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Proposed golf fee hike lands in rough



A small meeting room overflows with concerned golfers Monday night as the Twin Falls City Council takes public input relating to fee changes at the city golf course.

Opposition centers on season, cart fees

By William Brack Times-News staff

TWIN FALLS — Local golfers teed off Monday night on a proposal to hike fees at the municipal course for the second time in three years — pumping city leaders to table the issue and — taking a giant step — another swing at it again next week.

Most of the opposition centered on proposals to boost season pass fees for senior citizens by \$75 a person, and to hike the annual fee for private golf carts from \$100 to \$200. If approved, the higher fees are supposed to pay for a range of improvements to the city course.

"The plans seem a bit grandiose for a community of this size," said Gloria Hamm, a season-pass holder who averages three rounds a week during the golf season.

Speaker after speaker emerged from the overflow crowd to suggest other ways to generate money at the city course — from making out-of-town players pay higher rates, to changing a fee for tournaments, to collecting a slice of the pro shop's revenues.

What's next?

City Council session will again discuss the proposed fee hikes. Council meeting scheduled for Monday.

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Helping learn quickly leads list of priorities

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Digital family rooms for computer learning.

"Just-in-time" adult classes to respond to a developing job market. Maybe getting rid of senior year in high school.

Those are among the priorities for education research into the next century, according to an Education Department report released Monday.

The goal: to respond to a changing world in which Americans must, in essence, learn how to learn throughout their lifetimes.

"In order to meet new challenges in the workplace and in civic life, America's learners will need a firm grasp of basic competencies, a broad general knowledge of their world, and the skills to respond to the rapid generation of new knowledge," said the report.

The report set seven educational research priorities. Among them:

- Improving pre-kindergarten learning.

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Report: Elba fire line incomplete

Cassia County receives \$690,000 Forest Service bill

By Jennifer Brack Times-News staff

BURLEY — Flames escaped through an incomplete fire line in August, as Cassia County weed personnel tried to burn the noxious weed methuselah, according to a U.S. Forest Service report released Monday.

The Forest Service submitted a \$690,000 bill to the county Monday, along with a copy of an investigation the says the county is at fault for starting the Elba wildfire.

Charges could increase if the Forest Service receives more firefighting bills. The fire began Aug. 26 and blackened about 11,320 acres of private and federal land.

Cassia County officials maintain they did what they could to control the blaze.

County Weed Superintendent Gordon Edwards started the burn. According to



The Elba wildfire blackened 11,320 acres in August and burned close to some homes such as this one.

the investigation, released to Cassia County officials and *The Times-News* Monday, he hired two other people to help him carry out the project.

Edwards could not be reached for comment Monday.

The Forest Service withheld from its

report the names of most persons interviewed during the investigation, including Edwards. Releasing names would constitute an invasion of privacy, and leaving them out wouldn't affect the investigation's substance, the Forest Service said.

This decision can be appealed within 45 days.

"Our investigation has determined that because the employee was acting within the scope of his employment as a Cassia County employee, Cassia County is liable for costs incurred for suppression of the fire," Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere said in a news release.

It's unfortunate the Forest Service must bill the county, but it is Forest Service policy in such a case, LeVere said.

"The fire line built around the private property was not completed in several areas due to the rocky conditions on the property," the report said. "The investigation showed that when the wind direction shifted, the fire escaped control through one of the unlined areas, burning into adjacent private and federal lands."

The report also documents what photo

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President will unveil 'national strategy' to fight AIDS

No dramatic plans in 40-page report

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton plans to unveil the first "national strategy" for fighting AIDS today.

It is a 40-page prescription that calls for sustained research funding and better coordination of anti-AIDS programs but offers no dramatic proposals that would redefine the federal government's

approach to the epidemic.

The document, applauded by some as a long-awaited rallying cry for AIDS research but derided by others as a rehashing of well-worn ideas, was approved Monday by the president's AIDS advisory council and will be released Tuesday at a White House ceremony that will not include any public statements from the president.

Notably, the report defers action on one of the more controversial issues relating to the disease: the current ban on federal funding of needle-exchange programs for drug users. Instead, the report recommends waiting for the

results of a Health and Human Services report on that topic, due in February.

The report highlights six areas worthy of enhanced federal support in coming years, including development of new drugs and a preventive vaccine, reduction of new cases through unspecified "prevention efforts," access to patient services, and protection against discrimination for people infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

"None of us can afford to sit by and watch this epidemic continue to take our neighbors, friends and loved ones from us," Clinton wrote in a letter accompanying the report. "HIV/AIDS affects us all,

and we must wage this battle together until we win a peaceful victory."

The report explicitly sidesteps the issue of how to organize such a crusade, however, noting that implementation of a plan to achieve the report's goals will be the responsibility of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV and AIDS, the federal Interdepartmental Task Force on HIV and AIDS, the private sector and others.

AIDS researchers said that although there were no surprises among the report's stated ambitions, they were gratified to see scientific and public health goals getting Clinton's imprimatur.

Electoral college confirms Clinton-Gore victory

State delegates cast their votes

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The only votes that constituted a constitutional count were cast across America Monday, and Bill Clinton beat Bob Dole again.

Ceremoniously meeting in state capitals — and with considerable grumbling about a system some deem archaic — electors cast their states' electoral votes for the presidential candidate who won the most votes in their states.

Clinton and Vice President Al Gore were entitled to 379 electoral votes to 159 for Republicans.

Bob Dole and Jack Kemp. There were no reports of deviations — no "faithless electors" casting independent ballots.

Clinton-Gore carried 31 states and the District of Columbia in November. Four years ago, the Democratic pair won 32 states, but nine fewer electoral votes.

Gore, in his role as the presiding officer of the Senate, will open the states' electoral ballots before a joint session of Congress on Jan. 9 and declare himself and Clinton elected.

They will be inaugurated on Jan. 20.

In Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge, the Republican governor, good-naturedly gave the Democratic electors "one last chance to change your minds." None took him up on it.

Ridge served them lunch anyway — pumpkin-squash soup, grilled chicken, winter salad and cream puffs. Electors got to keep the Bibles on which they were sworn in, too.

Alabama paid its electors \$8 for expenses, plus 20 cents a mile for travel.

"That's about enough to go to Hardee's," elector Len Garvin said with a laugh as he left with his wife and children.

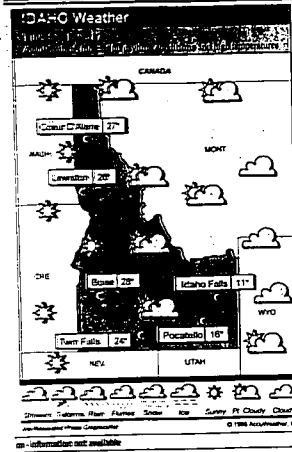
In Columbia, S.C., Republican elector Dan Richardson flirted with casting his vote for conservative commentator Pat Buchanan. But that would have been a violation of state law. He said he was disappointed in Dole, but not so much that he would go to jail.

Complaints are traditional about the multilayered system.



Washington state's Electoral College votes are checked by chairman John Thompson in Olympia Monday. Electors Willie Earl, left, and Nancy Pease Hogan, and Secretary of State Ralph Wigness watch.

WEATHER



FORECAST

Magic Valley
 Mostly sunny today. Highs in the mid 20s. West wind 5 to 15 mph. Tonight clear and cold. Lows near 5 above zero. Wednesday mostly sunny and continued very cold. Highs near 20.
 The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast
 Thursday partly cloudy and continued very cold. Patchy night and morning fog. Lows 10 above zero to 10 below zero. Highs 10 to 25.
 Friday increasing clouds with a chance of snow. Not as cold. Lows zero to 15. Highs in the 20s.
 Saturday changing of snow. Moderating temperatures. Lows 10 to 20. Highs mid 20s to lower 30s.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley
 Mostly sunny and colder today. Highs 10 to 15. Tonight clear and cold. Lows 20 below to 5 below. Wednesday mostly sunny and continued extremely cold. Highs in the mid 20s.

Treasure Valley
 Sunny and cooler today. Highs near 30. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight clear and colder. Lows 5 to 15. Wednesday sunny and continued cold. Highs in the mid 20s.

Sawtooth Mountains
 Mostly sunny and colder today. Highs 10 to 15. Tonight mostly sunny and continued extremely cold. Highs in the mid 20s.

Eastern Idaho
 Sunny and cold today. Highs 10 to 15. Light north winds. Tonight clear and cold. Lows 5 to 15 below zero. Wednesday sunny and continued cold. Highs 10 to 15.

Northern Idaho
 Sunny today. Highs near 30. Light and variable wind. Tonight mostly clear. Lows in the teens. Wednesday mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 20s.

Northern Nevada
 Mostly sunny and cold today. North wind 5 to 15 mph. Highs in the low 20s. Tonight clear and extremely cold. Lows near 10 below zero. Wednesday mostly sunny and cold. Highs near 20 above.

Northern Utah
 Mostly sunny and cold today. Highs near 20. Tonight mostly clear and extremely cold with near record low temperatures. Lows in the single digits. Wednesday mostly sunny and cold. Highs in the teens.
 The ultraviolet index forecast is 1 a minimal exposure level.

IDAHO WEATHER SUMMARY

Cold Arctic air filtered into the state behind an upper-level disturbance, bringing cloudy skies to Idaho over the weekend. This disturbance moved into Utah and high pressure has settled over Idaho, bringing fair skies to most locations.
 Winds were generally from the north statewide except at a few mountain locations.

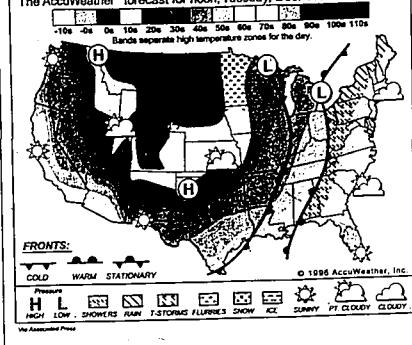
ACROSS THE NATION

Cold air sweeps across Plains; heavy snow surprises Ohio Valley

The Associated Press
 Temperatures plummeted across the northern Plains Monday as an arctic air mass pushed southward and a surprise layer of snow closed schools in the Ohio Valley.
 The temperature at Sheridan, Wyo., fell from a mid-night reading of 26 to 16 by early afternoon.
 Along the cold front that marked the leading edge of the chilly air, wind gusts to 64 mph at Glendive, Mont., on the state's eastern plains, giving the city a wind chill reading of 35 below zero. Chadron, Neb., had 41 mph gusts by afternoon.
 Blowing snow contributed to a 10-car pileup in northwestern Nebraska that forced police to close a 36-mile stretch of U.S. 885.
 The cold front also was expected to kick off snow showers in parts of Wyoming, Colorado, Iowa and Minnesota.
 Snow and rain showers broke out along another cold front that stretched from the Ohio Valley across Louisiana into Texas.

