forces in the region disclosed Monday.

The staggering death toll from an 11-day battle for control of Gudermes underscored the utter collapse of a

July cease-fire and hinted at the future of fierce insurgency likely to confront a new puppet leadership chosen for Chechnya in a Kremlin-orchestrated election.

Independent Television and the Tass news agency quoted Gen. Anatoly Shkirko, commander of federal forces in Chechnya, as saying the fighting had killed 38 federal troops, more than 300 Chechen "militants" and 267 civilians. Hundreds more were reported wounded.

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Magic Valley

Around the valley

Buhl man injured when sled runs into car

HANSEN - A 31-year-old Buhl man sledging with relatives at Magic Mountain on Monday suffered from head injuries and a broken leg after he was hit by a slow-moving car.

Gary Tomlinson was in surgery late Monday evening at Bannock Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, a hospital spokeswoman said. Tomlinson was taken to Bannock by emergency helicopter.

After Tomlinson was struck by a 1985 Dodge Omni going about 10 miles an hour on Rock Creek Road, he rolled and slid 36 feet from his plastic sled, said Cpl. Dave Benefiel of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Tomlinson was sledging down the hill by the main chair lift at about 12:40 p.m. Monday when he failed to stop and went into the roadway in front of 3-year-old Stuart Skinner of Kimberly, Benefiel said.

Elko woman dies in 1-car accident near Tuttle

TUTTLE - A 21-year-old Elko woman who formerly lived in Caldwell was killed Monday after she was ejected from her car.

Deborah Lee Kiestler was driving on Interstate 84 about 2 1/2 miles east of Tuttle at 4 p.m. Monday when she went off the roadway and overcorrected, said Idaho State Police Cpl. Salena Mink.

Kiestler's passenger, a 5-year-old girl who was not a relative, broke her arm, Mink said. The girl was taken to Gooding Memorial Hospital and later transferred to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Mink said Kiestler may have been wearing an automatic shoulder strap but was not wearing a lap belt. The girl had her seat belt on.

Street department will turn old Christmas trees to mulch

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls residents can have their discarded Christmas trees chipped for mulch.

The city's Street Department recycles trees to reduce the volume of rubbish headed for the landfill.

Remove all ornaments, wires, lights and plastic bags from trees before depositing them for chipping.

The drop-off site is on Sixth Avenue West, east of the animal shelter, and it will be open from today to Jan. 8. For more information, call front desk inspector Sherry Jeff at 736-2264.

Deadline to submit competitive housing application is Jan. 15

TWIN FALLS - Rental-housing developers have until Jan. 15 to submit competitive applications for 1996 Low-Income Housing Tax Credits totaling \$778,938.

For-profit and nonprofit organizations willing to designate 20 percent of the units in their housing developments for lower-income households on a restricted basis are eligible for tax credits. The Idaho Housing Authority reserved about \$1.7 million in tax credits for affordable rental housing in Idaho this year.

For more information, call 331-4880. Hearing-impaired people may call 1-800-545-1833 extension 400.

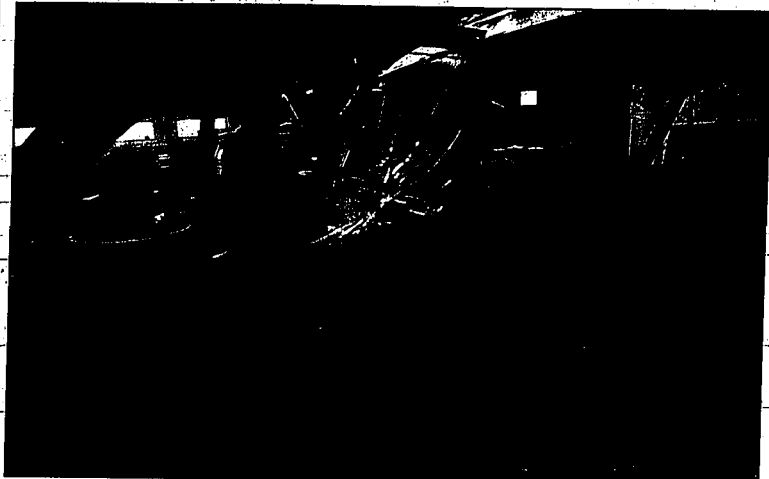
Rotary Club recognized for service to Centennial park

TWIN FALLS - The National Recreation and Park Association has recognized the Twin Falls Rotary Club for its contribution to developing the Centennial Waterfront Park with Twin Falls County.

Nominated by former county Parks Director Darrell Heider, because of its \$105,000 in donations of land and cash, the Rotary Club received a "special citation" plaque at the association's national meeting this fall. Heider accepted the plaque on behalf of the club's Jean Tumbaugh, a member of the association board, as well as the county parks board, presented the plaque to the Rotary Club.

Compiled from staff reports

Hot wheels



Jerome Middle School student Roy Taylor, 13, says working on a wrecked 1953 Ford is helping to improve his grades as well as his ability to work with others.

Junked autos deliver carload of lessons

By H.R. Weixel
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Restoring old cars is helping restore some students' interest in academic success at Jerome Middle School.

"Students who had little interest in learning and saw no sense in coming to school are now improving their grades and are becoming good students," Principal David Zumwalt said. "Our goal is to take kids who haven't connected with school, and do something with them so school makes sense to them."

Teacher Bill Ruby was chosen to put his car-restoration hobby to work on that goal. Three wrecked vehicles were donated to the school, and nine boys signed up for the class. A \$10,000 state grant paid for tools and equipment.

During a recent visit to the class, 13-year-old Roy Taylor was removing the headlights from a 1953 Ford.

"We're doing this to improve our grades and to make something out of our lives," the eighth-grader said. "We're learning to get along with people. It used to be hard for me to get along with people. Now if I ask one of the guys for a tool in the wrong way, I know how to apologize."

Taylor said he went from getting F's and D's to getting C's and B's.

A student must turn in all homework for

other classes before being allowed to work on the cars. Students with unfinished homework complete it in a classroom next to the shop. The nearby clanking and whirring of tools provides "a real incentive to get that homework assignment done," Ruby said.

"We had a choice of art, P.E. or band, but you didn't have to get your homework done to be in those other classes, so I chose working on cars so I'd do my homework," said Bobby Westlake, 13-year-old eighth-grader.

"Besides, fixing cars is an American pastime. If you don't get one paper turned in, you can't come here. So it keeps you going and going," said 14-year-old Mark Kehoe. "I used to get straight F's - now I get B's and C's."

Sitting in the homework classroom with three other boys, Ty Jones, 13, said he had forgotten to bring his homework. "But I'm not mad, I'll remember to bring it next time. I like it here because I used to get straight F's. This quarter I got one A, one B, three C's and one F in math, but I can bring that up."

"What we found was kids who were getting in trouble were also mechanical - these kids weren't studying, they just didn't see any need for dumbing," Ruby said.

Ruby said some of the boys needed to work on their English skills. So he taught writing by having the boys write letters to antique car-parts dealers.

"They had to do quality work and edit their own letters," he said.

Twenty letters were sent, with five answers received.

The writing project yielded a \$400 steering wheel and adaptor, a \$500 credit toward wiring kits and an unlimited offer for the boys to order "what you need and we'll send it."

"You should have seen the kids - it was like Christmas to see them jumping around," he said. "They now see a purpose for writing and want to write more."

Measuring a damaged door in order to craft an accurate replacement teaches the boys math - and also teaches why knowing math is critical for a career. Cutting the front suspension from a 1979 Pontiac and welding it to a 1953 Ford Customline will also take some precision math.

"This helps me with a career - at least I'll know how to fix up old cars and sell them," said Mario Costa, 13, who had finished his homework assignment.

"We get to come here for one hour during school, but we all come during our lunch hour and after school too," Taylor said as he used a shop towel to wipe a greasy wrench before putting it away.

"These kids are really hot-roddin' it," Zumwalt said. "What we found was most of these kids had nothing to read around the house. They had nothing to encourage them to be good kids. So we had to find some triggers to get them started."

Crime victims want tougher juvenile justice

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - Victims of what they say are gang-related burglaries want stronger law enforcement against juvenile crime.

School Board member Marsha Bennett made an emotional appeal for help to the City Council last week in the wake of a break-in at her home.

"I'm here to ask you people for some help," Bennett said. She said her daughter's bedroom was trashed, and the girl's underwear was laid out on the bed.

"I really feel violated by what went on in our home," Bennett said. "I've never been a victim like this before. It's scary. I went out and bought a gun today."

Harlan Wensink, another burglary victim, said there are two known gangs in town and that Wendell has the reputation as the place to get drugs.

"The drug problem here is bad," Wensink said. "I know of three drug dealers myself here in town."

He suggested a 10 p.m. curfew. Councilman Dale Bunn said the city has 4:40 p.m. curfew, and Mayor Lynn Nelson said he has instructed Police Chief Philip Cwell to enforce it.

But a curfew wouldn't have helped Wensink or herself because both burglaries happened before 10 p.m., Bennett said.

Former Mayor George Benson blamed parents who allow their children to commit crimes; and when the children are caught, complain that their children are being picked on.

A seventh grader was caught smoking in school, the school district prosecuted, and

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New chamber chief hopes for business mix

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls needs a better mix of businesses and the public education to support them, says the man preparing to lead the city's largest business organization.

Mike Johnston, plant operations manager at Lamb-Weston Inc., will be president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for 1996. The city and the chamber, he contends, should recruit new companies to balance already plentiful retail jobs with higher-paying positions in - for example - light manufacturing.

Johnston said he is pleased that Twin Falls has become the valley's "retail hub." But "we just end up off balance," he said.

"It's obvious that people are not going to support a really big business coming to town," after Micron Technology Inc.'s controversial relocation bid "polarized the community" a year ago, Johnston said.

But smaller manufacturers, such as the recently opened Seastron Manufacturing Co. Inc., are a good fit for Twin Falls, he said. They pay higher salaries than retail employers but don't significantly affect the valley's quality of life, he said.

During his coming tenure, another of Johnston's priorities for the chamber will be involvement in the community's schools - "not to push a specific agenda, but to act as a catalyst," he said. Johnston said chamber members want to ensure that schools turn out graduates with the work skills that the city's growing industries need.

The chamber plans to expand Career Day, which it introduced at Twin Falls High School this fall, and look for other ways to participate in public education, Johnston said.

He said the chamber also will play key roles during the coming year in spurring Old-Town growth; moving the railroad's switching yard out of the old warehouse district and easing the city's crowded streets.

"I'm very confident in Mike," said this year's chamber president, Ruth Stevens, who will give up her seat to Johnston on Jan. 1. "I think Mike brings a lot of management experience (and) people skills to the position."

Johnston worked for J.R. Simplot Co. in Caldwell and Oregon for 11 years and joined Idaho Frozen Foods - now Lamb-Weston - in 1981. He has served on transportation and public affairs committees for the chamber.



Mike Johnston, plant operations manager at Lamb-Weston Inc., will soon step into the position of president of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce for 1996.

Idaho risks ecosystem degradation

By Meredith Cohn
States News Service

WASHINGTON - Idaho suffers from less environmental degradation than states outside the Northern-Rocky Mountain region, according to a new, two-year study by the environmental group Defenders of Wildlife.

The inland-West states were considered at "moderate risk" of ecosystem destruction, the best rating given. That's compared to states such as Florida, California and Hawaii, which were considered extremely at risk.

However, the study, released Wednesday at a press conference in Washington, points out that ecosystems in Idaho are still threatened by excessive logging, livestock grazing, agricultural development and fire suppression. Defenders contends that the biggest factor for decline in healthy habitat - even in the rural states - is the country's fast-growing population, which increases by 2.5 million people every year.

All these new American require living space, farmland to support them, timber to build their houses, and water to drink," the report reads. "Because each American demands so much more energy and food and so many more raw materials than the average global citizen, the collective impact of grazing, timber harvesting, plowing, draining

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Vermont company plans power plant

By Melanie Brown
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY - A Vermont company is building a multi-million dollar plant that will produce electric power and steam for a potato processing plant. Catamount Energy Corp. of Rutland, Vt., has announced plans to the cogeneration plant on property owned by Magic West Inc., a potato processing plant.

Gary Normoyle, vice-president of Catamount, said that a 10-megawatt gas turbine housed at the plant will produce about 240 kilowatt-hours of electricity per day. A megawatt is 1 million watts, or enough power to light 10,000 one-hundred-watt light bulbs.

The plant will be powered by a turbine run on "clean-burning natural gas," Normoyle said.

Electricity produced at the cogeneration plant will be purchased by Idaho Power. "Waste heat" or steam, a by-product of the cogeneration process, will be sold to Magic West. The steam will provide power to Magic West for making potato products.

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Christmas morning fire kills 2

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Fire gutted a Russian immigrant family's wood-frame home, killing a woman and her teen-age son and injuring seven other family members early Christmas morning.

Firefighters said Leonid Kernachitsky, 47, handed one child out a window to a neighbor, Troy Harvey, who then helped the father to safety. Kernachitsky hospitalized along with three of his children. His wife, Valentina, and her son Vitaly, 19, died, the medical examiner's office said.