Six inches of wet, sticky snow carpeted sections of southern Illinois, although only freezing rain had been forecast, and several schools were closed in the region.
 As much as 8 inches fell at Zeigler, Ill., a small town near Carbondale, the National Weather Service said.
 Indiana also was surprised by 2 to 4 inches of snow near Carbondale, with as much as 6 inches in southern counties, with as much as 7 inches near Vincennes. One traffic death was blamed on slippery roads.
 Freezing rain developed across northwestern Ohio and was expected to change to snow overnight.
 Farther south along the cold front, Hot Springs, Ark., reported 1.27 inches of rain in 24 hours, and Natchez, Miss., picked up 2.13 inches from midnight to early afternoon. Heavy rain also was forecast in parts of Alabama.
 Rain showers were likely to spread across Kentucky and Tennessee and into western North Carolina.
 Cold air also spreading into Texas, and snow was possible in the Panhandle and South Plains. Only the Rio Grande Valley is expected to remain above freezing.

NATIONAL Weather



TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Prev.
Albuquerque	47	24	.....
Atlanta	56	39	.....
Boston	43	37	.....
Chicago	32	26	.....
Dallas	48	35	04
Denver	38	35	.....
Des Moines	38	26	.....
Detroit	33	16	.....
Honolulu	77	70	1.16
Indianapolis	33	31	46
Kansas City	38	13	.....
Las Vegas	43	33	.....
Los Angeles	74	50	.....
Memphis	37	35	1.77
Miami Beach	76	67	.....
Milwaukee	29	25	.....
Minneapolis	37	0	06
Missoula	69	69	.....
New York	44	42	.....
Oklaahoma City	50	18	.....
Omaha	41	41	.....
Phoenix	61	42	.....
Pittsburgh	49	37	.....
Portland, Me.	41	33	01
Portland, Ore.	49	32	.....
Reno	56	21	.....
St. Louis	38	30	03
Salt Lake City	49	32	03
San Francisco	56	43
Seattle	43	37
Spokane	29	24
Washington	46	43

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Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	
Boise	41	29	04
Burley	37	29
Fairfield	33	17
Gooding	22	26
Hagerman	41	25
Idaho Falls	34	16	.....
Jerome	32	28	tr.
Lewiston	38	32	.....
Malta	41	18	.....
Malta	41	18	.....
Payette	25	3	01
Pocatello	29	22	tr.
Salmon	27	21	.....
Stanley	27	9	.....
Sun Valley	m	m	.....

Twin Falls

Max	Min	Pcp	
Yesterday	36	21	01
Last year	34	28	.....
Normal	40	22	.....

Precipitation

Mean to date:	1.91
Normal mo. to date:	.67
Water year to date:	4.25
Normal year to date:	2.62

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon:	65 pct.
Barometer at noon:	30.18 R
Pollen count and Reports ended
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Courtesy: Arthur and Albert of Idaho.

SAWTOOTH

Sunset today 5:06 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:03 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter Dec. 17, full Dec. 26.
Evening planets: Jupiter, Mars, Venus, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, Mercury.
Winter solstice: 7:06 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21.

Fire

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 regarding what the Forest Service is doing with an incomplete fire line.
 Cassia County Commissioner John Adams said county leaders have heard rumors the fire line was incomplete. However, the county thinks it took all the precautions it could be heard.
 The county will submit the investigation to its insurance carrier. Idaho Counties Risk Management Program in Boise, and decide how to respond to it, Adams said.
 The county was expecting a bill, because the Forest Service told them that typically occurs, he said.
 The Forest Service report documents high fire conditions the day of the burn.
 The BLM issued a burn permit to Cassia County on June 15, 1996, Adams said.
 The BLM did not consider revoking the permit due to weather concerns, the Forest Service said, citing an interview with Margaret Beason in the BLM's Burley fire dispatch center.
 Only a formal fire closure would cause a permit to be revoked, according to the interview.
 Terma Biggs, a Forest Service assistant fire management officer, said the Forest Service did not allow anyone to burn that day and would not have, because of weather.
 The burn had been targeted

only for private ground, which is bordered by BLM land and in turn neighbors the Sawtooth forest.
 The fire began on Ryan Hawker's property, Hawker said he had not been notified the burn was going to take place that day and wasn't there.
 "I just think the county ought to take responsibility for it and settle the claims as quickly as they can," Hawker said Monday.
 Elba ranchers who lost property to the fire have submitted nearly \$270,000 in claims as of Monday. The latest claim was filed Thursday by William W. Marlene Wickel of Malta, who claim losses estimated at \$82,485 for fences, labor, animal loss, seed, hay loss, and trucking expenses.
 Wickel said he doesn't understand why the county feels it isn't liable for the fire.
 "I don't feel our county commissioners have tried to help us too much, either. It don't bother me for everybody to vote a school bond for landowners. But when they burn us up we are supposed to pay for ourselves, and that don't hardly seem right," Wickel said Monday.
 The Forest Service report states investigators initially were told the county had agreements with the BLM to control noxious weeds and was not at fault for the escape of the fire. However, the BLM said it opposed burning the medushead and recommended

HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 44 degrees at Parma and Weiser, Low, 9 below zero at Stanley. Nation: High, 81 at Montebello, Calif. Low, 9 below zero at Stanley.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at WJH-FM 162.4 or 162.55 for weather forecasts for Idaho. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/dot/dtimp/hum>

ROAD INFORMATION

For current road conditions, call the case numbers: Boise, 375-8028; Shoshone, 886-2265; Pocatello, 233-6724; Rigby 745-7278; Utah 801-964-0000; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-0386.

Golf

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 Many said they could afford the higher fees, but said they knew a lot of people who can't.
 The proposal to hike fees came from the city's Golf Advisory Board, comprised largely of civi-minded golfers.
 "Most golf courses in Idaho are profitable," said Councilman Tom Mikessell, "and I have a real problem understanding why the Twin Falls municipal course isn't profitable."
 The Mini course showed profit of about \$17,000 in each of the past two seasons, but lost about

\$29,000 and \$28,000 in 1993 and 1994, said City Manager Tom Courtney. Overall, the city course is carrying a deficit of about \$107,000.
 Moreover, the city chipped in \$139,000 to build the clubhouse, added Councilman Gale Kleinkopf. On top of that, the city historically has provided municipal water to irrigate the grass — an annual subsidy of roughly \$30,000, he said.
 The city is planning to irrigate with canal water rather than city drinking water, but the conversion will require extensive

replumbing of the links' sprinkler system.
 "I see a very pressing need for a rate increase," said Councilman Howard Allen. "There hadn't been a rate increase two years ago, there would have been a big deficit."
 Allen suggested leaving the present fee structure intact and adding a surcharge of \$1 per round, then drove home his point by declaring, "Those who use the course the most should pay the most."
 That idea didn't draw much enthusiasm.

Priorities

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 ing programs to take advantage of what researchers know is a person's primary development period.
 Improving education at all levels to promote not only high academic achievement, but also problem-solving abilities, creativity and the motivation for further learning. This could involve getting out of the classroom to teach skills in real-world settings.

Ensuring effective teaching by improving teacher preparation and expanding the supply of potential teachers by promoting career-long professional development.
 Strengthening schools, particularly middle and high schools, to engage young people who have different needs.
 This means exploring the use of charter schools — publicly

funded but privately run — and "being willing to test some of our most firmly held beliefs and assumptions about schools."
 Preparing diverse populations, including immigrants, to compete fully in American society.
 Promoting learning in informal and formal settings by using out-of-school experiences to boost in-school achievement.

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Monday reported ice and snow on several routes throughout the state.
U.S. 50 — Biggins-Whitbird Hill, wet; Whitebird Hill, icy spots; Gemmaville-Whitbird, icy spots; Gemmaville-Moscow, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, dry, icy spots; Sun Valley-Sawtooth, dry.
Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Idaho Falls, icy spots; broken snow; Sun Valley-New Meadows, snow.
Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, wet, icy spots; broken snow; Sun Valley-Lewiston, snow; Sun Valley-Banner Summit, icy spots; broken snow; Sun Valley.
U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Elgin, wet, icy spots, drifts; Fairfield-Carey, icy spots, drifts; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots, broken snow; Arco, drifts; Idaho Falls-Mountain Home, dry, icy spots.
U.S. 25 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, icy spots, icy, broken snow; Blackfoot-Arco, icy spots.
Idaho 51 — Wet, icy spots, fog, snowing.
U.S. 95 — Nevada line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, dry, icy spots; broken snow; East Trail Pass, icy spots,

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NATION

Clinton defense fund returns some \$600,000 in donations

WASHINGTON (AP) — President and Mrs. Clinton's Whitewater defense fund returned some \$600,000 in donations delivered by an Asian-American businessman amid questions about the money's origin, trustees for the fund disclosed Monday.

The trustees discovered the problem last spring — long before the Asian money controversy hit the Democratic Party — when the businessman brought in \$460,000 in two large manilla envelopes.

The Little Rock, Ark., businessman, Charles Yuh Lin Trie, later emerged in the party's fund-raising problems when he said

\$15,000 that his company contributed to the party came from foreign funds.

The legal defense lawyers said suspicions about Trie's donations led them to hire a private investigator.

Attorney Michael Cardozo said the money from Trie was suspicious partly because of the size of the delivery last March. He also said some of the signatures on the donation checks appeared to be similar and some of the donations were in sequentially numbered money orders but from people in different cities. In addition, he said a Buddhist religious organization appeared to be linked to some of the contributions.

Cardozo said he informed first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and Harold Ickes, who was then President Clinton's deputy chief of staff, about the questionable donations last spring — months before disclosures that the Democratic Party had accepted more than \$1 million in foreign-linked contributions.

Trie has been a fund-raiser for the Democratic National Committee.

Rather than returning the money last spring, Cardozo said it was deposited in a lock box while private investigators looked into the matter. Trie made a second delivery of money more recently. All the money was returned.

Legal battle may delay abortion pill

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The mid-1997 introduction of the French abortion pill in the United States could be delayed for months or more because of a tangled legal battle that reflects the same fierce abortion politics that have kept the drug off the U.S. market for years.

The drug, RU-486, was first used in France in 1988 and has already been taken by 200,000 European women. But U.S. approval has been held up for years, with opponents threatening at one point to boycott French manufacturer Roussel Uclaf if it sold the drug here.

Under pressure from the Clinton administration, Roussel Uclaf finally donated the U.S. marketing rights to the nonprofit New York-based Population Council in 1994.

2 Navy vessels sink

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two small Navy vessels sank in the North Pacific off Okinawa, but no sailors were injured, the Navy said Monday.

The Lighter Amphibious Resupply Cargo crafts operating from the USS Dubuque were involved in a training exercise when the accident occurred Monday local time — Sunday in the United States, the Navy said.