The injured children ranged in age from 17 years to 19 months, Fire Bureau spokesman Rob Ware said.

The cause of the fire was under investigation.

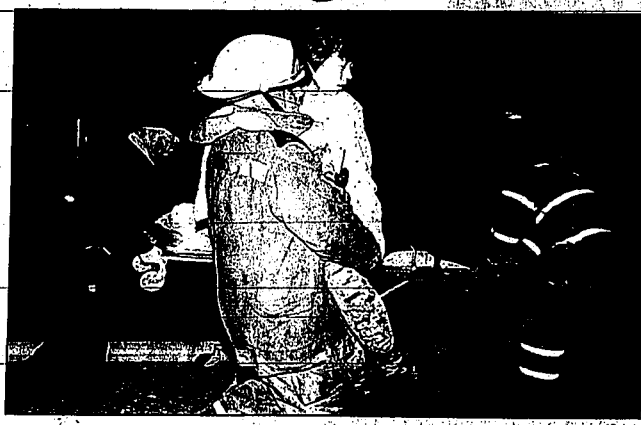
A neighbor, Archie Dickenson, said that when the sound of fire engines woke him he looked outside and saw heavy smoke coming from the three-bedroom house.

"The whole thing is, quite frankly, a shame. Jimmy Christmas. It makes the whole neighborhood sad."

Dickenson said, "It's such a shame. Jimmy Christmas. It makes the whole neighborhood sad." Dickenson said the family had lived in the neighborhood about 24 years. Only the children spoke much English, but the family would wave and say "Hi," he said.

Elsewhere around the nation: A fire of unknown origin Christmas morning destroyed a row house in New York City's borough of Brooklyn, killing Florian Tanskiwicz, 75, and his wife, Irene, 69.

An unidentified homeless person, possibly using a fire to keep



A Portland firefighter carries a survivor of the house fire which involved a southeast Portland, Ore., home early Christmas morning, killing two people. Emergency crews wheel another victim to an ambulance in the background.

warm under a bridge, buried to death in Tulsa, Okla. The blaze also destroyed telephone cables, knocking out service to up to 4,000 customers, police and Southwestern Bell officials said.

Volunteers in Boston spent Christmas helping nine families

left homeless by a fierce early morning fire that also injured six firefighters, one seriously. Residents fled their apartment building in the city's Brighton section through smoke-filled hallways and over ladders from rear porches and fire escapes. Damage was estimated at \$500,000.

The death Monday of a 35-year-old man injured in a house fire Saturday in West Wyalusing, Wis., left 14-year-old Crystal Larocque the only survivor of the blaze that killed her parents, two brothers and a family friend.

Scientists fear Mt. St. Helens activity renewal

Los Angeles Times

An increase in seismic activity this year and the heaviest rainfall in the Northwest since the big 1980 eruptions at Mount St. Helens in Washington state have generated concern among scientists that there could be a renewal of volcanic activity there for the first time since a series of steam explosions in 1991.

Dan Dzurisin, the scientist in charge of the Cascades Volcano Observatory at Vancouver, Wash., explained that water percolating down onto hot rocks below the surface could cause such explosions, even if no new molten rock were to rise to the surface.

And Dzurisin said water resource experts of the U.S. Geological Survey, which operates the observatory, believe that so much rain has fallen that it constitutes "something between a 100- and a 500-year flood." In other words, such flood conditions can be expected to recur in the region less frequently than every 100 years.

Flash-flooding downstream has been a considerable worry since May 18, 1980, when the most powerful eruption in the Northwest in centuries loosened masses of sediment and created two large lakes behind unstable debris dams, which could yet give away. But from 1980 to the fall of 1995, rainfall was comparatively light for the region.

The latest issue of the Smithsonian Institution's Bulletin of the Global Volcanism Network, which covers volcanic activity around the world, reports that the number of tiny earth-

quakes (about magnitude 1) occurring underneath Mount St. Helens increased from about 10 in January to about 100 in September.

This increase of quakes between one and seven miles below the surface is small compared to the shaking about two miles down that occurred before each of the explosive, dome-building eruptions at the mountain from 1980 to 1986, the bulletin said.

Still, the bulletin notes, the present zone of seismicity "presumably marks the approximate location of the magma conduit system" underneath the volcano, and it may indicate that volcanic gas has become concentrated around that channel, increasing the pressure. This in turn could lead to fracturing of rocks and sudden buildups of gas, which can cause steam explosions.

The seismicity has declined slightly since September, Dzurisin said, noting that the U.S. Forest Service, taking heed of the scientists' warnings, decided this fall to close two trails to hikers in the Spirit Lake region just north of the volcanic crater.

The scientists had said it was possible that a steam explosion could occur without ample warning, posing dangers to hikers along the much-used trails.

Sediments indicate that Mount St. Helens has erupted twice as often in the last 4,000 years as has any other volcano in the Cascade Mountain range. The eruptions of 1980, the first in 123 years, blew the top 1,300 feet of the mountain away, and subsequent extrusions of lava created a 920-foot dome inside the remaining crater.

Volunteerism necessary for Salt Lake residents

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Joe Dispenza and Nelson "Buck" Leyba donate eight hours a day to help feed the poor. Katie Terwort knits hats for the homeless. Patrick Moray launders clothing for children who come to the YWCA to escape violence at home.

Suzanne Goldsmith gives energy, passion and "brainpower" to "good, liberal causes" such as Planned Parenthood.

These selfless volunteers give daily — and insist their lives are richer for it.

A survey by Utah's Commission on Volunteerism found that "feeling" people get for their hours of service is the major reason given for donating time. Utah's 950,000 volunteers represent a force 50 percent larger than the national average, according to the report.

Though the majority of volunteers give one to three hours monthly to their causes, those who consistently put in six or more hours a week — no matter the season — account for about 10 percent of all volunteers.

Wipe moths of Salt Lake City's sleeping, Dispenza is busy at work preparing for a daily noon meal at the St. Vincent de Paul Center. He pulls into the locked, vacant lot at 4

a.m., ready for the seven- to eight-hour workday he has been putting in since 1985.

A suggestion that he be paid so instead of the 76-year-old Dispenza that he threatened to walk off the job. Just as well: There is no way the center could pay him or the dozens of other volunteers who keep the kitchen running, says Bob Mayo, the center's administrative director.

Dispenza is joined most days by his longtime volunteer cohort, Nelson "Buck" Leyba. Both are Kennecott retirees who 10 years ago started volunteering at the westside "soup kitchen" — a misnomer, they point out, since the daily fare always is a full, hot meal.

What began as a once-a-month volunteer outing turned into a passion.

"Pretty soon it was twice a month, then once a week, then twice a week, and then almost every day," muses Dispenza, dressed in a St. Thomas More sweatshirt and well-worn baseball cap. "We do pretty well for a couple of old guys, right, Buck?"

Leyba nods.

"It's a good feeling," Leyba adds. "Plus, it helps me. It's therapeutic."

Dispenza's seniority has led to a variety of oversight responsibilities

in the dining room and kitchen, but the warehouse is his domain. He talks while weaving around cases of canned corn and boxes brimming with Chinese noodles.

Leyba, a retired Navy man, jokes that he is in charge of the "engineers" along the dishwashing line. Three days a week he arrives at 7 a.m. and works through the lunch service, after which he hits the basketball court or baseball field to volunteer his services as coach.

In tiny Ephraim, two hours south of the state capital, Katie Terwort keeps her hands busy all year. Her knitting warms the ears and hearts of Utah's homeless children, women and men.

She initiated her one-woman crusade four years ago when she made 49 hats out of yarn left over from knitting projects. The second year she produced "twenty-something" caps last year ended with "about 40."

Terwort nearly doubled her own record this year, producing 82 colorful hats for clients at Salt Lake's Community Shelter and Resource Center.

In November, a craft magazine published a short story and picture of Terwort, and word of her work

spread around the country. That brought donated yarn to her doorstep and inspired other knitters to stitch for worthy causes.

One woman drove two hours to bring me two boxes of yarn," Terwort says incredulously. The donor, a resident of Monroe, had been involved in a car accident that broke her wrists and ended her own knitting career.

A woman in California requested the pattern Terwort created with a round needle, and now is making hats for children with cancer who have lost their hair during chemotherapy. Another woman started knitting hats for children on an Indian reservation.

Moved by Terwort's unselfish contribution, women in 10 states and Canada are using her pattern to create hats for the needy.

Every Wednesday, Patrick Moray walks from his paid job at Hardie's Restaurant in Salt Lake City to the YWCA, where he washes the pool laundry, cleans glass doors and windows and performs odd jobs.

The 28-year-old Moray has Down Syndrome. He views his volunteering as an opportunity to give back to the agency that has been so good to him.

Christmas Eve shots kill Middleton woman in sleep

MIDDLETON (AP) — A 17-year-old Canyon County boy is being held on charges that he shot his mother to death as she slept Christmas Eve.

Canyon County Sheriff George Nourse said the youth likely will be charged as an adult and is being held in the county jail without bond.

Angie Hurley was found dead in her bed about 4 p.m. Shots were fired through her bedroom window. Hurley's mother also was at home at the time of the incident. She was not injured.

Nourse said the brother, a high school dropout, does not live at the address. His name cannot be made public because he is under age, unless he is charged as an adult. "I'm sure that will be the case," the sheriff said.

The youth likely will be arraigned Tuesday, the sheriff said.

A motive for the shooting has not yet been determined. "We're still working on why this situation hap-

pened," the sheriff said.

An autopsy on Hurley is expected to be performed Tuesday. Hurley's relatives would not comment on the incident late Sunday.

It's the third Canyon County homicide this year, the second to occur on a holiday.

Ignacio Rivera, 43, was shot Thanksgiving Day as he sat in his car at the Farmway Village bar center.

Although violence is hard to handle at any time of the year, such an incident during the holidays magnifies the pain, said Boise psychologist James Read.

"It's worse because of the association with a time that's a family time, a time that's supposed to bring people together, that's supposed to be loving," he said.

"It's particularly emotional because it runs counter to everyone's expectations about the holidays."

Services

Carlos Arroyo, of Burley, 2 p.m. today; Paul 3rd Ward LDS Chapel. Viewing, noon until time of the funeral today at the church. (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Shelley Sizemore, of Boise, graveside service, 2 p.m. today, Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Felix Luzzar, of Gooding, Rosary, 7:30 p.m. today, St. Mary's Gooding Catholic Church. Christian Burial, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Viewing, 1 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Thomas M. Speckman, of Fairfield, 10 a.m. Wednesday, Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Viewing, 1 to 7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Shirley L. Shoaf Yocum, of Grace Community, Myerstown, Pa., and formerly of Wendell, 11 a.m. Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 20 Linden Road in Lebanon, Pa.

Viewing, 10 a.m. until time of the service on Wednesday at the church, (Rohland Funeral Home Inc. in Lebanon).

Milton T. Jones, of Malad, noon Wednesday, Benson-Horsely Funeral Home, 132 W. 300 N. in Malad. Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the service on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mabel Busby, of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Wednesday, Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Viewing, 3 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Viewing, 10 a.m. until time of the service on Wednesday at the church, (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Max Casias Jr., of Rupert, 10 a.m. Thursday, Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel, 321 E. Main St. in Burley. Viewing, 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the mortuary. (Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel).

Jane Schubert McHarg, formerly of Gooding, graveside service, 11 a.m. Jan. 9 at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

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Family discovers town after losing home in fire

DEER LODGE (AP) — Steve and Diana Nigros lost almost everything they owned 2½ weeks ago, but what they found was community spirit.

The young couple and their three sons have lived in this small southwest Montana town for about three years. This fall, they decided to make the stay permanent, hoping the small community and Steve's steady job as a guard at the state prison would draw their family together.

On Dec. 8, Diana heard a crackling sound coming from the closet and saw a small fire burning the ceiling. A mute smoke alarm upstairs and a faulty fire extinguisher allowed the fire to spread before being discovered.

Diana kept stepsons 8-year-old Nicholas and 10-year-old Anthony away from the house. But Steven, 15, who was walking home from school, was shaken by the sight of his home billowing smoke into the blackened sky.

Frantically trying to save the dogs, cats, fish and a parakeet, Steve was about to run into the smoke-filled house again when Sheriff Scott Howard grabbed him.

"He'd already got all of the dogs out, and the house was looking pretty shabby," Howard says. "I told him if everyone was out of there, everything else could be replaced."

But that was a hard lesson for the Nigros to learn. Watching their house burn, they saw the beginning of their lives together vanish — a collection of plates they had yet to put up in the living room, a new pine bedroom set, and Diana's set of Black Hills gold rings, one for each Dec. 5 anniversary.

As news of the fire spread, family friends like Kerri Isaacson and Connie Bradford helped gather people who brought loads of food, clothes and household items to the hotel where the Nigros were staying.

And before the fire was even extinguished, a local women's club brought the Nigros some food.

"I had people who called up and said they were going to cancel some of the gifts on their Christmas lists and donate to the kids," Isaacson recalls.