The cause of the sinking hasn't been determined, said a Navy spokeswoman.



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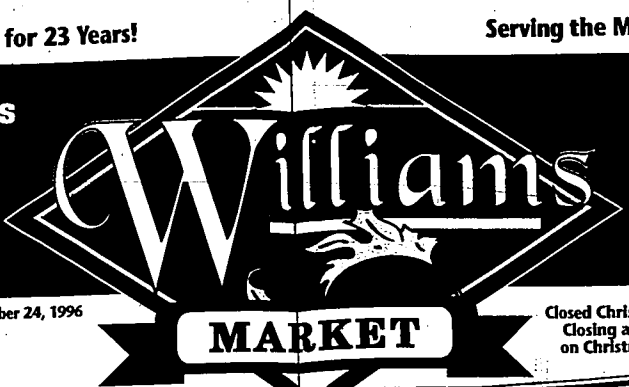
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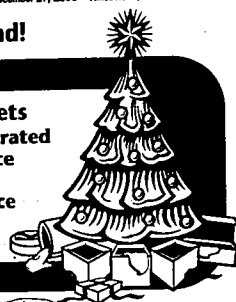


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EDITORIAL

Environmental activists should let West be West

To hear the scourage of Idaho ranchers tell it, the wonder is that southern Idaho doesn't look like the Sahara by now. After all, we've been running livestock on public lands out here for more than a century. How come Jon Marvel sees one giant riparian dead zone where most of the rest of us just see a high desert?

Maybe it's because Marvel sees what he wants to see.

That's the problem with environmental extremists like the Hailey architect, who took ranchers, newspapers and regulators to the woodshed at a recent meeting of the Society for Range Management. The activists' agendas always carry more weight than their science.

The fact is, southern Idaho public lands, like those throughout the West, are a hodgepodge of good and bad grazing practices and enlightened and indifferent regulation.

And however much Marvel might protest to the contrary, all those empty acres are being managed to be productive, not pretty. The owners - the taxpayers - seem to like it that way.

For most of the past century, it's served them pretty well. Sustainable-use lands don't make it onto Sierra Club calendars, but for a century they've supported a way of life that most Westerners cherish - and they

still do.

And though the greens may not like it, the fact is that the ranchers' claim to public lands is no less valid than that of the espresso-sipping, leather-elbow-patched eco-warrior.

Marvel and company won't be happy until the last cow is out the last back-country streambank, and their former ranchers are working the night shift at convenience stores in town.

We have a major idler.

Let the range managers who work for the regulatory agencies do their jobs, and when they don't, let the political process correct the problem.

In the Sawtooth National Forest, for example, the Forest Service seems to have no trouble at all putting a stop to grazing practices that even moderately threaten creeks. It doesn't seem nearly Marvel's prurient to do it.

Like it or not, cattle and sheep are an integral part of Western public lands, and to remove them would be as big a mistake - in our estimation - as letting developers build subdivisions in the SNRA.

Remarkable, isn't it, how limited it is for Marvel and his allies to let the West be the West?

Call us old-fashioned, but we like Idahoans have preserved that bit of land of the idea of multiple use and making a living off the land.

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LETTERS

It's time to take back democracy

The 1996 election season was one of the most corrupt and excessive in history. Reports of improper fund-raising and special-interest abuses turned up in the media on a daily basis, and not just from the Democrats. Both parties are aimed in this respect into the heart of legalized bribery. It is time for concerned citizens to say enough is enough and reclaim our democracy.

An estimated \$2 billion was spent in the '96 elections. Huge soft-money contributions, unions and wealthy individuals totaled more than \$200 million. Tobacco interests alone poured more than \$5 million into party coffers. One can only wonder what these special interests will get in return for their big-money investment.

The widespread citizen outrage at the big-money spectacle of the '96 elections must now be directed into broad-based citizen action demanding real reform. Any citizen who believes government should work for the people, not the special interests in Washington, should join this fight.

Reform leaders from both parties are preparing to introduce a bipartisan campaign finance reform bill on the first day of the next Congress. Concerned citizens should call Rep. Mike Crapo and Sens. Craig and Kempthorne at the Capitol (202-224-3121) and President Clinton at the White House (202-456-1111) and urge them to make bi-partisan campaign finance reform legislation their No. 1 priority for action in 1997.

Anyone who can become more involved in this critical fight should call Common Cause at 1-800-926-1064.

We owe it to ourselves and our children to reclaim our democracy.

BRAD K. SCHULZ
Twin Falls

State should share comp costs

The new state agriculture "employee tax" definitely draws attention to the expanded costs of operating a business in any profession. The most serious effect of mandated worker's compensation insurance is the de-

crease of job opportunities.

The farm and ranch community will analyze their position, then determine jobs and retention employee benefits where possible. This is not something they want to do it is something they are being forced to do. Please realize that farmers and ranchers are not the bad guys the press and others are describing them as.

This may be the time when employees should try to understand what ag employers are being asked to furnish.

There is an example for Agricultural Class No. 63. The worker's compensation insurance expense for one employee who works for an employer who raises livestock can easily reach \$1,500 to \$2,000 annually in this case. Class 63 has a MDCI rate of \$185 per \$100 payroll contribution.

Classes have been established to represent risk factors and rates are developed to reflect the risk exposure and loss history for each classification.

Once the insurance rates are determined, they are applied to both salaried and other compensation.

Remuneration means money or substitute for money. Examples are the value of housing, meals, utilities, profit sharing, and any other substitute for money received by employees as part of their employment. Yes, employees are being asked to minimize and report reasonable values for all employee benefits.

It doesn't take a genius to figure out what is going to happen, especially since the cow-tail producer has already been managing barrels of risk.

Safety in the work place is a two-way street and should be shared equally.

It is a crime to think that the cost of worker's compensation insurance should be the sole responsibility of the employer. Our legislators need to know that there are states where the cost is shared.

The public may have innumerable intentions when trying to legislate, but an employer leaves the current problem an employer from himself.

PATTY SHOPPER
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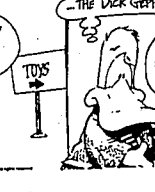
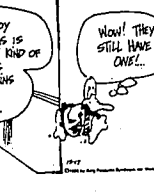
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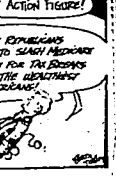
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By Bruce Tinsley

CHARLIE DIDN'T DESERVE TO DIE



POO



The best Christmas present you can give is love

Once upon a time, years ago, one of my newspaper assignments was to help choose letters from readers for a series called "My Favorite Christmas Memory."



JOAN BECK

No one who grew up taking Christmas gifts for granted could ever forget the hope and disappointment and joy and love that filled those letters.

One man wrote about helping his mother pick up stray pine branches from a Christmas tree sales lot and bring them to a hardware store to make a Christmas tree for his younger sisters. They couldn't afford anything else.

What another man remembered most about his impoverished childhood was a year when his only Christmas gift was a paper stocking with a handful of jelly beans and how happy it made him feel. It meant, he said, "Santa cared about me."

A woman, then 46, told how she had lugged all of her childhood for a doll but had never had one - until her daughter's fiance, understanding that the hurt still festered, gave her one for Christmas.

A grandmother recalled that Santa Claus never came to their house - perhaps, she told herself, because they were Polish. One Christmas her mother scraped enough money to buy her a doll. For weeks after Christmas, she took the doll outside everyday and held it up to the sky, so "God or Santa Claus" would see how much she loved it and what good care she took of it.

Another letter came from a mother who wrote about having her 9-month-old baby chosen to play the Christ Child in

the Christmas pageant at church and how everyone had admired the beautiful, quiet infant in the manger. "It was the last time anyone considered him perfect," she remembered. "The next week he was diagnosed as being severely retarded."

Christmas adds extra poignancy to everyday life. It exaggerates our longings. It magnifies our disappointments. It brings family relationships into sharper focus. And for better or for worse, for richer or for poorer, it freezes-frames memories that can stay in the mind for a lifetime.

That's why loving moms are lining up at 6 a.m. to try to buy a Tickle Me Elmo, even though they know their offspring will be tired of it before New Year's. And that's why they are shelling out for a Barbie with designer label clothes, lest their daughter be the only girl in her class without one.

The hazard, of course, is that the Elmos and the Barbies and the Marlas Stewarts and the fatigue and the logistics of Christmas dinner and the rounds of Christmas parties make it hard to find a hush in the rush to talk about what really matters and why we have Christmas anyway.

Christmas has long been an uneasy balance between holiday and holy day, between giving and getting, between believ-

ing and make-believing. It is the foundation of Christian faith - and a marketing strategy of unparalleled power. But as we keep wedding religious influences out of our national life in the name of diversity and political correctness, most of what will remain will be a generic "holiday."

Even those who want to keep Christmas as a secular, not a sacred, holiday or who celebrate Hanukkah or Kwanzaa instead need to help their children learn to cope with the marketplace emphasis on gift getting. It takes extra effort, when parents are particularly short of time. But it's essential.

It helps to fill the season with non-material things youngsters can equate with loving and being loved: Cookie baking in a fragrant kitchen with all hands helping. A picnic supper in the living room with Christmas stories and songs in the soft tree glow. Family snowman making with hot chocolate afterwards. Quiet bedtime rituals with talk of what the holiday really means.

It's also important to make the gift-giving something children do, too. Delicious conspiracies about who can make what for whom help to keep "Tickle Me Elmo" in proper perspective and give a richness to the holiday that no designer Barbie clothes can match.

Children who are helped to become participants in the making of Christmas rather than just receivers of toys are rarely upset for very long when they find out that Santa Claus is just a jolly old myth. For they are able to realize that "We have seen the real Santa Claus and he is us."

Joan Beck is a Chicago Tribune columnist.

LETTERS

'Sween' Johnson will be missed

Anyone a fisherman even thinks about leaving an empty beer can lying along a fishing stream or forgets to carry out the garbage from a fishing trip that could pollute our waters, Sween Johnson will be there to hector you. For so loved of fishing waters that his presence will always be felt and present in directing our destiny with nature and our environment.

While he could be outspoken, he was never crude or on the side of destruction or haste. He truly felt the pain of the Snake River as a six-acre gambler, and therefore a sin against nature. Mind-keep individuals made of the materials that directed Sween's life. Life in the future will be better for those who care that he called to our attention.

We will miss Bob "Sween" Johnson and his environmental protection. May the fish always be able to swim upstream.

PAUL E. OSTYIN
Twin Falls

Council lists students get involved

A few months back, your child probably walked in the door and said, "We voted for student council today," and then walked off to play video games. That leaves you with one question, "What is student council?" Well, at our school, student council is a group of students elected (two from each class) to represent their class in a biweekly meeting. The council makes rules for the school and green day on Dec. 18), helps through the school and shows visitors the way around the school. Student council recently elected officers. They are Co-Presidents Curt Lindley and Ricky Zadorov, Vice President Kelson Richards and Secretary LeEllen Garner.