Cash donations were used to rent a house. The Nigros moved into the house Wednesday after long, frustrating days of trying to find a place big enough for five people and three large dogs.

"I asked the boys if it came down to us living in a little two-bedroom home but staying in Deer Lodge, or moving into a nice house in Anaconda — what did they want to do. They all wanted to stay here with their friends," Steve says. "It was a real learning experience for all the kids in the way a community works."

At a nearby restaurant over coffee, the Nigros gathered after the fire to gauge the weight of their loss.

"About halfway through the coffee I thought, 'What the hell are we going to do? Where are the boys going to sleep?'" Steve remembers.

Hospitals

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Magic Valley

Anglers hope to improve fish habitat

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY— Most fishermen have packed away their gear and boats by now and are either patiently waiting for ice, or have taken up other hobbies until next spring.

But this winter a group of local anglers is working on a habitat improvement project for smallmouth bass in the Snake River between Minidoka Dam and Milner Dam.

The Mini-Cassia Bassers Club met last recently and assembled a handful of smallmouth bass spawning structures that they intend to distribute along the river between the two dams.

Two of the club's members braved the cold morning to distribute three of the contraptions they hope the bass will use to spawn under. Club member Rod Behr said Idaho Power built and placed about 20 spawning structures over the past several years and most have been used by the fish.

The structures provide cover for the bass to hide under when they spawn, protect the eggs while they incubate and then protect the fry until they are big enough to venture out on their own, Behr said.

"We want to help educate the public about what we are trying to do in making this a better fishery," he said.

Each structure is made out of 10 12 inch pieces of 10 inch diameter plastic pipe filled with concrete. They are then fastened together with a six foot long two inch by 12 inch board and placed on the bottom of the river in gravel bars in about five feet of water.

"Idaho Power biologists designed the structures, placed them in the river and after about one year went back with scuba gear to check if they were working. Behr said about 40 percent of the structures were being used by



JOHN THOMPSON/Times-News

Rod Behr, left and Rod Willis, members of the Mini-Cassia Bassers Club recently placed spawning structures in the Snake River for smallmouth bass.

bass after one year. The club decided to use some of the money it raised from tournaments held on this stretch of river last year to purchase materials and build more spawning structures.

They built seven last weekend and plan to build several more and distribute them in upcoming months, Behr said.

Club member Rod Willis said the smallmouth population in the Snake between the two dams has grown considerably since Idaho Power built the Milner Dam power plant and planted smallmouth.

"It has the potential to be one of the best smallmouth fisheries in the state," said Willis. "A lot of people don't even realize we have bass here and we really need to educate the public so the fishery

can continue to grow."

Willis said the club advocates catch-and-release fishing for smallmouth and he stressed that Idaho regulations prohibit keeping bass under 12 inches in length.

He added that catch-and-release is somewhat controversial but he believes it will help the river grow bigger fish. He added that there are also yellow perch in this stretch of the river which anglers sometimes confuse with smallmouth bass.

Behr said the river also provides good fishing for rainbow trout and channel catfish.

Fred Partridge, regional fisheries manager for the Idaho Fish and Game Department, said there are parts of the river where cover for smallmouth and other warm

water species is in short supply. However, he cautioned that before anyone puts structure in any body of water they must first obtain permits from Fish and Game.

Partridge said Christmas trees have also been used as cover structures as well as old tires. But the trees don't last very long and the department doesn't allow old tires to be used any longer.

He added that since Milner Dam power plant was built the smallmouth population has grown because the water level is kept constant. Before the power plant was built the dam the water level was pulled down in the winter, he said.

"Keeping water levels more stable has made a major improvement to the fishery," he said.

Farm worker spends Christmas with family

The Times-News

SALT LAKE CITY— Still heavily sedated and unconscious, Javier Tellez-Juarez spent Christmas with his wife, parents and 3-month old daughter at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center.

Juarez, 23, remained in critical but stable condition in the hospital's burn center after losing three limbs in a farming accident near Malta shortly before Christmas.

His wife, Norma, and daughter Christina celebrated a somber Christmas with him Monday, accompanied by Juarez's parents, a hospital spokesperson said.

Since his accident on Dec. 13, people touched by Juarez's plight have donated money to help with medical costs and Christmas gifts. Toys and a baby carriage were brought to the family at the hospital last week.



Tellez-Juarez

Juarez's medical costs have topped \$100,000 and are growing by nearly \$5,000 a day. He was flown to the Salt Lake City hospital after his arms were torn off and his legs crushed by a posthole digger.

His employer, Tracy Farms, does not carry worker's compensation insurance. Idaho exempts farms from having to carry insurance on employees.

Juarez's story has prompted debate in Idaho over the issue. However, lawmakers expect to discuss the farming exemption from worker's compensation insurance in the upcoming legislative session.

Ecosystem

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and bulldozing is enormous." The study says responsibility for most habitat protection lies with state and local entities, and in many cases, private citizens and industry.

Defenders acknowledge, "human activities that are causing ecosystem loss ... are so much a part of our traditional way of life that it is difficult to think about how to moderate them."

But the report contends that tradeoffs must be made. For example, overgrazing and logging in sensitive areas and near riversheds allows for short-term economic gain, but in the long run destroys riparian areas and the species that depend on them, such as salmon.

Shore of stemming population growth and the resulting demand on natural resources, recom-

mendations to lessen human impact on the environment include: recycling and reusing resources; restructuring government subsidies to discourage environmentally destructive methods of ranching, farming and logging; passing zoning ordinances to control sprawl; directing development to ecologically degraded land away from unspoiled areas; and public awareness.

Defenders President Roger Schliekeisen also took aim at Senate Drinking Water Fisheries and Wildlife Chairman Dirk Kempthorne. R-Idaho, for proposing a new Endangered Species Act that would "basically make one of the most successful environmental laws voluntary."

Kempthorne has said it is a means to preserve endangered species while lessening the impact on private property owners.

Orchestra brings music to life

By Lisa Westenslow Deyley
Times-News writer

BURLEY— Seth Corless' of Paul began playing the clarinet in 1934 and played for many years before putting his horn up more than 20 years ago. Corless' wife died three years ago, leaving him with a void. He took up the clarinet again and joined the Magic Philharmonic. It has helped fill that void.

"There are so many wonderful people here," Corless said. "It's the finest thing I've ever done."

The orchestra recently played its annual Christmas Concert at a full house at Burley High School. Its next performance will be in April.

"You will find as much talent here as you will in the community. For our size we have phenomenal excellent musicians," director Eugene Souleby said.

In its 12th year, the orchestra has grown from eight members to 57. The orchestra began when a group of musicians from a local church play wanted to continue their association. All but two of the original members are still with the orchestra.

"We thought it would be nice if we stuck together," said Bob Dean, orchestra publicity chairman.

Based solely on a love of music, the group gives four concerts a year and is self supporting. The musicians, who spend their working days as everything from teachers to lawyers, spend every Tuesday night practicing.

It gives a new voice of music into the community," Dean said. "We've had concerts where we've played



LISA WESTENSLAW DEYLEY/Times-News

The Magic Philharmonic orchestra is in its 12th year of entertaining local audiences.

country music and others where we've played popular."

The orchestra is made up of musicians from high school age on up. Most are musicians who hadn't played since their school days but, like Corless, were motivated to play again with the orchestra.

"Drummer player, Marilyn Buck of Raft River learned to play in the third grade but hadn't played in 15 years. "It's the one thing I do for myself," said Buck, mother of five children.

Though many in the group are returning to performing, Loren McPherson of Heyburn, a 23 year old trombone player, joined the orchestra

three years ago after playing all through high school and college.

"I like getting out and playing," McPherson said.

Everyone must audition and all auditions are based on the needs of the orchestra's board.

"If someone were interested they could give us a call and we could set up a meeting," said Dean, adding that the orchestra occasionally has a need for violas, violins, cellos and basses.

"We usually have someone sight read a piece for us and then play something they're familiar with."

Those interested in auditioning for the orchestra may call Dean at 678-8741.

Hospital still working on takeover deal

KETCHUM (AP)— Nine months after St. Luke's Regional Medical Center of Boise proposed to take over Wood River Medical Center, a joint planning committee still is working on an agreement.

There are unresolved legal issues involved in transferring public assets to a private entity.

"Currently, the Constitution prohibits public hospitals from entering into a partnership with private enterprise," said Steve Millard, president of the Idaho Hospital Association.

The association hopes to change the Idaho Constitution to remove the barriers to a public-private partnership. Those changes and others could allow health-care organizations to respond more easily to the changing medical environment, he said.

"It's not to bail out failing hospitals but to better organize and use shared resources to that the IHA (and its member hospitals) can provide better, more efficient health care," Millard said.

In March, St. Luke's proposed taking over the Ketchum medical center as a nonprofit corporation. The hospital's assets would be transferred to Boise.

In turn, St. Luke's would ante up \$3 million toward the estimated \$20 million cost of a new hospital. Donations would cover the remaining \$17 million cost.

Power

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Solor Construction Co. of San Diego, Calif., has been awarded the contract to build the plant. Solor designed the facility and as general contractor will oversee its construction.

The turbine will be housed in a 7,225 square-foot building. Normoyle said that noise emitted from the facility will meet stan-

dards set forth by city ordinance. Groundbreaking for the project took place last November but actual construction won't begin until March, Normoyle said. The projected completion date is January 1997.

An ideal facility will be constructed at Magic Valley Foods—in Rupert—Magic Valley Foods also owns Magic West.

Justice

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the case was laughed out of court, Bennett said. The smoker was the same youth caught with a knife at school, she said. But the parents demanded an apology from the school.

"The message to the youth is that his behavior is okay," Bennett said.

Many at the meeting wanted juvenile offenders' names published in the newspaper.

Nelson said he'd organize a public meeting on the issue.

"We want to deal with the problem because we can see it's getting out of hand," Nelson said.

"Juvenile justice procedures must be followed, but it's frustrating because the slap on the hand doesn't work, he said. A 17-year-old criminal who graduated from high school and went to the state penitentiary upon turning 18 told Nelson: "I wish someone had gotten my attention a long time ago," Nelson said.

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Association wants expansion of resort tax

BOISE (AP) — The Association of Idaho Cities plans to ask next month's Idaho Legislature to expand the law allowing "resort cities" to impose local option taxes to offset the impact of tourism.

Under current law, cities under 10,000 can ask voters to impose local non-property taxes, if they experience substantial increases in demands for services because of tourism.

Only four communities now use the tax, Sun Valley, Ketchum, Lava Hot Springs and Stanley.

In the association's newsletter, Executive Director Scott McDonald said the 10,000 population limit, designed to exclude Coeur d'Alene, would be removed under legislation the association is pushing.

"Provisions of this proposal guarantee that 50 percent of what is collected locally will go directly toward local property tax relief," McDonald said.

Stanley's voters first approved a 5 percent tax on hotel, motel and campground rentals and liquor by the drink in 1978. It expired in 1983, when voters refused to extend it. The tax was

re-imposed in 1986 and approved by voters in 1990 and last month.

McDonald said other cities, such as Sandpoint, have been unable to receive voter approval to join the "resort cities" taxers.

And in other communities, such as McCall and Idaho City, have talked about it but have decided not to ask for voter approval.

"These few examples epitomize that which all cities require to truly govern in the best interests of their particular community, local option," McDonald said.

He said Idaho cities face increasing demands for services.

"The ability, or lack thereof, for Idaho cities to raise revenues to keep pace with the growing service demands of Idaho's residents is reason enough for concern; the idea of the world at our doorstep demands immediate action be taken to ensure that local governments can look after the best interests of their own community," he wrote.

"This is not done by empowering elected officials, but by empowering the local voters," McDonald said.

Frank exhibit wanted

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Several Teton County groups want to bring to Wyoming an exhibit detailing the story of Anne Frank and the horrors of the Holocaust in Nazi Germany five decades ago.

Sharing the Anne Frank story in the 1990s is important as ever, said Davar Zucker, an organizer of the project. The Art Association and Teton County library are other groups trying to bring the exhibit to Jackson.

Poll: Restoring day speed limit has support

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — A small group questioned want a return to some limit on cars and pickup trucks state should again have a daytime speed limit, but more women than men like the idea, a new poll reveals. But, while 60 percent of women said the 1997 Legislature should restore a speed limit, only 46 percent of men felt the same way.

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Angels visit St. John's Cathedral in downtown Boise for a special evening Mass on Christmas Eve. AP photo

Squamish Tribe member does her part to help Nez Perce's gaming

LAPWAI (AP) — Diana Kenege Pinkham helped get her own tribe's gaming operation off the ground and now she's ready to do the same for the Nez Perce Tribe.

Western Washington's Squamish Indian Tribe started a seafood brokerage with profits from its casino on the Port Madison Reservation and also established a real estate company which the tribe is using to buy back tribal land.

"We now own 50 percent of our own land," Pinkham said with pride during a recent interview.

She was economic development director for the Squamish for two years and was responsible for much more than the tribe's gaming development. But that was before she married Jamie Pinkham, manager of the Nez Perce Tribe's natural resources development.