Last meeting, we decided to join the National Student Council Group, which allows our council to have a lot more power throughout the country. Right now, we are having a canned food drive. You can send canned foods, mittens, hats and coats to school with your child. These items are being donated to the less fortunate.

The student council is a wonderful opportunity for the students to have a say in what's going on around their school. As we say after our meetings, "This council is adjudged!"

CURT LINDLEY
JOHANNATHAN CARSON
KRISTA GAMBRELL
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Charlie didn't deserve to die

I am writing in concern of the death aftermath of Charlie Loper. I am his age

and knew him well. I was aware of his drug sold crime lifestyle, but like many others did not approve. I also understand that Mr. Schroeder came home to find his home, his things being burglarized. And may be was trying to defend himself from the shots that were fired at him, but was it really in the back of the head? The boy was running away. Mr. Schroeder had already scared the boys into fleeing from the scene.

Charlie had his back to the man. So why did he take it upon himself to shoot and kill this young man in the back of the head? Why didn't he just go inside his home and call the police? Why not let them handle their job? The boys more than likely would have been caught, Mr. Schroeder's things would have been returned, Charlie would have been placed in jail, paid his debt to society and then been able to return to his family and friends.

He was a person just the same as you or I. Maybe he was doing the wrong thing, but leading a law-abiding life, but people can change. He was a person who was cared for and will be missed. So I ask you, did he really deserve to die for what he had done? No, I think not. We as humans are killing ourselves, and this is the beginning of the end. My deepest sorrows go to Charlie's mother.

HEATHER HORNE
Twin Falls

CHARLIE DIDN'T DESERVE TO DIE

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NATION

Man held, another sought in militia slaying

LIVONIA, Mich. (AP) — Two members of an anti-government militia were charged with killing a co-leader they suspected was spying on them for the organizers of the attack. One of the two men was arrested. The other remained at large Monday, and police said other militia members may be slandering him.

The body of William Gleason, 25, was found on Dec. 5, buried in the woods in Hillsdale County along the Ohio state line where the

United States Militia in Large has conducted military exercises. Police refused to say how Gleason died. The Hillsdale Daily News, quoting court documents, said he was shot in the head.

The militia's leader is Mark Koehnke, who has threatened anti-government messages on alternative media as "Mark from Michigan." He came to public attention after the Oklahoma City bombing when militia leaders in

Florida said bombing defendant Timothy McVeigh once was a bodyguard for Koehnke. Koehnke denied knowing McVeigh. Koehnke isn't a suspect in Gleason's slaying, state police said.

A day after Gleason's body was found, John Stephenson, 49, was arrested in his home and charged with murder, conspiracy and other charges. Police said the other man, Paul David Darland, 25, was probably being hidden and supplied with

weapons by other militia members. State Police Lt. Robert Dossetto said the slaying occurred in 1994 while Stephenson was hiding Darland and Gleason at his farm. At the time, Darland and Gleason were wanted for failing to show up in court on firearms charges that were brought after police discovered semiautomatic assault weapons, more than 1,000 rounds of ammunition and other military equipment in their car.

Truck accident involves nuclear warheads

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — A government truck carrying nuclear warheads overturned on a remote stretch of highway, but no radioactive material was released, Nebraska's two U.S. senators confirmed.

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Parents must be allowed rights appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Underscoring the importance of parents' rights to their children, the Supreme Court said Monday states must let parents appeal orders terminating such rights even when they cannot afford court fees.

"We place greater emphasis on terminating parental rights in the category of cases in which the state may not bolt the door to equal justice," Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote. The court ruled, 5-3, that a Mississippi woman must be allowed to appeal an order ending her rights to her two children.

"No ties are more precious than those binding parent and child, and — few doctors are so grave in their consequences as a court order permanently severing the parent-child bond," Ginsburg said from the bench.

She said in her opinion that the Mississippi woman was "deprived, furthermore, a stranger to her children."

Once a state allows appeals in such cases, the right to appeal cannot be denied to the poor, she said.

In other cases, the court:

- Allowed a Bible club at a Long Island, N.Y., public high school to require its officers to be Christians. The Roslyn Union Free School District sought to bar the club from discriminating against students based on their religious beliefs.

- Let a one-time murder defendant pursue a lawsuit accusing author Joseph Wambaugh of helping police conceal evidence in a true-life murder case.

- Asked the Census administration for its views on whether sexual harassment violates federal law. The court later will decide whether to hear an appeal by an oil rig worker who says he was sexually harassed by his male supervisor.


The ruling in the parental rights case reversed a Mississippi Supreme Court decision that barred Melissa Lumpkin in Rankin from appealing a 1994 order that ended her rights to her son and daughter.

About 30 states already allow a waiver of court transcript fees for indigent people who seek to appeal orders terminating their parental rights. It is unclear how many of the approximately 20 remaining states have laws or policies similar to Mississippi's.

Coats won't run in '98

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Sen. Dan Coats, who advanced to the Senate when his former boss Dan Quayle became vice president, sidestepped what could have been a bruising political battle when he announced Monday he won't seek re-election in 1998.

"I want to leave when I am young enough to contribute somewhere else — young enough to resume a career outside government," the 53-year-old Republican lawyer said.



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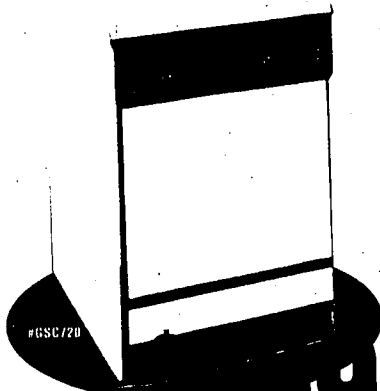
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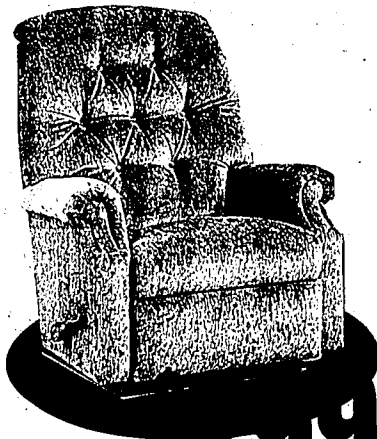
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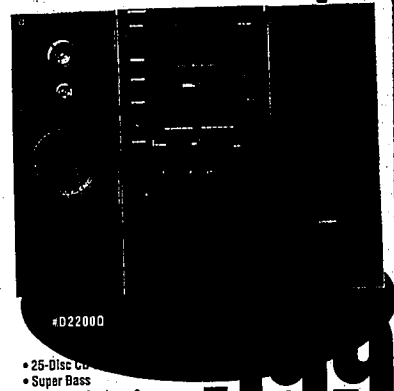
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SPORTSQUOTE

“When anyone said he had a good wardrobe, it meant he owned 10 bowling shirts.”

—New York Jets offensive tackle Jumbo Elliott, talking about his hometown of Lake Ronkonkoma, N.Y.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school basketball

MVCS at TFCA
Richfield at Carnes County
Gooding at Wood River
Wendell at Valley
RAF River at Hansen
Bliss at ISDB
Oakley at Hageman
Buhl at Twin Falls
Kimberly at Filer

Boys' high school basketball

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In most cases, junior varsity games begin at 6 p.m., with varsity games to follow.

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IN BRIEF

Seahawks' fate may hinge on dome lease

SEATTLE - The future of the Seattle Seahawks might depend on whether the King County Council approves Kingdom lease concessions.

The fate of the NFL team comes after a tumultuous weekend in which the owners of the Seattle Mariners said they would sell the club because the council has waffled over plans for a new stadium for the baseball team.

The package of concessions survived its first test Sunday night when the council's budget committee voted 6-1 to send the proposal to the full 13-member council.

Prospective buyer Paul Allen has until July 1 to exercise his option to buy the Seahawks. He has said he can't make the team work financially by playing in the Kingdom, the team's home since 1977.

Boxer arrested after throwing Christmas tree

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Former WBC heavyweight champion Oliver McColl was arrested Monday after Nashville police said he threw a Christmas tree in a hotel lobby and spat on a police car.

Around midnight the boxer had thrown a drinking glass and an ashtray in the Crowne Plaza Hotel's bar along with the Christmas tree in the lobby, police said.

After officers asked McColl to leave, the boxer spat on a police car, shouted abusive language and resisted arrest after they decided to take him into custody, police said.

Compiled from wire reports

Dolphins squeeze past Bills, 16-14

Bills' playoff quest placed on hold

The Associated Press

MIAMI - The Buffalo Bills' slump is so severe that they can't even beat the Miami Dolphins.

Needing a win to clinch a playoff berth, the Bills instead lost their third game in a row Monday night. Dan Marino threw for 263 yards and the Dolphins won 16-14 for their first late-season victory against Buffalo since 1986.

The Bills (9-6) had beaten Miami (7-8) 11 consecutive times in November, December and January over the past decade.

With Buffalo's defeat, New England (10-5) clinched the AFC East title.

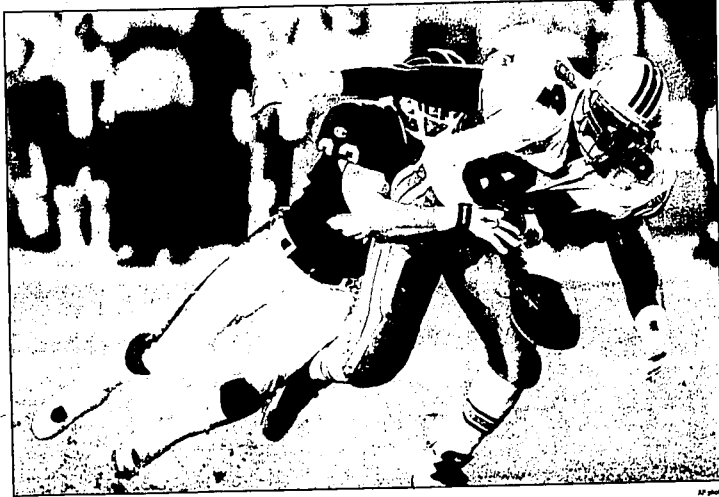
Buffalo fell into a tie with Kansas City and Indianapolis for the best record in the wild-card race.

The Bills can still earn a wild-card berth if they win their final regular-season game Sunday at home against the Chiefs, or if Jacksonville (6-7) loses or ties its final game against Atlanta.

If the second-year Jaguars beat Atlanta, they'll clinch a playoff berth - unless the Buffalo-Kansas City game ends in a tie.

The Dolphins, who were eliminated from playoff contention Sunday, earned a consolation victory and broke a three-game losing streak.