The marriage conveniently coincided with the Nez Perce's need for someone to get their gaming project up and running and brought a highly qualified person to Lapwai to fill the job.

Pinkham's resume is loaded with experience, including business ownership for 16 years.

She currently owns Vision

Communications, a company that offers marketing services, including research, analysis and feasibility and economic impact studies. She has done those for gaming operations for several tribes.

She has a degree in electrical engineering from Washington State.

Last Friday, just three months after Pinkham was hired in Lapwai, the door to its It'seh-Ye-Ye tribal bingo and casino opened without much fanfare at Kamiah. A bigger grand opening is scheduled for Sunday afternoon. It'seh-Ye-Ye means coyote in Nez Perce.

"There's a sense of renewal in the community," Pinkham said.

The casino is bringing much-needed jobs to the reservation, which typically has up to 70 percent seasonal unemployment.

"There's tremendous economic development opportunity for the tribe," Pinkham said, and also enormous social possibilities. The gaming operations could increase funding for housing, education and health and welfare services.

She's confident the Kamiah operation, and an even larger casino planned near Lewiston, will be successful. More than 150 Indian gaming operations across the country offer a proven track record, she said.

She said the only failures have been the handful of operations that have hired outside management at a cost of 30-40 percent of the profits.

Pinkham said 59 management companies contacted the Nez Perce. But it makes no sense to share the proceeds, she said.

It also means the tribe can offer big payoffs, especially on the progressive pull-tab machines, which regularly will offer payoffs of \$60,000 to \$100,000.

The state-of-the-art bingo equipment, which a person can use to play up to 100 bingo sheets at a time using one hand-held card, also should be a big draw.

Pinkham won't talk about estimated profits but said a \$1 million or greater impact on the community would be a conservative estimate.

She said tribal officials are concerned about simply describing the impact on dollar terms or viewing the money to be had only in personal terms.

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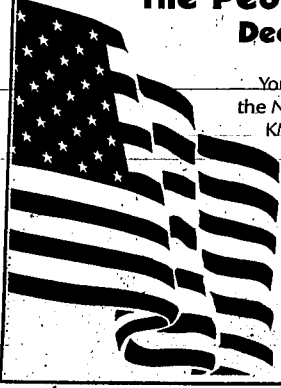
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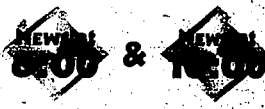
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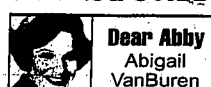
Valley life

Club calendar

TUESDAY
Al-Anon - Burley
8 p.m. at Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton.
For more information, call (208) 678-9943.
Al-Anon - Filer
8 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 600 Stevens.
Al-Anon - Gooding
8 p.m. at City Hall Library, 308 Fifth Ave. W.
Al-Anon - Halley
7 p.m. at St. Charles Parish Hall on First Street.
For more information, call (208) 788-4682.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
6:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.
For more information, call 734-7242.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
7:30 p.m. at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls.
11:00 or 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084.
Twin Falls TOPS Club No. 3
Meets Tuesdays at Valley Vista Village Recreation Room, 653 Rose St. N. Weigh-in begins at 11:30 a.m., with meeting at 12:30 p.m.
WEDNESDAY
Al-Anon (meeting) - Twin Falls
7:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N.
Al-Anon (meeting) - course serenity, non-smoking
6:45 a.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-7897.
Al-Anon - Filer
8 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-5084.
Jerome TOPS Chapter No. 48
8 p.m. at Public Library, TOPS is a non-profit organization to support weight loss. For more information, call 734-5722.
Magic Valley Flancho Club
7:30 p.m. at Disabled American Veterans Hall on Harrison Street and Shoup Avenue. Open to public. 32 donation. Price:
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
8 p.m. at 571 Second E. in Ketchum. Non-smoking.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
Noon at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. Non-smoking. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
7:30 p.m. at 215 Shoshone St. S. in Twin Falls (through rear door). Closed meeting. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Overeaters Anonymous
6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church on Shoshone Street (go through side doors) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
Exercise - Over 60 at 10 a.m. Non-strenuous and no charge. For more information, call 734-5084.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084.
Twin Falls TOPS Chapter No. 309
non-profit organization to support weight loss.
7 p.m. at Valley Vista Village, 653 Rose St. N. For more information, call 734-3300.
THURSDAY
Adults Children Anonymous
Noon until 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N. in Twin Falls.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
7 p.m. at 801 S. Fir in Jerome. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
8 p.m. at Kimberly Senior Citizens Center on Main Street. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
8 p.m. at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Twin Falls Optimist Club
Luncheon meeting at noon at North's Checkroom. This weeks program will be given by Dennis Bowyer of the Boy's Girls Club.
If you are interested in joining a youth oriented organization, call Chris W. Mendenhall, Membership Chairperson at 733-4441 or Holly Reed, President at 734-5993.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
Dinner at noon and pinocchle at 1 p.m. For more information, call 734-5084.
FRIDAY
Al-Anon - Burley
8 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main St. For more information, call (208) 543-3792.
Al-Anon - Stop Meeting
Noon at Walker Center, 219 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls.
Al-Anon - Woodall
8 p.m. at Christ Lutheran Church, 1752 Second Ave. W. For more information, call (208) 536-2723 or 536-6277.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
Noon at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. 11:00 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
7 p.m. at 219 Shoshone St. N. in Twin Falls (through rear door). Non-smoking. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Single Parent Connections (Planning Night)
7 p.m. at the Center for New Directions, located behind the Quality Assurance Lab on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Ideas are needed for affordable family activities, adult functions, and informational programs for January and February activities. No cost. Questions of need call: Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center.
Exercise - Over 60 at 10 a.m. Non-strenuous and no charge. For more information, call 734-5084.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
Dinner at noon. For more information, call 734-5084.
SATURDAY
Al-Anon Family Group
9 a.m. at Canyon View Hospital, 228 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-5084.
Cocaine Anonymous
8:30 p.m. at Magic Valley Fellowship Hall, 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-7242.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
6:30 p.m. at 571 Second Ave. E. in Ketchum. Non-smoking. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
8 p.m. at 801 Second Ave. N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Overeaters Anonymous
10 a.m. at the Walker Center on Shoshone Street (go through rear entrance) in Twin Falls. For more information, call 734-4547.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
6 p.m. at 311 First Ave. N. in Halley. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Narcotics Anonymous (Southern Idaho Region)
10 a.m. at 228 Shoup Ave. W. in Twin Falls. Non-smoking. For more information, call 736-1160 or 1-800-328-5257.
Single Parent Connections (Mom/Dad's Night Out)
7 p.m. at the Center for New Directions, located behind the Quality Assurance Lab on the College of Southern Idaho campus.
Celebrate the new year with your friends. Child care is available. For more information, call Jill at 544-7836 or 736-0070.
MONDAY
Al-Anon - Ketchum
8:30 a.m. at Sun Club, Second Street E. For more information, call (208) 726-3165.
Al-Anon - Kimberly
8 p.m. at Senior Citizens Center on Main Street. For more information, call 734-4631.
Al-Anon - Shoshone
8 p.m. at Senior Citizens Building on North Rail Street. For more information, call (208) 544-7802.
Catholic 12-Step Support Group
6:30 to 7:45 p.m. at Basiste Baptist Church, 204 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls. For more information, call Susan at 734-7201.
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Overeaters Anonymous
3:30 p.m. at College of Southern Idaho Desert Building, Room 112. For more information, call 734-4547.
Substance Abuse Volunteer Efforts (S.A.V.E.)
Support group meeting from 8 to 9 p.m. at Cascade Vocational School Room in Burley.
Organized in 1983, S.A.V.E. received formal permission from the Alcoholics Anonymous World Service Center to adapt its 12 Steps and Traditions to a format which respects the spiritual principles of the 12-Step Church. The meeting is free and identifies its own affiliation. For more information, call 436-0460.
Sweet Adelines Chorus
8 p.m. at Valley Christian Church, corner of Heywood and Main Street in Twin Falls. For more information, call Kelly at 733-6328 or Betty at 734-1900.
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
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Family fears for mom's future after 8-month break from work

DEAR ABBY: We need your help. We are three adult children of a mom who is making us crazy. She's in her late 50s, divorced and alone. She has been unemployed for eight months and her money is running out. She had heart trouble a few years back and is on medication. Although she has been denied disability income, she's convinced she cannot physically tolerate working. (Abby, she either sabotages any job interview she gets, claiming she can't do it, or finds a reason not to go for an interview. "I didn't feel well," "It was too far away," etc.) She used these excuses for refusing several jobs we thought would be perfect for her.



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more physically and emotionally fit. Since she has been out of the job market for some time, your mother may now be fearful of re-entering it. Once she is feeling better, suggest she find part-time work. Working part-time in the beginning will be less overwhelming, but will remind your mother that working has many rewards: new friends, greater self-esteem and less worry about money. Your mother is fortunate to have such caring children.

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Nation

Dole makes friends, enemies with gun stand

States-News Service

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 — With his support for repealing the ban on assault weapons seeming to waver, Senate Majority Leader Bob Dole has given his opponents ammunition to attack his conservative credentials for the second time last week.

Dole, the Republican front-runner, told the Boston-Globe that the 1994 ban on assault weapons was "ineffective." He refused to say whether he would support lifting the ban if

the action is called to the Senate floor.

Dole's chief rival for the Republican nomination, Sen. Phil Gramm of Texas, said Dole's reluctance to commit to lifting the weapons ban "has anchored him in ... the principles of convenience."

"Add the Reagan pro-life platform and second amendment rights to the list of things Bob Dole only supports when it is convenient," Gramm said. Dole already received criticism this week from conservative groups

statements made on a Sunday morning talk show that edged away from supporting a constitutional ban on abortion in all cases. He called Christian Coalition leader Ralph Reed the next day to conduct damage control.

In March, Dole wrote to Tanya Metaksa, Executive Director of the Institute for Legislative Action, which is the chief lobbying operation for the National Rifle Association, and stated that repealing the assault weapons ban "is one

of my main priorities."

However, Dole's apparent indecision on the weapons ban could win him new friends in unlikely places, such as the gun control advocacy group Handgun Control Inc., which has pushed for stronger measures in Congress to keep the assault weapons ban on the books.

HCI spokesman Jamie Shor said Dole's apparent support of the assault weapons ban is indicative of the importance of the issue, and not the politics involved.

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JANUARY

- 3 U.S. Postal Service raises price of first-class stamp to 32 cents
- 12 U.S. military sends Humvees housed in Guantanamo Bay home against their will
- 17 A 7.2 earthquake devastates Kobe, Japan, killing at least 5,000, injuring more than 28,200 and damaging or destroying more than 58,000 buildings
- 24 Opening statements in O.J. Simpson murder trial
- 28 House approves a balanced-budget amendment to the Constitution designed to eliminate chronic federal deficits

FEBRUARY

- 7 Randi Ousey, alleged mastermind of World Trade Center bombing, is sentenced to life in prison
- 10 Country music star Willie Nelson (later sentenced to life in prison)
- 12 Dow Jones industrial average falls 288.59 points for first time since 1929
- 20 28-year-old woman dies after NICU doctor's 22-year-old British secretary's sexual abuse
- 23 Aye's eye, Scott's eye, and other eye conditions
- 24 Full-time president

MARCH

- 14 Norman Thagard becomes first American astronaut to enter space aboard a Russian rocket
- 19 Michael Jordan returns to Chicago Bulls after 21 months in retirement
- 20 Twelve people are killed and thousands others sickened when packages containing poisonous gas leak on five separate Tokyo subway trains
- 28 Mike Tyson is released after serving three years for a 1992 rape conviction
- 30 Rwandan refugees, fleeing violence in Burundi, begin a two-day hunger strike in Tanzania; thousands die in refugee camps
- 31 23-year-old singer Selena is shot and killed by fan club president

APRIL

- 10 Terry Nichols is charged in Oklahoma City bombing
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Sarajevo Serbs pray at the graves of their relatives at a cemetery in a Serb-held village Sunday. Some fear their family graves will be desecrated when the village is reverted to Croat-Muslim rule, a condition of the Dayton peace agreement that gave the war in Bosnia a tentative hope for the future at the end of 1995.

Homegrown terrorism, war in Bosnia mark '95

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was all O.J. all the time when 1995 began, but two stories surpassed the Simpson saga over the next 12 months: The arrival of homegrown terrorism in Oklahoma City and the dispatch of 20,000 U.S. soldiers to blood-stained Bosnia.

The April 19 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City was overwhelmingly cited as the top story of the year in the 59th annual Associated Press vote of newspaper and broadcast executives.

A solid second was the ongoing mess in the former Yugoslavia, where 50,000 NATO troops — one-third of them Americans — began arriving in December to replace ineffective United Nations peacekeeping forces.

Years of war sparked by ethnic conflict in Bosnia have left at least 200,000 dead and 2 million homeless, a peace treaty offered shaky hope.

Last year, the Simpson case was the story of the year. In 1995, the Simpson acquittal was No. 3 on the list, finishing well ahead of the next two choices: the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the enormous earthquake that rocked Kobe, Japan.

The second half of the top 10, in descending order: Newt Gingrich, President Clinton and their fight for control of the government; a nerve gas attack in the Tokyo subway system; the rescue of Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady from Bosnia; the murderous heat wave that killed more than 700 people in Chicago; and the jury decision to spare Susan Smith from execution.

A short synopsis of the top 10:

1. OKLAHOMA BLAST: When it happened at the World Trade Center, the terrorists came from the Middle East. But when a powerful bomb detonated outside the federal building on April 19, authorities said, the search for the terrorists ended within U.S. borders.

Accused were two U.S. Army buddies, Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, who face trial in 1996. The carnage was shocking: 169 dead, more than 500 injured. The images were unforgettable: a firefighter carrying the bloody body of a baby girl. A woman rescued from the building's wreckage — only after doctors amputated her right leg.

2. THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA: It was another year of ethnic violence and unrest in Yugoslavia, the continuation of a mind-numbing cycle of civil war that started near the turn of the decade. But at the end of 1995, the confrontation halfway around the world, became personal for Americans; U.S. troops were sent to the Balkans.

The NATO mission — Operation Joint Endeavor — is the largest Western military operation in Europe since World War II. But many questioned Clinton's decision to step in where the United Nations had failed.

3. O.J. WALKS: It was 10 a.m. Pacific time, Oct. 3, when the nation stood still and stared at its televi-



U.S. fighter pilot Capt. Scott O'Grady lived on insects and grass for six days after his plane was shot down over Bosnia June 2. U.S. Marine forces rescued him and brought him home.

sions. Minutes later, a Los Angeles jury cleared O.J. Simpson of murder, his ex-wife and a waiter from a nearby restaurant. Many whites were shocked; many blacks applauded.

Months after his acquittal, public opinion remained divided — mostly along racial lines — on whether the former football hero should be the forerunner of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman.

The story just won't go away. Simpson is reportedly planning an infomercial declaring his innocence, and the Brown and Goldman families are pressing on with a civil suit against the judge.

4. RABIN ASSASSINATION: On Nov. 5, Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin delivered a message of conciliation to the crowd in Tel Aviv. "People really want peace," Rabin, a Nobel Peace Prize winner for his efforts in the Middle East, then left the podium fully and walked to his car.

Vigil Amir was waiting.

The 25-year-old Amir, taking advantage of lax security, fatally shot Rabin from point-blank range, authorities said. The alleged killer had ties to Israeli extremist fringe groups, and no remorse for the slaying.

"I'm satisfied," he said, when told of Rabin's death.

5. KOBE EARTHQUAKE: People limping, wrapped in bandages, carrying what was left of their possessions. They were fleeing the worst earthquake in Japan since 1923, a disaster that turned a sleek, modern city of 1.4 million into a post-apocalyptic nightmare.

The 7.2-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 17 killed more than 6,000 people, injured more than 26,000, demolished more than 94,000 buildings and homes. Random fires raged. Electricity, gas and water lines were knocked out. Food was at a premium. Nearly a year later, they're still trying to put Kobe back together again.

6. CONTRACT WITH AMERICA: In this pre-election year, with the arrival of Newt Gingrich as Speaker of the House, the battle lines were drawn early. Who knew they would end up leaving 260,000 federal employees temporarily out of work?

With Republicans in control of both houses of Congress for the first time in 40 years, they took on President Clinton on every front. Gingrich & Co. waged war with the White House and their Democratic counterparts in Congress over everything and anything. The end result: a partial government shutdown while haggling continued over the federal budget.

7. JAPANESE SUBWAY GASSED: Japan had its own problems with local terrorists. Aum Shuun Kyo, a Japanese cult, was accused of spreading deadly nerve gas through the Tokyo subway system on March 20. A dozen people were killed; more than 5,500 others were left gasping for air.

Authorities arrested cult leader Shoko Ashura, charging the cult planted the gas as part of its plan to prepare for a coming world war.

8. AMERICAN HERO: In an air short on heroes and role models, Air Force Capt. Scott O'Grady proved to be both — and a best-selling author, too.

O'Grady's F-16 was shot down over Bosnia on June 2, and he narrowly escaped Serb forces after fleeing his crippled plane. For the next six days, he survived on insects and grass, washed down with rainwater. Finally, the Marines swooped in and brought O'Grady home. His book on the ordeal, "Return With Honor," sold more than 200,000 copies.

His all-American image was solidified in a conversation with President Clinton. "The United States is the greatest country in the world," he said. "God bless America."

9. KILLER HEAT: For scores of elderly Chicagoans this summer, their homes became their coffins. A mid-July heat wave, with temperatures topping out at 106 degrees, caused more than 700 deaths — a higher death toll than the Great Chicago Fire of 1871.

Most of the victims were elderly people who lived alone. The sad story was even sadder for some — 41 bodies were never claimed by relatives, and Chicago officials buried them in simple plywood caskets in a single mass grave.

10. SUSAN SMITH SPARED: The first decision was simple: Susan Smith had, by her own admission, strangled her two little boys in their car seats and rolled them down a boat ramp to their deaths in a South Carolina lake. A jury convicted her of murder on July 22.

The second decision was more vexing: Should she receive the death penalty? A poll indicated most Americans agreed that the murders of 3-year-old Michael and 14-month-old Alex were enough to cost their mother her life. But the jury disagreed; Susan Smith instead received life in prison.

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JULY

- 10 Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi is freed from almost six years of house arrest in Rangoon, Burma
- 14 United States normalizes relations with Vietnam
- 22 Susan Smith is found guilty of first-degree murder and later sentenced to life in prison, for drowning her two sons in 1994
- 31 In the second-largest takeover in U.S. corporate history, Walt Disney Co. acquires Capital Cities-ABC Inc. for \$19 billion

AUGUST

- 9 Jerry Garcia, lead singer of the Grateful Dead, dies of a heart attack at age 33
- 10 Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols are charged in the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building
- 13 Mickey Mantle dies of cancer at age 63

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Rock and Roll Hall of Fame opens in Cleveland, Ohio
- 6 Cal Ripken breaks Lou Gehrig's record by playing his 2,131st consecutive game
- 8 More than 400 people killed by floods in northern India
- 22 Lawyers in the O.J. Simpson trial rest their cases
- Time Warner strikes a \$7.5 billion deal to buy Turner Broadcasting System Inc.
- 28 Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Yasir Arafat, chairman of the PLO, sign an accord to transfer much of the West Bank to the control of its Arab residents

OCTOBER

- 3 O.J. Simpson is acquitted of murdering his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman
- 4 Pope John Paul II arrives in the United States for a five-day visit
- 5 Seamus Heaney of Ireland wins the Nobel Prize in literature
- 10 World chess champion Garry Kasparov wins month-long championship match against Viswanathan Anand
- 11 Israeli troops begin their West Bank pullback
- 13 Joseph Rabin and the Pugwash Conference on Science and World Affairs win the Nobel Peace Prize
- 16 Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan addresses a crowd of 400,000 black men at the Million Man March in Washington, D.C.
- 28 The Atlanta Braves win the World Series

NOVEMBER

- 5 Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is assassinated at a peace rally in Tel Aviv
- 6 Jack Kevorkian takes part in a 26th suicide
- 14 The U.S. government institutes a partial shutdown
- 20 New Beatles song, "Free As A Bird," is released
- 21 Bosnian, Serbian and Croatian presidents endorse an agreement to end years of ethnic warfare in Bosnia
- 22 Dow Jones industrial average closes above 5,000 for the first time
- 24 Irish voters approve a constitutional amendment legalizing divorce

DECEMBER

- 13 U.S. troops deployed on peacekeeping mission to Bosnia
- 14 Leaders of Bosnia, Serbia and Croatia sign the U.S.-sponsored peace treaty in Paris
- 15 Clinton declines to turn over a side's Whitewater to a Senate ethics committee
- 16 Budget impasse ends

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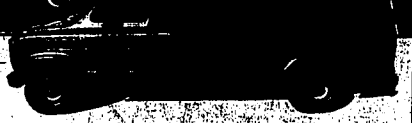
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Cowboys thrash Phoenix, 37-13

The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Dallas Cowboys earned home-field rights throughout the conference playoffs, and got Emmitt Smith one of the NFL's most prized records in the process.

Smith had the NFL rushing title wrapped up before Monday night's game against the Arizona Cardinals. But he needed one touchdown to break the league record of 24 in a season, set by Washington's John Riggins in 1983.

Smith's 38-yard scoring run came with 5:49 left in the 37-13 victory, the final game of the NFL's regular season.

Kevin Williams of the Cowboys closed his third year in the league with a career day, catching touchdown passes of 25 and 48 yards from Troy Aikman among his nine grabs for 203 yards.

Brock Marion contributed to the Cowboys' quick start by returning an interception 32 yards for a TD in the first quarter, and Chris Boniol had field goals for Dallas of 39, 23 and 24 yards.

The Cowboys (12-4) lost the home-field advantage to San Francisco last year, and dropped a 38-28 decision to the 49ers in the NFC championship game.

This time, the right to play at home until the Super Bowl was the only thing at stake for the Cowboys, who claimed their fourth straight NFC East title and got next week off when Chicago beat Philadelphia on Sunday.

Brock Marion returned an interception



Dallas Cowboys safety Brock Marion (31) celebrates following an interception he ran back for a touchdown in Monday night's game against the Arizona Cardinals in Tempe, Ariz.

32 yards for a touchdown and Troy Aikman threw scoring passes of 48 and 25 yards to Kevin Williams as the Dallas Cowboys led the Arizona Cardinals 27-13

after three quarters Monday night. Dallas led 24-3 at halftime before the Cardinals mounted a comeback. Pro Bowl cornerback Aeneas Williams

returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown 3:30 into the second half, sparking Arizona. Then, on the ensuing kickoff, Kevin Williams fumbled after a hard hit from Tony Jones and rookie Lance Brown recovered for the Cardinals at the Cowboys' 27-yard line.

The Cardinals' drive stalled at the 10, however, but Greg Davis' 23-yard field goal with 8:47 remaining in the third quarter narrowed the score to 24-13 before Dallas' Chris Boniol kicked his second field goal of the game, also for 23 yards.

Dallas dominated the first half, rolling up 269 yards in total offense en route to a 17-0 lead.

The Cardinals' lone highlight was Larry Centers catching six passes in the first half, giving him 95 this season and breaking the NFL record for receptions by a running back. San Francisco's Roger Craig had set the mark with 92 in 1985.

On their initial possession of the game, the Cowboys drove 66 yards in six plays to take a 7-0 lead.

Aikman found Williams for a 30-yard gain to the Cardinals 36, then hit him for the TD pass three plays later. Williams beat Brown on a curl pattern and reced the final 12 yards to the end zone.

Arizona's Dave Krieg threw a pass to Anthony Edwards along the far sidelines on a third-and-2 play from the Cardinals' 49-yard line. Marion read the play perfectly, caught the ball in stride at the 32 for his sixth interception of the season and went in untouched for a 14-0 lead just 4:56 into the game.

Morning line

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“A lot of people think about the World Series thing. I don't have to worry about that. I'm not a fielding coach. I'm a hitting coach.”

— New Chicago White Sox coach Bill Buckner

Briefly

Reno golfers shoot consecutive holes-in-one

DAYTON, Nev. — In what may be a golf first, two Reno golfers recorded holes-in-one on consecutive shots.

John Legarza, 60, and Tom Gabelman, 59, delivered aces on the 162-yard, par-3 16th hole Thursday at the Dayton Valley Country Club.

“It was pretty exciting,” said Legarza, who coached the University of Nevada, Reno golf team from 1977-93. “You can't believe what happened. I don't think it has ever happened before.”

“The chances of that happening, I don't know. The chances of getting one is a miracle.”

Gabelman, semi-retired from the oil business, said he checked Golf Digest to see if the feat had ever occurred. The publication has a section for golf oddities.

“There was nothing in there,” he said. Jeff Sparks, the assistant pro at Dayton Valley 25 miles southeast of Reno, said he will contact a handful of golf magazines to see if this oddity is a first.

“It would be extremely rare,” Sparks said.

Legarza used a 5-iron to record his first ace. Gabelman used a 4-iron for the second hole-in-one in his life.

The aces were witnessed by two Dayton men on the seventh green, the neighboring hole of the 16th.

Bears, not Falcons, should have made the playoffs

HAWTHORNE, Calif. — The Chicago Bears should have made the playoffs instead of the Atlanta Falcons, according to FACT.

The Foundation for the Analysis of Competitions and Tournaments, using numerical information based on every game this season, claims the Bears belonged ahead of the Falcons because of a better overall statistical margin and a more difficult schedule. Both teams were 9-7 this season.

FACT also argues that Detroit should have been at home on Saturday against Philadelphia instead of the other way. The Eagles had poorer statistical margins and a weaker schedule.

Finally, the foundation says Miami should be ranked fifth in the AFC, ahead of Indianapolis. The NFL tiebreakers placed the Dolphins sixth and at Buffalo on Saturday, while the Colts wound up No. 5 and will be at San Diego.