For the fifth consecutive game, Miami's offense scored just one touchdown, but that was enough because of



Miami's Troy Drayton (84) can't hang on to the ball as he's hauled down by the Bills' Matt Stevens during the first quarter in Miami Monday night. The play was ruled an incomplete pass.

a stout defensive effort. Buffalo had the ball for only 18 minutes, scoring on Jim Kelly's touchdown passes of 67 yards to Andre Reed and 16 yards to Eric Moulds.

After Moulds scored with 4:09 left, Miami caught a break when the officials ruled the ball was dead on an apparent fumble by O.J. McDuffie at the Dolphins 25.

Marino went 26-for-37. His 5-yard touchdown pass to McDuffie made it 16-7 with 11 minutes left.

Joe Nedney kicked three field goals for the Dolphins, including an 18-yarder to give them a 9-7 lead midway through the third period.

Buffalo missed a chance to take the lead later in the quarter. A 42-yard pass interference penalty on down at the Miami 3, but the Dolphins held, and Steve Christie missed a 20-yard field goal attempt when his kick deflected off the right upright.

The miss was just Christie's fourth inside the 30-yard line in 60 career attempts.

Buffalo had the ball for less than 84 minutes in the first half but led 7-6 because of Kelly's longest completion of the season.

Reed beat Robert Bailey over the middle, caught the ball at the Dolphins' 30 and raced to the end zone.

Nedney's field goals of 41 and 29 yards gave Miami a 6-0 lead.

Wetteland signs with Rangers

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas - After the playoffs, when John Wetteland and the New York Yankees showed Texas the importance of a dominant closer, the Rangers made getting one their top offseason priority.

Instead of trying to find a Wetteland-like player, the Rangers got Wetteland himself, agreeing

Monday to a \$23 million, four-year contract that makes the World Series MVP the highest-paid reliever ever.

"I'm aware of those problems they had last year, and, yes, I'm excited to see if I can make some kind of a difference," said Wetteland, who becomes the fifth-highest paid pitcher in baseball.

"But I'm not going to tell you I'm the big, important piece that's missing. I don't view it that way at all. I'm just looking forward to the opportunity to getting a lot of work, and I think I'm going to get that here."

Texas had appeared stymied in its closer hunt last week when Mel Rojas signed with the Chicago Cubs and Eric Plunk, whom general manager Doug Melvin coveted, resigned to Cleveland.

Wetteland was still on the market, but had canceled one trip to Arlington and was having trouble scheduling another.



John Wetteland Will be wearing a Rangers' hat for four years

Then he spent four hours there Thursday and everything clicked.

"It was just pretty hard to pass up," said Wetteland, who also was pursued heavily by Montreal and Boston, but not the Yankees. "The conditions here are too perfect. It's kind of mind-blowing to me."

Melvin has been criticized locally for not making any big moves this offseason and ownership was seen as being cheap following a record-setting attendance year and a hike in ticket prices for next season.

Cross expects to name new coach by end of this week

The Associated Press

POCATELLO - Idaho State University Athletic Director Irv Cross has narrowed the field of candidate for Bengal head football coach to five and intends to make a selection by week's end.

"Absolutely," Cross said, "because we've got pressures here, not only recruiting problems, but just settling down the team."

Two of the unofficial finalists were on the campus last week - former L.A. Raiders assistant Thomas Walsh and former Navy head coach George Champ.

And the other three will be interviewed this week. They are University of Washington running backs coach Al Roberts, Purdue offensive coordinator Tim Salem and former University of Florida head coach Galen Hall, who coached the Gators from 1984 through 1989, according to the Post Register in Idaho Falls.

Brian Neely resigned on Nov. 25 after five years as head coach for the often troubled program, saying the program was in better shape than when he arrived although the team finished an injury-plagued 1996 season at 4-7. But



winning seasons in 1994 and 1995 were the first back-to-back for the Bengals in over 20 years.

His replacement still has a daunting task ahead of him. Wednesday marks the first day for midyear junior college transfers to sign letters of intent. And in less than a month, there is a week-long coaching convention that leaves the new Bengal staff some catching up to do.

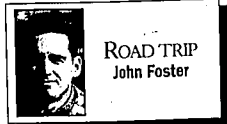
Eastern Washington head coach Mike Kramer said whoever takes over the Big Sky Conference rival has six or seven years of building ahead of him.

And Champ conceded there would be severe recruiting pressures. He faced much the same situation when he took over at Ohio State in January 1990 and was already behind in the race for recruits.

He was fired four years later.

"You've got to overcome it," said Champ, who coached under Woody Hayes at Ohio State and came with the appointment of a national I-AA title as Marshall University's head coach in 1987.

Some of the greatest (and greediest) moments of 1996



ROAD TRIP John Foster

Boardman afterwards.

Almost as inspiring was the torch lighting at the 1996 Coca-Cola/IBM/AT&T Games brought to you by NBC. The folks in Atlanta took their grip spoons out, stopped wishing for Elvis to return to light the flame and made a choice for the last torch bearer that made the entire world stop for a brief moment. Watching Muhammad Ali stand proud and strong on the flame to the eyes of fans from Atlanta to Zaire. Ali and Boardman were not my only heroes of 1996. At the Race to the Angel Hillclimb in Wells, Nov. 1, I watched an older gentleman in wingtips and dress shoes pedal a clunker mountain bike three hours to the top of a grueling mountain. I told him at the picnic that he had inspired me and he was genuinely surprised. He was just a retired postal

worker who liked to ride, he told me. I hope I remember him 50 years from now.

Another local event makes my list, but this one was dominated by high school seniors. It was the Robert Stewart Junior High ninth grade soccer team defeated the Twin Falls High School junior varsity squad in an exhibition match. Four years from now, when these young men are mulling scholarship offers, I hope the attendance at their state championship match outranks attendance for all the Twin Falls High School football games combined.

As a Braves fan, the 1996 World Series was a disappointment in every way but one. It was nice to see Joe Girardi get some recognition. Girardi followed them during my year in Denver. Girardi is smart - he graduated from Northwestern University with honors and a degree in engineering - well spoken, gracious and generous. It was a pleasure to see him win a ring.

My greatest thrill in the sporting world this past year was watching German driver Michael Schumacher win the Formula One Grand Prix of Spain. The rain in Barcelona that day

was biblical. Schumacher drove an inferior car down a poor spot on the starting grid to victory lane with what I can only call "huevos." I watched Schumacher go into a corner full throttle, slam the brakes, slide six feet to the outside and accelerate away from a crash in the gravel. Remarkable - especially at 150 mph.

Finally, my favorite moment of '96 was actually two. Jerry Reinsdorf is the owner of the Chicago Bulls and White Sox. He is also the most rabid of a breed of sports owners who insist star players are making too much money. Judging from his record-breaking signings of Michael Jordan and Albert Belle, not only is he wrong about the players, but he has proven to fans that the owners are the true scumbags. One million for a journeyman center or second baseman is pocket change compared to the billions that owners are milking fans for in overpriced apparel, tickets and concessions.

Here's hoping that in the new year, baseball's commissioner will not be Bud Selig (or Elmo from Sesame Street). Do you think Elvis is busy?

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SPORTS

Pistons finish strong to beat Raptors

TORONTO (AP) — Grant Hill scored 27 points and Detroit closed the game with a 3-0 run Monday night for a 98-92 victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Hill added 12 rebounds and scored four points during the decisive run as the Pistons overcame a four-point deficit.

Damon Stoudamire, who led the Raptors with 26 points, made a 3-pointer to give Toronto a 92-88 lead with 4:13 to play.

Lindsay Hunter brought the Pistons within 90-89 with a layup, and Hill, who made 11-of-18 shots from the floor, followed with a layup to tie it 92-92.

Hunter made two free throws before Otis Thorpe tipped in a Hill miss, giving the Pistons a 96-92 lead. Hill's 13-foot jumper with 9.9 seconds left capped the closing spur.

Joe Dumars had 21 points and Thorpe finished with 14 points, and Hunter added 14 points and Theo Ratliff and Terry Mills had 10 points each off the bench as the Pistons won for the eighth time in their last 10 games.

Doug Christie scored 20 points and Walt Williams 15 for Toronto, which dropped its third straight.

Bucks 107, Celtics 91

BOSTON — Vin Baker had 28 points and 11 rebounds on Monday night as the Milwaukee Bucks gave coach Chris Ford a victory in his FleetCenter debut.

Andrew Lang had 12 points and 13 rebounds and Glenn Robinson had 19 points and nine boards for the Bucks, who have won three straight and five of six. Dana Barros led Boston with just 16 points.



Carlos Rogers of the Toronto Raptors finishes off a dunk against the Pistons in the first quarter Monday. Both teams wore vintage-style jerseys representing the original NBA teams in their respective cities.

Ford played for the Celtics from 1978-82 and coached them from 1990-95, when he was fired by current coach and director of

player personnel M.L. Carr. Ford caught on with the Bucks this year, taking on a promising roster that has a chance at the playoffs.

LPGA hands out awards

NEW YORK (AP) — Sharon Farr wrapped her tiny hands around the edges of the podium as if asking it for emotional as well as physical support. She cleared her throat with a soft cough and let the words escape from a reluctant throat.

"With all my heart," she said chocking back the tears as she thought of the daughter, "I wish there were no Heather Farr Award. That would mean she were still with us."

Those simple words, spoken with courage and honesty, set a tone for the annual LPGA awards luncheon and the way the tears mixed with the cheers on Monday gave vivid testimony to what a great year it was for women's golf.

Laura Davies was player of the year, Annika Sorenstam had the lowest scoring average and Karrie Webb was rookie of the year and leading money winner. But the strides the LPGA made as an organization and the gains it made for women in sport were the true success story of 1996.

The Heather Farr Award, named for the LPGA player who died in 1994, goes to the woman who overcame the most obstacles and went this year to Martha Nause, who fought back from Ramsay Virus Syndrome, a stress-related virus that damaged her sense of balance.

But the award could have easily gone to all the women who endured the early days of the LPGA to see it blossom. This was the most successful year in history of the tour — one of the few years when women can draw meaningful paychecks as athletes.

"The result of 1996 very simply is more," said Jim Kirtz, finishing his first year as LPGA commissioner. "We are the more tour —



The LPGA's Laura Davies won the tour's player of the year honors Monday.

more events, more money, playing in front of more people and raising more for charity. One of those charities — the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation — presented its award for promoting early detection of breast cancer to Titeiste and Footjoy Worldwide for a public service spot it produced.

Another award — the Michelo Light Runner Award — went to 17-year veteran Patty Sheehan and produced another touching speech that put the perspective.

"Take advantage," Sheehan said, "but don't take it for granted. Remember where we came from, remember those women so long ago, and remember to enjoy the journey because the destination is not always as good as we think."