19th-century church plan pre-dates NFL concept

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The trendy concept of permanent seat licenses — charging a one-time fee of hundreds or thousands of dollars for the right to buy a season ticket for a particular seat forever — got its start in the '80s.

The 1880s. A curator at the Tennessee State Museum says recently uncovered documents show members of First Presbyterian Church, now Downtown Presbyterian, paid for choice pews. A framed rental receipt from 1885 donated to the museum reflects a payment of \$25 for six months.

The price may have varied, said Jim Hoolber, the museum's curator of art and architecture. “You probably paid more to be closer to the front.” It is, in fact, a 19th-century PSL.

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Kansas belts UCLA in Aloha Bowl All-Pro team features 4 49ers players



Kansas running back L.T. Levine looks for room to run during the Aloha Bowl in Honolulu Monday.

HONOLULU — Jolted by the words “I'm staying at Kansas,” the Jayhawks welcomed back Glen Mason in the best possible way — a 51-30 victory over UCLA in the Aloha Bowl.

A week after accepting the coaching job at Georgia, Mason started his team before Monday's Christmas game against UCLA, announcing he had changed his mind and would stay right where he is.

“When he told us before we left the hotel this morning, we were in shock,” said Mark Williams, who threw for three touchdowns and ran for another.

June Henley, who'll be a beneficiary of Mason's coaching next season, also had a big day, breaking off a 49-yard scoring run and scoring on a 2-yard carry. For the afternoon, he finished with 107 yards on 13 carries.

After the game, Mason profusely apologized for his sudden turnaround.

“I apologize to the University of Georgia and especially to (athletic director Vince) Dooley,” he said. “I don't like to put anyone in an embarrassing position and I'm not normally a guy who waffles on a decision.”

“But in the week that I took the (Georgia) job, I thought it over — what was in the best interest of my family and me personally.”

Early this morning, I phoned coach Dooley and told him of my decision not to take the job. I suddenly happened to be the coach at the University of Kansas.”

Georgia moved quickly by announcing Jim Donnan of Marshall would become its new coach. He was a top contender to replace the fired Ray Goff before Mason was hired last week.

The Aloha Bowl had been billed one featuring lame duck coaches since UCLA's Terry Donahue had earlier announced he had accepted a television job. Donahue, who stuck to his plans, ended his 20-year career with a 151-74 record, including a 5.5 mark this year.

“I didn't think I'd feel as bad as I do,” he said. “But life goes on and I'm going to go on and take it from here.”

The No. 11 Jayhawks completed their season at 10-2, the first 10-win season in the modern history of the school's football team.

They didn't waste any time in showing their joy over Mason's decision. They stormed to a 17-0 first-half lead on a 9-yard pass from Williams to Jim Moore, a 49-yard run down the sideline by Henley and a 27-yard field goal by Jeff McCord.

Then, in quick succession in the third quarter, Henley ran in from 2 yards, and Williams hooked up on TD passes of 77 yards to Isaac Byrd and 27 yards to Andre Carter. At that point, the Jayhawks led 37-7.

Milanovich shines as Blue's prevail, 26-7

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — A relieved Scott Milanovich sat in an orange city bus behind Kentucky Bowl, shaded by the stadium where he had just given a boost to his once imperiled career.

Before the Maryland quarterback's senior season even began, it looked as if he had played his last college football game. With a 175-yard, two-touchdown performance in Blue's 26-7 victory over Gray on Monday, Milanovich put behind him a season plagued by a gambling suspension and several benchings.

“We had a lot of fun in the second half, man,” said Milanovich, who had to sit out four games this season after a school probe found he bet on college sports. “It's been a long time since I had such a good time playing. It was nice playing with people that good.”

Milanovich, who was 9-of-20, found West Virginia tight end Lovett Purnell for a 43-yard touchdown in the second quarter, then connected for 36 yards to the Mountaineers' Kentry Barber to give Blue a 19-7 lead in the third.

Purnell also caught a 5-yard TD pass from Nevada's Miles Maxwell in the first quarter for Blue's first touchdown. Purnell caught four passes for 90 yards.

Milanovich said he would have left



The Bluesquad's Aaron Beasley (top), takes down the Gray's Toderick Malone of Alabama in the Blue-Gray All-Star Classic in Montgomery, Ala.

school had his initial eight-game suspension not been reduced to four. He showed

poise in the pocket and good zip on his passes as NFL scouts watched from the stands.

“People had labeled me a run-and-shoot quarterback,” Milanovich said. “It helped because I was able to be in a drop-back system and take some snaps.”

On Blue's first drive of the second quarter, Milanovich floated a beautifully thrown spiral toward the sideline for 29 yards to Fresno State's Jahine Arnold. That set up the long TD pass to Purnell, a bullet up the middle on an out-and-up pattern.

Late in the third, Milanovich stepped around several rushers and found Terrapins teammate Jermaine Lewis, setting up the 36-yard scoring pass to Barber.

“Milanovich is a pretty good player,” said Boston College coach Dan Henning, who coached the Blue offense. “A lot went up there this year, a lot of distractions. Maybe he's over that and ready to move on.”

Milanovich was intercepted in the third when East Tennessee's Donnie Abraham stepped in for a pass to the sideline.

While Milanovich piled up the numbers, Maxwell nearly made it into the Blue-Gray record book. Offensive pass interference negated a 69-yard TD pass to Lewis. It would have been the longest scoring pass in the history of the 58-year-old series, eclipsing Jerry Rice's 60-yard TD catch in 1984.

Maxwell followed by Memphis (7-0), which was on one ball and moved up two spots, and Kansas.

Cincinnati (7-0) continued its climb from a preseason No. 21 ranking, moving from ninth to fifth and getting one first-place vote. Georgetown held sixth and was followed by Connecticut, which got the final No. 1 vote, Villanova, Arizona and Iowa.

Arizona dropped six spots after losing its first game of the season, at home to Syracuse.

“Every year, I get better and better. I'm a young player; still. I just turned 26. There are a lot of things yet to be seen from me. I think.”

The other 49ers on the team are linebacker Ken Norton, safety Merton Hanks and cornerback Eric Davis.

Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre had all players with 86 votes. Favre, leading by far the best season of his career, threw for league-best 4,413 yards and 38 touchdowns.

“It's something I'll cherish for a long time, regardless if this is the only award or honor I get,” Favre said. “If you think about the players in this league, the guys you're competing against for those awards, then to be named is one heck of an honor.”

Joining Favre in the backfield are running backs Emmitt Smith of Dallas and Barry Sanders of Detroit. The tight end is Eric Center of New England.

Up front, Detroit's Lewis Brown and New Orleans' William Roaf are the tacklers, with Dallas' Nate Newton and Minnesota's Randall McDaniel at guard. The center is Dermontti Dawson of Pittsburgh.

Joining the three 49ers on the All-Pro defense are ends Reggie White of Green Bay and Bruce Smith of Buffalo; tackles Chester McGeoch of Oakland and John Randle of Minnesota; linebackers Bryce Paup of Buffalo and Greg Lloyd of Pittsburgh; safety Darren Woodson of Dallas; and cornerback Aeneas Williams of Arizona.

UMass No. 1 in college hoops, Kansas slips to No. 4

Massachusetts, which reached No. 1 for the first time in school history last season, went back to the top of the college basketball poll Monday.

The Minutemen (7-0) moved up one spot from last week and were the runaway choice of the national media panel, receiving 58 of 64 first-place votes and 1,593 points, 90 more than runner-up Kentucky.

The third change at No. 1 this season came about because of Kansas' overtime

loss to Temple last Friday. The Jayhawks (7-1) had been top-ranked for three weeks just before losing to Kentucky, the preseason No. 1. The Wildcats held the top spot until losing to Massachusetts.

“Being No. 1 means more to the other teams than us,” Massachusetts coach John Calipari said after beating Georgia Tech just hours after Kansas had been beaten by the other game of the inaugural Jimmy V. Classic. “Now you're a bigger target. To tell you the truth, I'm not sure if we're the best team in the country.”

Kentucky (7-1), which was fourth last

week, received three first-place votes and was followed by Memphis (7-0), which was on one ball and moved up two spots, and Kansas.

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Massachusetts held the No. 1 spot twice last season, the first time for just one week, then slipped to top for two weeks later in the year. She checked her No. 1 position last season — Massachusetts, Arkansas, North Carolina, UCLA, Connecticut and Kansas.

North Carolina again led the Second Ten this week and was followed by Illinois, Syracuse, Wake Forest, Utah, Georgia, Mississippi State, Missouri, Michigan and Duke. The final five were Virginia Tech, Virginia, UCLA, Clemson and Tulsa.

Browns fans plead for Cleveland

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Even in Florida, the Cleveland Browns couldn't escape the passion they'll be leaving behind if Art Modell gets his way.

A group of hearty fans — some wearing their faces painted orange and brown — others carrying toy dog bones on their heads — attended the players as they got off the bus for what could be their final game as Cleveland's team.

Some carried signs imploring "Save Our Browns." Others lambasted Modell, saying he wanted to move his team to Baltimore next season even though it averaged more than 70,000 fans per game in Cleveland.

"They're not going to find better fans than they have in Cleveland," said Art Modell. "Barton decked out in Cleveland Browns gear that might soon be outdated. Modell is going to regret it. Baltimore already had a team (the Colts) and they lost it. Now they want to take the Browns up there, but what's going to happen when those fans wither out and don't support the team if they don't 'do good' in Cleveland, it doesn't matter. We support our Browns."

Boston, a Cleveland native who now lives in Jacksonville,



Art Modell
Still intent on moving Browns wanted her team loose to the expansion Jaguars 24-21 on Mike Hollis' 34-yard field goal as time expired Sunday.

The score, however, didn't seem to matter. This was not a day for worrying about the present — neither team was in the playoff hunt — nor was it a time to look ahead to an uncertain future. This was a day to remember all the good times in Cleveland, before things like luxury box revenue and signing bonuses and stadium mismanagement and political inaction messed it all up.

"I don't want to be overdramatic because I know we have men and women overseas," said Kelly Kinsell, who moved from Cleveland to Jacksonville two years ago. "But it hurts. I look at this team and I look back to Jimmy Brown and Leroy Kelly. Jimmy was my favorite. He sure could run in the mud."

Kinsell had brought his 8-year-old son, Kennedy, to his first football game. This was to be like a rite of passage, but instead it had turned into a day of mourning.

"It takes me back to being with my grandparents, my dad, my friends," Kinsell said. "I wanted my son to have the opportunity to play it on his own. That's the way it is in Cleveland. It's generational."

Kinsell said he stopped watching NFL games on television in early November when Modell announced the move to Baltimore, which is still tied up in the courts and hasn't been approved by the other club owners. And even though he lives far away from both Baltimore and Cleveland, his loyalty to the team will end if the

Browns move away from their home of the past half-century.

"I cannot bring myself to even think of rooting for the Baltimore Browns," Kinsell said.

For the players, there was a sense of relief that the ordeal was finally over. The Browns, who were touted as Super Bowl contenders at the beginning of the season, lost six in a row after Modell's announcement and finished 5-11 — their worst record since 1990 and six victories fewer than the previous year.

"This game was sentimental for a lot of guys," said quarterback Vinny Testaverde, heading out of the locker room with Christmas gifts under both arms. "We'll have a lot of time now to reflect back on this year and memories from other years."

"At least the Jaguars know where they'll be playing next season. The inaugural season in Jacksonville produced a 4-12 record and hope for the years to come.

"Everyone says in this business, 'You're only as good as your last game,'" defensive tackle Don Davey said. "And right now we're pretty good, because we won our last game and have something to build on for the future."

White and Favre share leadership

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Just who is the leader of the Green Bay Packers? Reggie White and Brett Favre can't agree.

White says it's Favre, who led the NFL with 38 touchdowns, third-most in league history, and 4,413 yards, despite being banged up much of the year. Favre says it's White, who had 12 sacks at age 33 despite a sprained knee and torn hamstring.

Both not only played through pain, but excelled. Favre returned from a severely sprained right ankle to throw five touchdowns against Chicago last month and then went over six weeks tear-to-back up his MVP declarations.

White returned from a sprained right knee without missing a game. Then, two weeks ago, he canceled season-ending surgery on his torn left hamstring and played against New Orleans, inspiring the Packers to their third straight playoff berth.

Just call one of them the heart and the other the soul of this team, which finished 11-5, the best in Green Bay since Vince Lombardi's 1966 squad went 12-2.

Both were named to the All-Pro squad Monday. Favre was the leading vote-getter, with an overall 56 votes at quarterback to just one for Steve Young and one for Dan Marino.

"It's something I'll cherish for a long time, regardless if this is the only award or honor I get," said Favre. "It certainly says a lot about this team and the way we've been able to overcome Sterling Sharpe's absence."

The deeply religious White thanked a higher power for his success.

"To be able to endure the season and the injuries, it's been one of my better years," White said. "I kept getting injuries that slowed me down in some situations, but God always showed up for me and healed me."

White has said since training camp he has his best shot at that elusive Super Bowl ring because of Favre, even though Sharpe was released following neck surgery in January.

After Green Bay clinched its first NFC Central crown since 1972 on Sunday, White said Favre was the reason.

"Everyone understands their position on this team," White said. "The camaraderie is great. There's no jealousy. Everyone knows who the man is. I've said all year long Brett Favre is the man. We're just the supporting cast."

"If Brett Favre's not the MVP of this league, I don't know who is. He's carried this team the whole way. And he's going to carry us a long way."



Brett Favre celebrates his touchdown throw in the Packers' game against the Pittsburgh Steelers Sunday in Green Bay, Wis.

Despite White's comments, Favre still looks to the All-Pro defensive end as the overall leader of the team — the inspirational leader.

"He's a great player who deserves every honor he will get," Favre said. "This is his best year if you consider the injuries he's had. He's played hurt. That's proof he's more than just a player who can line up healthy. Everyone has kind of followed that lead."

"We have guys playing hurt, playing hard each play. No doubt a lot of it has to do with Reggie," Favre said.

White said Favre's magnificent season without Sharpe proved just how good the 26-year-old quarterback is.

"The thing Brett has been able to do is spread the ball around. That's what's been good about the offense," White said. "With a great player like Sterling, it takes more than one guy to replace him. And I think Brett did the job that he needed to do to lead us the way he has."

SEC dominates women's basketball poll

The Associated Press

Will eight be enough for the SEC?

Already the dominant league in The Associated Press women's basketball poll, the Southeastern Conference presence grew even larger Monday with the addition of Auburn to the Top 25.

That gave the SEC eight teams in the poll — nearly a third of the 25 in the final Top 25 last season and all made the NCAA tournament. Tennessee and Georgia reached the Final Four.

"Now, which of those seven is going to move over this year?" Blair said. "I don't want to move over. I'm sure those others don't either. That makes it scary. Who's going to do it? I don't know if they'll take eight of us (in the NCAA tournament). I guess we'll

was third, Tennessee fifth and Georgia ninth.

Also in the Top 25 from the SEC were No. 18 Alabama, No. 22 Mississippi and No. 23 Florida.

Vanderbilt, Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida all were in the final Top 25 last season and all made the NCAA tournament. Tennessee and Georgia reached the Final Four.

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find out eventually."

Louisiana Tech shows no signs of moving from the No. 1 position it has held for six straight weeks now. The Lady Techsters got all 39 first-place votes from a national media panel — the second consecutive week they've been a unanimous choice for No. 1.

And they'll no doubt stay on top for at least one more week because they don't play again until meeting Lamar on Jan. 4, which is after the next poll is out. Tech (9-0) in its only game last week.

Louisiana Tech had 975 points in the voting, Connecticut (9-1) had 926 and Vanderbilt (7-0) 891. Connecticut, overcome the absence of leading scorer Kara Wolters to beat Rhode Island 84-65 for its ninth straight victory. The 6-foot-7 Wolters, a presession All-American, missed the game because of back spasms. She has plenty of time to recover because the Huskies don't play again until meeting Northeastern on Friday.

There were only minor changes in the Top Ten as those teams went 15-0 during the past week. No. 4 Stanford and No. 5 Tennessee traded places as did No. 9 Georgia and No. 10 Colorado. No. 6 Virginia, No. 7 Penn State and eighth-ranked Arkansas were unchanged.

Purdue led the Second Ten and was followed by Iowa, Oregon State, North Carolina State, Texas Tech, Duke, Wisconsin, Alabama, Old Dominion and Oklahoma State.

Texas A&M, Mississippi, Florida, Northwestern and Auburn completed the Top 25.

North Carolina dropped out after losing two of three games at the Carolinas Holiday Beach Classic.

'I was very happy at Stephen F. Austin. ... Now I'm in this league and I'm having a heck of a time just trying to compete.'

— Gary Blair, head coach, Arkansas women's basketball

Bosnian teens prosper after seeking refuge in U.S.

CHICAGO (AP) — They fled war-torn Bosnia-Herzegovina more than two years ago for the tranquility of the American heartland, trading their basketball skills for safe shelters and higher education.

Now, as peace is returning to the European nation, 11 of the 19 immigrants from Bosnia's Cadet national basketball team are attending U.S. colleges. The rest are finishing high school. All have prospered by trying to compete on the basketball courts.

As 20,000 U.S. peacekeeping troops prepare to spend the New Year in the Balkans, the Bosnian youths spent their third Christmas 5,500 miles from their homeland.

While prospects of peace have improved, none of the teens plans to return home soon and some have been joined in the United States by their Bosnian families.

The 19 are a mix of Serbs, Croats and Muslims.

"Since we came over we have tried to prove to the world we can get together, that all the nonsense over there is what politicians have stirred up, turning our people into hate machines," said Adis Saracovic, a freshman at Central Missouri State.

The 19 youths and their two coaches dodged sniper fire at the Sarajevo airport to leave the country and came to Illinois in two groups in August and September 1993.

The teens — ranging in height from 5-foot-10 to 7-foot-7 — were sponsored by local Rotary clubs and stayed with host families in northeastern Illinois, attending 12 high schools as foreign exchange students.

"The whole thing has been a major learning experience," said Patsy Thalheimer, Saracovic's host mother from suburban Barrington, Ill.

Most played basketball well in high school, but their teams were not dominating as some opposing coaches had feared.

"It was a challenge for a lot of coaches to get the Browns to get consistent defensive play from them," Burlington High School coach David Gilliland said. "It's just the European style of play — American basketball is more rugged and more physical."

But the players are getting something else to them, Gilliland said.

"It was a good experience for



Adis Saracovic, center, a freshman at Central Missouri State, shares a moment with his father Semudin, left, and his mother Fahrlija at their home in Des Plaines, Ill. Saracovic was one of 19 players and two coaches from Bosnia's Cadet National Basketball Team who immigrated to the U.S. in 1993.

our kids to be with them as far as the culture thing and what they've been through," he said.

The group's best player was Elvir Ovcina, a 7-footer who attended Sycamore High School and now plays basketball at Syracuse.

"He hasn't played much as a freshman, but he'll do all right," Syracuse spokesman Larry Kimble said. "He's got this old-fashioned hook shot that I just love."

After two years, the Bosnians now look, act and talk (with a slight accent) just like American teens.

"I consider myself Bosnian, but every day I become more assimilated into the American culture and the American way of life. I guess I consider myself a Bosni-

an-American," said Saracovic, whose parents moved from Sarajevo to the Chicago area more than a year ago.

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— Adis Saracovic, Bosnian refugee

Sinisa Vidic, a senior at Jacobs High School in Algonquin, is typical.

"He's pretty Americanized. He has a job at Foot Locker. His English is getting better. He's doing well in school and hopes to go

college," said Marsha Haier, his host mother.

"I'd say 19 teens now are spread around the country, they keep in close contact with each other and their coaches.

"We have been through a lot, and it has brought us together," Saracovic said.

Letters from home and news accounts keep them aware of developments in their native land.

"I'm optimistic toward the news getting talks about stopping this nonsense," Saracovic said.

But Rasko Secerovic, the Bosnian team's assistant coach, says the peacekeeping mission "only solves the problem for a short time."

Hoopster taunts foes via E-mail messages

By JIM O'CONNELL
The Associated Press

It's up to Chris McGuthrie, trash talking may soon consist of phrases like "In Your Database" and "Your Modem."

The senior guard for Mount St. Mary's has started what could be the end of the late-'80s players' get themselves emotionally ready for college basketball games: He contacts upcoming opponents by E-mail.

"I started using E-mail every day and was wondering how interesting it could write to other players," McGuthrie said from his home, "not far from the school's Emmettsburg, Md., campus. "I looked a couple addresses up and it so happened I found Tim Duncan and Tom Rutland. I tried to find some more but couldn't."

Wake Forest, the school Duncan and Rutland attend, was on Mount St. Mary's schedule. Let the computer mind games begin.

"It's almost all friendly and funny, but I do get serious at some time," said the 5-foot-7 McGuthrie, who averaged 19.2 points per game last season. The third-best mark of his returns in Division I. "I told Tim Duncan that he was going to be distracted because me. I told Rutland, and I was just joking, that he was too young to be a third-year guard like me and Riley Rogers. I was just messing around. I asked Duncan if he wanted to hang around or anything after the game and I could be his agent. I told him I'd could get him a good deal and I don't want a big percentage."

McGuthrie said Rutland answered him.

"He said he and Tim had something for us and he didn't appreciate me talking trash on the computer. Then he said it was kind of funny," McGuthrie said.

McGuthrie backed up his computer talk by scoring 36 points in a 75-62 loss to the 11th-ranked Demon Deacons. He said he was as upset with the loss that he didn't talk to Duncan and Rutland after the game.

He went on to lead an upset over another Apalachee team, Coastal Carolina, in a game team, scoring 37 points in the Mountaineers' 71-69 victory over Georgia Tech, the first win over a ranked team for any school in the 14-year-old Northeast Conference.

It was the first victory over an ACC school for Mount St. Mary's coach Jim Phelan, who is in his 42nd year at the school, compiling a 741-594 record.

Phelan said he was a fan of the team and looks more like he should be headed to the liberal arts building for a class than the gym for practice.

McGuthrie said the age difference isn't any kind of obstacle for the team even for a flamboyant player like himself.

"I bit it off with him right away. He has a great sense of humor and he makes me and everyone else laugh," McGuthrie said, adding Phelan told him he has no problem with his E-mailing future opponents. "He doesn't mind anything as long as we get the job done. He always says we can play in skirts if we want to."

— Chris McGuthrie, on Mount St. Mary's coach Jim Phelan

Ending season on high note good omen for playoffs

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

History says teams that go to the Super Bowl are teams playing their best at the end of the season.

If history is right, get ready for a Kansas City-Detroit Super Bowl. It's even a red-blue game for people using different-colored pens to keep score.

However...
Dallas, San Francisco, Buffalo and San Diego are still alive — it could, in fact, be the same old song. The playoffs begin Saturday with Miami at Buffalo and Detroit at Philadelphia. Atlanta is at Green Bay and Indianapolis at San Diego on Sunday. The Dolphins, Bills and Colts-Chargers are replays of regular-season games played just two weeks ago, although the second game was in Indianapolis, not San Diego.

But it's on to Kansas City, Pittsburgh, San Francisco and Dallas the following week.

Detroit, on the road, is a 14-point favorite. That rarely happens in the playoffs and indicates how far the Lions have come with the best straight wins since William Clay Ford took history off his team (at 3-6) that he'd be history if his team didn't make the playoffs.

They did. Now they might even make the Super Bowl.

NFC

Dallas and San Francisco remain the favorites, but Detroit and Green Bay are closer now than they've been all season.

Detroit has won seven straight, the last two by an aggregate score of 81-10, the last four by 132-34. Teams that finish on that kind of roll often carry it into the playoffs — the '85 Bears, '86 Giants and several San Francisco teams, to name a few.

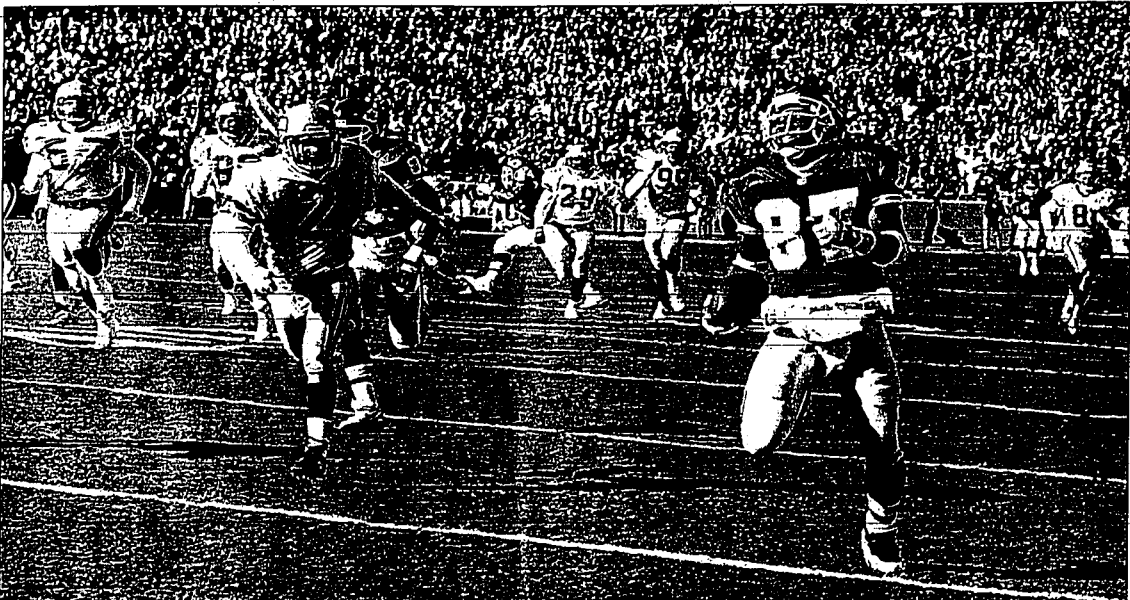
But those were clearly dominant teams.