Women's golf made great strides in 1996 toward parity with the men's game. Webb not only became the first woman to win a \$1 million in a season, but also

was the first rookie — male or female.

And Ritts, the energetic new commissioner, added four new tournaments for 1997 and boosted prize money by nearly 20 percent. The luncheon was a fitting end to a great year, with tears for the past and cheers for the future.

In addition to the Rolex awards to Davies and Webb, the Vare Trophy to Sorenstam and the honors to Nause, Sheehan and Titeiste, other winners were:

The Ellen Griffen Rolex Award for teaching pro went to Ann Casey Johnston; the Commissioner's Award for those who further women's golf went to JCPenney chairman William R. Howell; the Budget Service Award went to Shirley Furberg for her work with the Bluebonnet Youth Ranch for abused and neglected children; and the Paul Arpin Van Lines Year-end Move of the Month Award went to Pamela Wright.

Agassi announces Davis Cup plans

NEW YORK (AP) — Andre Agassi will play for the first time in 1997, making his first appearance in two years for the U.S. Davis Cup team when it travels to Brazil for a first-round match in February.

"It's a great way to start the year," Agassi said on the Feb. 7-9 tennis schedule for San Paulo, which will be his first Davis Cup appearance since injuring his shoulder in a 1995 semifinal match against Sweden.

"It's intense competition and

starting the year that way will be perfect and a great step in the right direction to step up my intensity level," Agassi, a Davis Cup team member in 1990 and '92.

Agassi, who earlier this month announced he would not play in the Australian Open title in January so he could rest, revealed his Davis Cup plans during a teleconference from his Las Vegas home to promote his final appearance of the year at the "Nike Cup" exhibition match

Friday at Madison Square Garden.

Agassi, the 1995 Australian Open best loser, lost in the first round of his last tournament, the Paris Indoor, the ATP Championships and the Grand Slam Cup.

"No question it is tough to miss the Australian Open," said Agassi. "I just want to get back to where I'm feeling fast and fit. I'm looking forward to this time off to get pumped up."

Southern Utah falls to Lumberjacks, 82-73

CEDAR CITY, Utah (AP) — Northern Arizona's Charles Thomas had 25 points and eight assists to lead the Lumberjacks to a 82-73 win over Southern Utah Monday night.

Andrew Davis and Dan McClintock chipped in 14 points each to help Coach Ben Howland's young NAU team move to 4-2. SUU fell to 2-5 despite a career-high night by Mark Schweigert with 26 points.

"This is a great win for us because they don't lose very often in this building," said Howland. "This was a team effort."

The loss broke a three-game home winning streak for the Southern Utah Thunderbirds. It was only the 20th loss for the Thunderbirds in the 12-year history of the Centrum. They outplayed us in every aspect of the game," said SUU Coach Bill Evans. "They out-

rebounded us, out-guarded us, shot us out and out-bushed us. They deserved to win and they lucky it was as close as it was."

NAU had 42 rebounds to SUU's 31, while Southern Utah committed 21 turnovers.

Southern Utah played without forward Brad Boddy, who missed most of last week with the flu. He's expected back for Monday's game at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas.

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Trojans down Pirates

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Boys Wendell 67, Hagerman 55

WENDELL - Mike Buhler was 5-for-5 from beyond the 3-point arc and Wendell outscored the visiting Pirates 22-10 in the third quarter Monday in a battle of pre-season coaches' favorites in the boys' Canyon and A-4 Southside conferences.

"They're a very good ball club," Trojan coach Allen Kelsey said of the Pirates. "They're going to cause some people trouble later on in the year."

High school basketball

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Rangers knock down Hartford, 5-2

NEW YORK (AP) - The New York Rangers scored three times in the first period and hounded Mike Richter made 39 saves in a 5-2 victory over the Hartford Whalers on Monday night.



The New York Rangers' fight with Shane Chis (22) is battered and bloodied after a fight against the Hartford Whalers during the third period Monday in New York.

Richter scored an even-strength goal on the game's first shot, Luc Robitaille on a power play and Adam Graves scored as the Rangers handed Richter a 3-0 lead after one period.

That's all the offensive support Richter needed as he extended his unbeaten streak to eight games (7-0-1) and extended the Rangers' best stretch of the season to 8-1-1 in their last 10. The Rangers over the .500 mark for the first time in 15-1-5.

Richter, 13-9-2 overall, really proved his worth in the game when he turned back Hartford without a goal in the second period as the Whalers outshot the Rangers 15-7. The Rangers got a goal by Doug Lidster to take a 4-0 lead into the third period.

Wayne Gretzky had the other goal for the Rangers, who have outscored opponents 41-20 in their last 10 games and lead the NHL in scoring with 117 goals. Jeff O'Neill and Geoff Sanderson scored for the Whalers, 4-4-3 in their last 11 overall.

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Pitt hires Harris of Ohio State as football coach

PITTSBURGH (AP) - Walt Harris, the Ohio State assistant who built his career on defense and his reputation on offense, was chosen Monday to succeed Johnny Majors as Pitt's football coach.

Three months after taking part in Pitt's worst loss ever, Harris becomes the latest coach to try to resurrect a program caught in a downward slide for nearly a decade. None of his four predecessors lasted more than four seasons.

Harris, hired by the Panthers after two other quarterback coaches turned them down, said a program that once was a model of rebuilding now must copy the reclamation projects at Northwestern and Kansas State.

"There are teams that have not won for a period of time, and coaches came in and got everybody excited," said Harris, offered the offensive coordinator's job as an endorsement to stay at Ohio State. "Gary Barnett and the Northwestern staff did a fabulous job, and Bill Snyder at Kansas State. If there were any something to build on here, I wouldn't be here."

Pitt's problem is that any mention of its storied tradition - the 1976 national championship, Tony Dorsett, Jack Stribanland, Mike Ditka - often draws blank stares from the top recruits that now sign instead with Penn State, Notre Dame or Ohio State.

"We need to come in here and hit it - and hit it hard," Harris said. "A lot of coaches and dads leave about Tony Dorsett, but their sons don't. It's more what you do for the university."

At Pitt, that's not much. The Panthers were 12-32 in four seasons under Majors and haven't won more than four games since going 6-5 in 1991. They haven't gone to a major bowl since 1982 or any bowl since 1989, and their last four coaches - Foge Fazio, Mike Gottfried, Paul Hackett and Bill Stewart - were either fired or eased out.

Majors retired last month after a succession of embarrassing losses during a 4-7 season that included a school-record 72-0 loss at Ohio State.

Pitt's image took another shot

when athletic director Steve Pederson was turned down by San Francisco 49ers assistant Matt Cavanaugh and Florida State assistant Mark Richt before landing Harris with a five-year contract.

"It took longer than we would have liked, but we landed the blue chipper we wanted," Pederson said.

Harris, 50, will stay at Ohio State through the Rose Bowl, but expects to have a coaching staff assembled before the holidays end.

This will be Harris' second head coaching job. He was 11-24 from 1989-91 at alma mater Pacific, which showed steady progression before he left to become the New York Jets' quarterback coach. Pacific was 2-10 in 1989, 4-7 in 1990 and 5-7 in 1991.

Harris' 1991 team ranked second nationally in total offense (511.3 yards per game) and third in passing offense (342.9 yards per game).

But while his greatest success has been on offense, Harris was a defensive back under assistant

coach Buddy Ryan at Pacific before assistant coaching stints at his alma mater, California, Michigan State, Illinois, Tennessee and the New York Jets. He didn't switch to offense until Illinois coach Mike White hired him as quarterbacks coach in 1980.

Now, Harris is known for turning out top passers. Bobby Hoying third for a school-record 3,269 yards at Ohio State in 1995, and NFL quarterback Tony Eason, Dave Wilson and Jack Travenca played for him at Illinois.

But Harris willingly ran the ball at Tennessee as Majors' assistant head coach and offensive coordinator from 1983-88, when the Volunteers went to four bowl games.

"It doesn't matter to me how we get it into the end zone," Harris said. "My reputation is as a throwing guy but I like (former 49ers coach) Bill Walsh's philosophy of running the ball with the forward pass. I like to run the ball when you have to and throw when you want to."

Woods to be named SI's Sportsman of the Year

ORLANDO, Fla. - Tiger Woods, who exploded upon the golf scene by winning two of his first seven PGA Tour events after turning

professional in late August, will be named Sports Illustrated magazine's Sportsman of the Year on Tuesday afternoon in a ceremony at Ray BEI Club in Orlando.

Woods, who will turn 21 on Dec.

30, won his unprecedented third consecutive U.S. Amateur crown in August at Pumpkin Ridge in Oregon, then turned professional the next week at the Greater Milwaukee Open. In eight PGA

Tour events, Woods earned \$390,594, or \$58,824 per start.

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proposal. There's no building to move into."

Klostermann said the primary factor was the OTC and its gymnasiums. Currently, the San Diego-based national teams train out of the OTC in San Diego that has no gymnasium.

"The OTC in San Diego is very good, but without a gym it loses some of the attractiveness of actually having athletes on campus or close to campus, where you have food service and weight training and sports medicine and sports science."

In addition, bringing the men's and women's national teams here will make it easier and less costly to administer the national-team program.

"The efficiencies of management and program integration were a big plus," Klostermann said.

The volleyball association's offices are in Colorado Springs, as are the American Volleyball

Coaches Association offices. Klostermann said the addition of the national teams would make Colorado Springs the center of Olympic volleyball in the country.

Especially since volleyball officials hope to revitalize their development programs through the association.

"For the last 12 years, we really have neglected our future by not funding, because of lack of money, our youth national and junior national programs," Klostermann said. "It could be

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U.S. volleyball program to move its headquarters to Colorado

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - For nearly two decades, images of the U.S. national volleyball teams always included the sun, the sand and the ocean.

That image will soon undergo a major makeover. Take away the ocean. Add the Rocky Mountains.

USA Volleyball's board of directors, meeting Monday in Cleveland, voted to move the U.S. men's and women's national teams from San Diego to Colorado Springs.

Although the decision is effective immediately, athletes and coaches probably won't begin arriving in Colorado Springs until February or March, said USA Volleyball executive director Kerry Klostermann.

"It's just a matter of logistics," Klostermann said. "The transfer and relocation of staff, the hiring of coaches, that's all going to be a two- to three-month process."

The vote, which surprised some volleyball insiders, goes against tradition. The men's team has used San Diego as its base of operations since 1978. The women's teams relocated to San Diego in the early 1980s.

"There was some strong opinion on both sides," Klostermann said. "But in the end, I believe, the best decision was made for

the program and the teams."

Not all athletes and coaches supported the move.

"We made efforts to get feedback from athletes and coaches," Klostermann said. "Clearly the majority felt the more attractive location was San Diego. But a lot of that is based on the history of them being there."

"Really, no athlete said they absolutely wouldn't play in Colorado Springs."

The decision marks a homecoming of sorts. The first full-time women's national volleyball team trained in Colorado Springs from 1978 until the U.S. decision to boycott the 1980 Summer Olympics in Moscow.

"Having the opportunity to work and train on a day-to-day basis at the Olympic Training Center (in Colorado Springs), plus the potential for rallying community support around the team, is tremendous," Klostermann said.

A proposal by USA Volleyball Centers Inc. to build a \$5 million volleyball center on land in the Printers Parkway area in Colorado Springs was mentioned during discussions on the relocation. Klostermann said it was not a major factor in the decision.

"It was a factor. The board was aware of it," Klostermann said. "But it was positioned as, this is



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Playoff picture sharpens for Jacksonville

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Jacksonville Jaguars still need help to make the playoffs. They also have to beat Atlanta, which seems like an afterthought for a team that has won five of its last six games.

This could be the biggest game in franchise history, receiver Keenan McCardell said Monday.

That's what the Jaguars have been saying every week since beating Baltimore to start a four-game winning streak. Every game, they keep finding a new way to win. And every week, the playoff picture has become a little more tangible.

"We knew going into this thing that if we kept on winning, we'd have opportunities to stay alive,



Mark Brunell

and that's the only thing we're going to believe," coach Tom Coughlin said.

"We also knew all along we'd need help in other areas, and we still do."

They don't need nearly as much help as they did before the weekend started.

First, the Chargers, Raiders and Oilers all lost. Then, the Jaguars got even more favorable breaks Sunday night when a

tipped pass resulted in a go-ahead touchdown pass to Jimmy Smith in a 20-13 victory over the Seattle Seahawks.

Their playoff hopes are now down to this: The Jaguars need Indianapolis to lose at Cincinnati or Kansas City to lose at Buffalo. If Miami were to beat the Bills Monday night, the Jaguars could get in as long as Kansas City and Buffalo don't play to a next week.

Of course, that's assuming the Jaguars win. But the way things have gone the last month — "That's a given," said left guard Ben Coleman. "We're going to take care of our business."

It's hard to believe this is the same Jacksonville team that only

six weeks ago was reeling from player strife and losses to lower division teams. The Jaguars were 3-6 going into their open date, and Coughlin talked about making the most out of the second half of the season.

But making the playoffs? "You appreciate heaven a little bit more if you've spent some time in hell," Coughlin said. "And we've been there."

The turnaround is not hard to figure. Mark Brunell, who became the 19th player to throw for more than 4,000 yards in a season, has not had a turnover in three games.

And a team that once waited for disaster to strike has learned to pick itself up from mistakes.

Been there before

Most seasons participating in post-season games:

Dallas	24
N.Y. Giants	23
Cleveland	23
Cleveland/L.A. Rams	22
Chicago	21

Source: National Football League



AP/Wide World

Bono likely to start for Chiefs Sunday

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — A benched and bitter Steve Bono — who doesn't figure he'll be back with the Chiefs next season — probably will be asked to win a game that could save Kansas City's season.

"It's ironic," said the veteran quarterback who lost his job last month but got it back Sunday by default. "I just need to go out and play well and win a game. That's what it's all about."

To the delight of fans who had booed him all season, the unpopular Bono was pulled in the first half of the Chiefs' loss to San Diego on Nov. 24 and told Rich Gannon would be the starter for the rest of the season.

Gannon was 1-1 as a starter. But he pulled a hamstring muscle in the first half against Indianapolis on Sunday, and Bono went the rest of the way, hitting 18 of 33 passes for 194 yards and a touchdown in a 24-19 Kansas City loss.

Gannon was unable to practice Monday, and probably won't be ready Sunday when the Chiefs visit the Buffalo Bills. The Chiefs (9-6) would clinch an AFC playoff berth by winning, or they would get in if Jacksonville lost to Atlanta.

Schottenheimer said Bono would likely be his starter.

"It would appear that way," he said. "I don't know what Gannon's status is. Obviously, one of his strengths is mobility. Knowing the way he is, he's going to want to move around. If he can't do that, that's going to work against him."

"I'm not anticipating (starting on Sunday) right now," said

Bono. "But after what happened a few weeks ago, nothing surprises me."

Bono, 33, last year in his first full season as a starter, admitted the benching "has been pretty tough to deal with."

"I don't know what the right frame of mind is," he said. "But no, I can't put all that behind me. It's been a pretty tough setback."

Bono did not expect to ever start again for the Chiefs.

"There's a lot of very strong thoughts I have," he said. "I've done a lot of thinking the last few weeks about everything — the future, exactly what's going on here, a lot of different things."

He said he had "pretty much" determined the Chiefs would not want him back.

"I don't know that for sure. But that was kind of what I took from the decision, from the change," he said. "Who knows? Those decisions will be made in the off-season. If we don't get in the playoffs, a lot of us won't be here next year."

"I just want to see this thing through, and finish what I started here."

Even if the Chiefs do get into the playoffs for a seventh straight season, they would not be the consistent bunch that approached last year's postseason with a league-best 13-3 mark.

"Last year it seemed like every ball bounced our way," said defensive end Neil Smith. "This year, we just can't get a break. And when we do get one, we don't take advantage of it."

Redskins experience the worst of feelings

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — The feeling is never this bad. Not even when the team was 3-13.

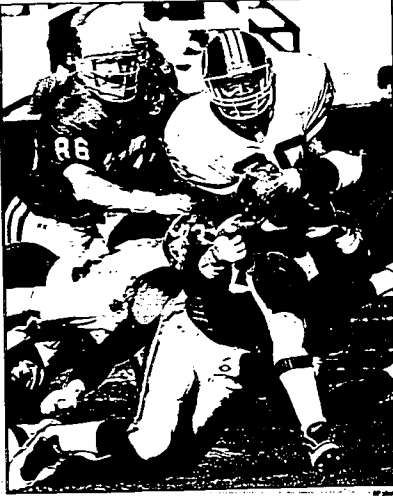
One of the greatest collapses in Washington Redskins history has left the players exasperated as the season winds to an suddenly anticlimactic conclusion. After starting 7-1 with thoughts of a division title and home field advantage, the Skins went 1-6 and were eliminated from playoff contention.

Suddenly, there's no good way to look at the picture, no positive spins on a terrible second half.

"This is worse," receiver Henry Ellard said when asked to compare 1996 to the 3-13 of 1994. "When you know you're not a chance and all of a sudden, things kind of fall in on you... I'm mentally drained. I'm exhausted. I've never been through a season where it affected me that way."

The only comparable season in the Redskins' 64-year history was 1978, when Jack Pardee's team started 6-0 and made it to 9-3 before losing its last five to finish out of the playoffs at 8-8.

The leader in the sympathy parade has to be linebacker Ken Harvey, a three-time Pro Bowl selection who has never played on a winning team in nine NFL seasons. He thought he would finally make it this season, but he found himself gamely talking — again — about coming back next year as he collapsed his tired body on the couch at Redskins Park on Monday.



Running back Brian Mitchell (with the ball) and his Washington Redskins teammates have experienced a decidedly sinking feeling in the season's second half.

"You live to fight another day, hopefully," Harvey said with a sigh. "Hopefully, my career isn't

over yet and hopefully there's another opportunity."

There was no finger-pointing.

In fact, many players shrugged their shoulders and couldn't come up with any answers when asked why and how the collapse came about.

"Man, I have no idea," running back Terry Allen said. "The last half of the season, we didn't look like the team that was playing the first half."

Others, including coach Norv Turner, topped the list with injuries. The Redskins were always playing with a small margin of error, and the extended downtime of players such as Ed Simmons, Michael Westbrook, Leslie Shepherd, Sterling Palmer, Marc Bouette, Darryl Pounds and Darryl Morrison was too much to overcome.

"The disappointing thing for me was the number of injuries in the second half of the season that kept us from playing at the same level," Turner said. "... Those things take their toll. Then being in two overtime games and the game Sunday, you need to find a way to win."

Turner was referring to the extra-time losses at home to Arizona and San Francisco, then Thursday at Arizona on Sunday decided by Kevin Butler's field goal on the last play of the game. While it's true that a break or two here or there could have kept things alive until January, it's also true that the last seven games have exposed one weakness after another that proved the Redskins were a mediocre team.

Super Bowl picks: Packers, Broncos

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press

Barring an unlikely upset, the Green Bay Packers will spend the playoffs at Lambeau Field, where they've won 15 straight and haven't lost since the opening game of the 1995 season.

But don't give the Packers a free ride to the Super Bowl yet. Not with Dallas and San Francisco lurking.

Call the 49ers and Cowboys, combined winners of six of the last eight Super Bowls. George Foreman and Evander Holyfield. They're old, they're untested, but they still have it — on both sides of the ball and in the heart and experience to go with it.

This weekend clarified the playoff picture — the six teams in the NFC are set and seven teams are left in the AFC, with Jacksonville the odd team out in the wild-card race.

It also confirmed the obvious. Green Bay and Denver, with the home field, are close to odds-on favorites to end up in New Orleans on Jan. 26. In the playoffs, chalk tends to hold, and they're the chalk.

A look at the legitimate Super Bowl contenders, in order of probability:

1. Green Bay (12-3). The only way the Packers lose home field is to lose to Minnesota by 19 points or more while Carolina wins. That won't happen. For while Green Bay did lose in Minnesota, the return of Antonio Freeman and Mark Chmura has given Brett Favre his targets back.

But to get to New Orleans, the Packers probably will have to get by San Francisco and either Dallas or Carolina. The 49ers kick their overtime at Lambeau Field in October and should have won in regulation and they've dropped seven straight over the last four years to the Cowboys.

What will help is the weather. The snow never falls in Dallas all were at Texas Stadium and the Packers had no receivers when they lost 21-7 there this year. The narrow win over the 49ers was in good weather, which is unlikely to be the case when they meet this year.

2. Dallas (10-5). Even without Leon Lett and Charles Haley, the defense is superb — it held New England, the highest scoring team



in the league, to two field goals.

First, the Redskins. The offense has been held without a touchdown in three of its last five games.

"Maybe we'll get it back for the playoffs," says Emmitt Smith, who will rest his sprained ankle next week while the Cowboys play in Washington.

Maybe they will, but the Cowboys will have to play three games to get to New Orleans. At home to Minnesota or Philadelphia, then probably at Carolina and Green Bay. And their division title is largely due to the collapse of Washington and Philadelphia, who have lost 10 of their last 13 between them.

3. San Francisco (11-4). The 49ers are likely to be the fourth seed, behind the Packers, Panthers and Cowboys, and will have to play three games.

If they're the second seed (a Carolina loss to Pittsburgh and a win over Detroit would do it), the odds go down. It likely would give the 49ers, Dallas at home before a trip to Green Bay and keep them away from the Panthers, whom they can't beat.