Detroit is certainly dominant on offense, with Barry Sanders running, Herman Moore, Brett Periman and Johnnie Morton catching. They are better than Emmitt Smith-Michael Irvin-Kevin Williams or Derrick Loville-Jerry Rice-J.J. Stokes-John Taylor.

But there are problems:
—The Lions must win three games on the road to get to the Super Bowl, a task that's been accomplished only once, by the 1985 Patriots. All three would be on the road in cold weather, something to which Detroit isn't accustomed.

—Defense. The Lions are OK at best. That usually doesn't cut it in the playoffs.

—Lack of experience, particularly at quarterback. Scott Mitchell will be in his first playoffs outside the World League. Yes, the Lions went to the NFC title game in 1991,



The Kansas City Chiefs, shown here in Sunday's game against the Seattle Seahawks, will battle the New York Giants next week for the chance to continue in the playoffs. A strong year-end finish and the best record in the NFL provide the Chiefs with some momentum going into the playoffs.

but that was in a weak year.

—Coaching. Wayne Fontes is a great guy and players love him; that's why the Lions win every time. But he's not a great game day tactician on the order of Ray Rhodes of Philadelphia or the San Francisco coaching staff. On the other hand, Fontes vs. Dallas—Barry Switzer would be intriguing... for negative reasons.

—What about San Francisco-Dallas?

The Niners haven't played well the last two weeks. They were a step behind both offensively and defensively against the Falcons on Sunday.

"It didn't seem that we played up to the caliber that we are going to have to play if we expect to go beyond this next playoff game," George Seifert said. "Our team is going to have to get its act together."

The Niners have a history of doing that and always have been at home on the road if they have to go

there. But they're not really at home against run-and-shoot offenses or variations, like Detroit's. They lost 27-24 in Pontiac early in the season, and Atlanta caused them trouble Sunday.

Dallas? With all the talent on hand, the Cowboys miss Charles Haley, without whom the pass rush isn't much. Switzer is getting out-coached weekly. The pass rush deficiency will give a Brett Favre, a Steve Young or a Mitchell a lot of time to find good receivers.

Green Bay should have little trouble with Atlanta — the run and shoot on the frozen tundra? But the Packers have lost five straight in Dallas the past three years and may have a mental block about the Cowboys.

On the other hand, the Packers haven't played the 49ers since 1990, two years before Mike Holmgren became head coach and Favre became the quarterback. Holmgren was the 49ers' offensive coordinator; Fritz Shumner, Green Bay's defensive coordinator, played

them often when he was with the Rams. They could orchestrate trouble for San Francisco.

—Atlanta has a better chance for an upset with playoff-tested Bobby Hebert at quarterback than the petulant Jeff George. But it has hardly any chance at all unless it's 50 degrees and sunny at Lambeau Field.

Philadelphia? One round if Detroit freezes in cold weather.

AFC

Won't anyone take the Chiefs seriously? Few people do, so five of the six teams — scratch Indianapolis, but add underachieving Miami — may have a shot at the Super Bowl.

Yet Kansas City was 13-3, best in the NFL, and held Seattle to eight first downs and 89 yards Sunday, a week after the Seahawks scored 44 against the Raiders.

The Chiefs are 8-0 at Arrowhead Stadium, where they get to spend the playoffs and the defense is good.

But Steve Bono and the receivers

don't scare people, the best running back is 35-year-old Marcus Allen, and Marty Schottenheimer, who's gone to the playoffs six straight years and 10 of his 11 full seasons, is regarded as a coach who can't win the big one — even though he was a few seconds away from the Super Bowl twice in Cleveland.

The New York Giants went 13-3 in 1990 with a very good defense (like Kansas City) and a 34-year-old running back, Otis Anderson, who was the Super Bowl MVP. Bill Parcells, who coached that team, thinks these Chiefs are like those Giants, who won by an aggregate of three points in the NFC title game and Super Bowl.

But Pittsburgh is the consensus favorite.

The Steelers won seven straight after Bill Cowher and Ron Erhardt opened up the offense. They lost in Green Bay on Sunday only because a wide-open Yancey Thigpen dropped the winning TD pass. They learned a lesson in overconfidence last year by losing the title game at

home to San Diego. Improvement in the offense (Kordell Stewart) compensates some for the loss of Rod Woodson in defense.

They get the first game at home and should beat Buffalo or San Diego there, although the Chargers are a warm-weather team built for cold weather (snowballs). They also seem to be better than Kansas City, but so does everyone else.

The others?
Buffalo has all those guys who have been there and gets to play Miami at home again. The Dolphins could win, but there's little reason to think they can emerge from a season-long funk in three road games.

Indianapolis is just glad to be there. Marshall Faulk is banged up and three wins on the road would be an upset of monumental proportions.

So, back to the beginning. Why not Kansas City and Detroit? Maybe because of teams from San Francisco, Dallas and Pittsburgh.

Mason stays, cites family reasons

By Greg Couch
Knight-Ridder News Service

HONOLULU — Something had been bothering Glen Mason for the past week, he said, but he wasn't sure exactly what.

He had taken the next step in his career, announcing that he would quit his job as Kansas' football coach following Monday's Aloha Bowl to become Georgia's coach.

A move to a more prestigious program for more money. In his gut, it wasn't.

And on Sunday night, Mason decided to go with his gut. Just one week after announcing he was leaving Kansas, Mason changed his mind. On Monday, he announced he would remain as KU's coach.

"I made this decision last night before I went to bed, and I slept great last night," Mason said. "I woke up earlier early and had the same thing in my mind that I did last night and said, 'I'm going to do it.'"

"Then I looked myself in the mirror and I could tell you, I don't know when I felt as good as I feel today."

He spoke with Kansas chancellor Robert Hemenway, who said Mason could stay if he wanted, called Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley, then told his players he wasn't leaving after all.

"When he said it," KU linebacker Keith Rodgers said, "it was like our minds went right to the game, and all our worries were gone."

Behind that motivation, the Jayhawks beat UCLA 51-30. Georgia officials, meanwhile, announced late Monday they had hired Jim Donnan, the head coach at North Carolina University, as their head coach.

After the Aloha Bowl, Mason spoke only for a few minutes at the post-game news conference, and then, when reporters asked a question of a player, left the room.

"First of all, I want to apologize to the University of Georgia," he said, "especially to Coach Dooley. I think I probably put them in an embarrassing situation."

Dooley, in a statement Monday, said, "I was very disappointed and asked him to reconsider; however he was determined to stay at Kansas."

Details of Mason's contract situation were left unanswered. Hemenway said details of a new contract would be worked out in the next few days.

In the final days before Mason accepted the Georgia job, KU had increased its annual financial package to Mason from \$225,000 to \$400,000, according to sources. Georgia's deal called for \$500,000 annually for six years.

KU athletic director Bob Frederick would not confirm the KU figures but said Mason would receive the money as a professional.

What happened? What changed Mason's mind?
This was a decision, he said, based on his personal life. He had just gone through a messy divorce in which he was granted custody of his son, Pat, and daughter Chris. Both are students at Lawrence High.

"I'm not a guy who normally waffles on his decisions," he said. "But in the week since I took the job, I really became convinced that it was in the best interests of my family, the best interests of me personally and taking those things into account the best thing for me professionally."

"I think if you don't have those (personal) things in order, it's hard to be successful, professionally."

Mason had angered KU fans for the way he had taken the Georgia job. At his news conference in Georgia, he said he would spend half his time in Hawaii working for Kansas and half working for Georgia. That was taken to mean he would not be focused on the Jayhawks as they prepared for the bowl game.

Georgia finds new coach: Jim Donnan

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — Spurred by Kansas coach Glen Mason, Georgia on Monday hired Jim Donnan of Marshall to be its new football coach.

Donnan had been a top contender to replace the fired Ray Goff before Georgia athletic director Vince Dooley hired Mason last week.

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Mason said Monday he had changed his mind and will stay with the Jayhawks, whom he led to a 51-30 victory over UCLA in the Aloha Bowl.

The eight-year Kansas coach said he made the sudden switch in the interests of his family and career, but he did not elaborate.

"I profoundly apologize and beg forgiveness," he said.
Dooley said Mason had called him Monday morning to inform him of his decision.

"Evidently, coaching his team in the Aloha Bowl gave him the opportunity to rethink his decision to come to Georgia," Dooley said. "I was very disappointed and asked him to reconsider. However, he was determined to stay at Kansas. I respect his decision and commend Kansas on their ability to retain their fine head coach."

Dooley said he then contacted Georgia president Charles Knapp, and he approved the decision to hire Donnan.
Coach Donnan had been a leading candidate in the initial search and he is totally confident he can do the job here at Georgia," Dooley said.
"I have known Jim since 1967 when he was named most valuable player after quarterbacking his N.C. State team to a victory over our Georgia team in the Liberty Bowl. I have followed his career as he served on the staff at North Carolina under my brother, Bill, for several years."

Shula hopes to redeem season

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Miami Dolphins flags flew from cars and houses. "Go Dolphins!" placards were on toll booths.

On Christmas Day, fans who were after coach Don Shula's job earlier in the season were in a forgiving mood, for Miami had sneaked into the playoffs.

"We now have the opportunity to prove we are a good football team," Shula said. He was in the office weekly reviewing films, but gave the players the holiday off.

They came close to having the rest of the season off.

The Dolphins routed St. Louis on Sunday 41-22, but then had to hold their breath while Denver's John Elway mounted a fourth-quarter comeback against Oakland to knock the Raiders out of the playoffs and put Miami (9-7) in. Merry Christmas, Dolphins.

"It was different," Shula said. "I never had an experience like that. It keeps us alive."

Fans and the media had long ago declared the Dolphins dead in 1995. This was a team that signed numerous high-priced free agents in the offseason, declared itself the AFC Super Bowl preseason favorite and opened the season with a 52-14 win over the Jets.

A 4-0 start quickly dwindled to 6-6 going into December that included a 17-16 loss to the very same Jets. Fans called for Shula's replacement, newspaper columnist said the season might as well be over, players bickered among themselves and the media.

On Monday, there was time for Shula to take a deep breath. He has already said he will be back next season and owner Wayne Huizenga has

seconded the notion.

"Yesterday was special. It meant so much. I know how hard our guys have worked," he said. "It's important for this team to feel good about itself. 'We can't control the critics.'"

Miami now must prepare to travel to frigid Buffalo, where it has rarely performed well against its division rival. The Bills knocked the Dolphins out of the playoffs in 1992 and 1990.

Three weeks ago, Buffalo beat Miami 23-20 at Rich Stadium behind running back Thurman Thomas.

"We've struggled up there in recent years and we are well aware of that," Shula said.

Thomas rushed for 148 yards, including a third-and-short situation late in the game that allowed Buffalo to run out the clock. Thomas was hurt for the earlier Bills game in Miami and the Dolphins won that one, 23-6.

2nd Burton heads for Rose Bowl

By Andrew Gottesman
Chicago Tribune

Most families take great pride in the first son or daughter who finally goes to college, particularly to a good school like Northwestern.

That's old stuff for the Burtons of Framingham, Mass.

They've been waiting for a son who goes to the Rose Bowl.
And they've finally made it, in the last son of last year. Paul Burton, youngest of four siblings who played football at Northwestern, is the team's senior punter.

Burton's dad, Ron, also played for the Wildcats. His sister likewise went to school in Evanston, as did his sister-in-law.

"It's something special, especially going out like this," said Paul Burton, who was consensus All-Big Ten player in 1994 after leading the conference in punting.

Ron Burton starred at halfback for Northwestern from 1957 to 1959, earning all-conference honors in 1958 and All-American honors in his final season. Steve Burton was a quarterback from 1982 to 1984. Ron Burton Jr. was a running back

from 1985 to 1987 and Phil Burton was a defensive back from 1990 to 1993.

They were here when things weren't so hot," said Paul Burton, who is studying communications.

"They're taking part of this as well."

Indeed, the four oldest Burtons were a combined 37-1-1 during their years in Evanston. Paul's 10-1 squad this season, in contrast, will play USC in the Rose Bowl Jan. 1.

"They're probably living through it, but it's also like, 'Why couldn't that happen to me?'" said Ginni Burton, Steve's wife.

The Burton section in Pasadena will include between 20 and 25 people. To father Ron, who still holds Northwestern's career record for rushing touchdowns with 21, it's a dream come true.

"He's probably more excited than most normal people," Paul Burton said. "It brings tears to his eyes every time we talk about it."

Ron Burton, a co-captain in 1959 who went on to play for the American Football League's Boston Patriots, is a self-described lover of everything Northwestern. He

encouraged each child to attend the school, and took them on trips to see their brothers play. "I wanted them to go there, but they wanted to go to Iowa. They've seen the effect it had on me, and how happy it made me."

"He introduced me to the school, but the decision was mine to make," said Phil Burton, who is pursuing a master's degree in advertising at Northwestern and attended every home game this season. "It wasn't expected of me, but as I got closer to my senior year, I became very hopeful to go there as well."

Said Ginni Burton: "Ron is the No. 1 believer in Northwestern. I think he was probably excited when Steve said he had a girlfriend there."

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