Did it finally come together at Pittsburgh on Sunday? That was vintage San Francisco — a quick kick, 16 points in the first six minutes against a team that had beaten them at home.

4. Carolina (11-4). If they beat Pittsburgh, the Panthers get a bye week, then probably host Dallas. They've never lost at Eric Steinham, but experience is a major factor in the playoffs and the Cowboys have it.

Dallas/Carolina could be a 3-2 game.

Carolina's experienced defense should hold up — Kevin Green (Sneaders), Eric Davis (49ers), Carlton Bailey (Bills) and Mike Fox (Giants) all have played in Super Bowls and Sam Mills might as well. A remarkable statistic — the Panthers have allowed just 56 points in the second half in their 15 games, an average of less than four per game.

But does the Dallas (or Green Bay) defense unravel Kerry Collins, in just his second season? **5 and 6. Minnesota/Philadelphia (each 9-6).** The Vikings, with Brad

Johnson blossoming at quarterback, could surprise someone in the first round, but they probably won't go deeper. Philadelphia is coming unglued — four losses in their last six games and an ugly one-point win over the Jets (1-14) last Saturday.

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1. Denver (13-2). OK, John Elway's back, panic's over. Remember that the Broncos dismantled New England in Foxboro, and that they're unbeaten at home and that they're the NFL's healthiest team — they even had the time to let Gary Zimmerman get his shoulder surgery and be back for the playoffs.

It's hard to argue against Elway, Terrell Davis and a solid defense playing at Mile High.

2. Pittsburgh (10-5). The Steelers still have a bye, although to keep it, they have to win at Carolina next week against a team trying to clinch its division. And they still have Mike Tomczak, a gritty quarterback, but mistake prone and not one who can bring a team from behind in the playoffs.

3. Buffalo (9-5) going into Monday night's game. The Bills are in the San Francisco-Dallas category — bruised, battered, but still dangerous. If Jim Kelly remains standing and Bryce Paup gets back, they can cause trouble for anyone, including Denver.

The Patriots need only to beat the Giants to clinch the AFC East and they could get a bye. But Drew Bledsoe didn't look much like a Super Bowl quarterback in Dallas on Sunday and the defense remains suspect.

As for why every pundit has a different version of Bill Parcells' future, the answer is simple. Parcells himself doesn't know from day to day. The most ludicrous is the "back to the Giants" scenario. Those bridges have been burned for years.

5. Indianapolis (9-6). The Colts proved last year they can win big games. What they've done this year with all their injuries is another miracle. But miracles don't get teams to the Super Bowl.

6 and 7. Kansas City (9-6) and Jacksonville (8-7). The Chiefs are like Philadelphia — they've lost three of four and have a history of falling out of the playoffs early. The Jaguars just want to keep up with the Carolinas by getting in.

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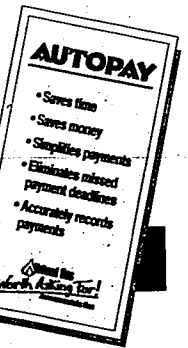
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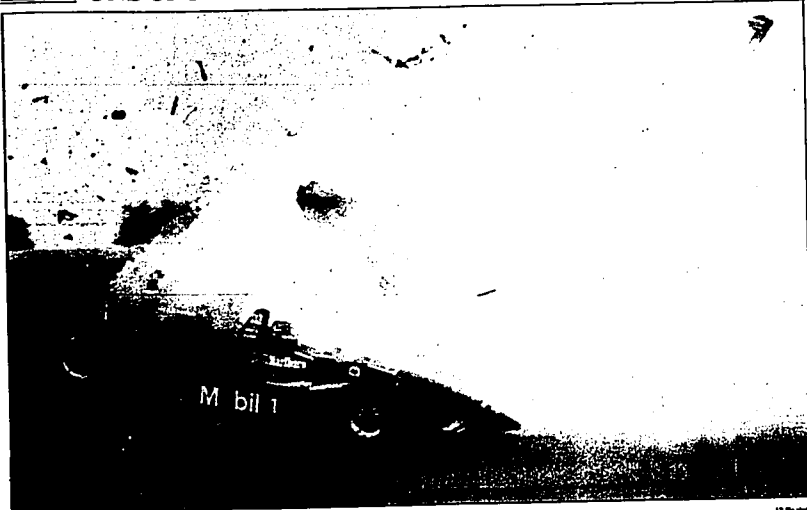
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Austria rase awesome again in Alpine

VAL D'ISERE, France (AP) - In yet another commanding showing by Austria's ski team, Hans Knauss on Monday captured the men's World Cup season-opener in the super-G.

He won in 1 minute, 23.26 seconds for his first victory of the season. Knauss was just three-hundredths of a second ahead of teammate Guenther Mader on another bright sunny day on a hard, icy track.

Austria has taken first and second in four of the seven men's World Cup races this season, including the top four in Sunday's downhill.

Steve Locher of Switzerland won third Monday in 1:24.43, ahead of two more Austrians, Patrick Ortlieb (1:23.69) and Christian Mayer (1:23.78).

Overall, Austrians took six of the top 10 places and placed all 10 that competed in the top 20.

"Now it is very hard to gain a place on the Austrian team because there are so many capable to finish in the top three in any discipline," Mader said.

The Austrians took the top places in nearly every event in Val d'Isere. In addition to the top places in the two races, they captured the top six places in the downhill training and were leading the aborted Saturday downhill that was stopped after 17 racers.

Knauss has had a second, third and fourth in the three giant slaloms this season. It was his third career victory and second in super-G after winning in Valloire, France, last season.

With the victory, Knauss went into the overall lead of the season standings with 297 points. Kjetil Andre Aamodt, who was 28th in the race, dropped to second with 234 points.

"It confirms my good beginning of the season. I was not very good on the upper part but afterwards I skied well," Knauss said. "After my victory in Valloire last year, I think that France brings me good luck."

Knauss was 24th in Sunday's downhill. The downhill winner, Fritz Strobl, finished in 1:24:72, 19th in the super-G.

"Today you have to be very technical but main goal is to win the super-G World Cup," Knauss said. "Last year I hoped to win the super-G World Cup but I was sick at the end of the season."

Racing team chief faces trial

BOLOGNA, Italy (AP) - The head of a top Formula One racing team was ordered Monday to stand trial Feb. 20 on manslaughter charges in connection with the 1994 death of star driver Ayrton Senna.

Frank Williams, the chairman and managing director of the Williams-Renault team, and five others are to be tried in Imola, which is 20 miles outside Bologna and the site of the fatal crash.

Senna, a Brazilian, died of head injuries when his Williams car smashed into a concrete wall early in the San Marino Grand Prix on May 1, 1994.

The other defendants are Patrick Head, the team's technical manager; Federico Bendinelli, an official of the Italian track; Giorgio Poggi, director of the track in 1994; Roland Bruisenard, Belgian director of the 1994 Formula One race at Imola; and Adrian Newey, design director for Senna's car.

According to the indictment, the Italian news agency ANSA reported, the crash stemmed from a "badly done" modification of the steering column, which broke. The experts also concluded the accident was worsened by track conditions.

There were bumps on the track, and the roadway was later asphalted before the 1995 Grand Prix race.

Williams-Renault, which is based in Grove Wantage, England, has been the dominant force in the past several years, winning both the constructors' and drivers title this past season.

"We do not believe the charges are well-founded and intend to do all that is necessary to defend our position," the company said in a statement.

Manslaughter convictions in Italy can bring sentences up to five years. Lawyer Roberto Landi, who is defending two Imola track officials, said a plea bargain is possible in exchange for a suspended two-year sentence.

He said his two clients, Bendinelli and Poggi, will go to trial.

"They have all their documents in order to prove in court that there was no responsibility on the part of the track," Landi said.

The Benetton team manager has threatened to boycott Formula One races in Italy if there are convictions in Senna's death.

U.S. Olympic viewers flipped for gymnastics



During the Summer Olympics, gymnastics provided many mesmerizing moments for American viewers - including the moment when coach Bela Karolyi carried the injured Kerri Strug to the women's awards ceremony.

The Associated Press

The Summer Olympic viewing preferences of Americans are well documented. If it wears tight and swings from the ceiling, U.S. television viewers are mesmerized. If it flips or kips or rolls over a railroad tie in a leotard, so much the better.

The rest of the world, however, does not share our infatuation with the somersault set.

According to the Preliminary Television Report of the Atlanta Olympic organizing committee, the three highest-rated programs of the Atlanta Games last summer on NBC were all part gymnastics.

The top two shows were composed entirely of women's gymnastics. Surprise, surprise.

Of the other eight major world TV markets in the report, gymnastics appears in the top five of only three and is ranked No. 1 in none of them.

Australians and Canadians, for example, ranked the opening ceremonies as their top viewing choice, all downhill for them. Australians loved the opening ceremonies so much, in fact, that taped highlights of it also appeared as No. 5 in their most-watched list.

Track and field, known in European-style English as athletics, was No. 1 in Japan and the United Kingdom. Spanish viewers preferred tennis, specifically the women's final in which Lindsay Davenport beat Spain's own Arantxa Sanchez Vicario, and the two spots on Italy's hot list.

French and German viewers, showing more eclectic tastes perhaps, made highlights shows their favorites. French viewers liked highlights so much that they occupied all five spots on their favorites list. At least the Germans squeezed yachting in at No. 3.

Gymnastics appeared in combination with swimming as No. 3 on Japan's list. It snuck in as No. 5, along with volleyball, tennis and swimming, in Canada, and it stood alone at third in Spain.

According to the report, U.S. viewing habits went pretty much as expected with one exception. While swimming was the most heavily covered event of the games, it did not appear among the five highest-rated shows.

Yanks look to replace MVP; Baltimore signs Boskie

NEW YORK (AP) - Another piece of the New York Yankees departed Monday when World Series MVP John Wetteland agreed to a \$23 million, four-year contract.

New York continued to negotiate with left-hander David Wells to replace Jimmy Key, who signed with the Orioles. The main hangup in the three-year deal, with a team option for 2000, was the amount of guaranteed money vs. performance bonuses.

Baltimore, meanwhile, added another pitcher, agreeing to a one-year contract with Shawn Boskie worth about \$600,000.

Boskie, 29, was 12.11 with a 5.32 ERA in 28 starts and nine relief appearances for the Angels.

Kansas City, pending at a far lower level, agreed to a minor-league contract with third baseman Scott Cooper, an AL all-star for Boston in 1993 and 1994. Cooper, who hit .243 with seven

homers and 27 RBIs last season with the Seibu Lions of Japan's Pacific League, would get a \$350,000, one-year contract if he makes the teams.

Royals right-hander Bob Scanlan, who was eligible for salary arbitration, agreed to a one-year contract that will pay him at a rate of a \$300,000 in the majors - matching his 1996 salary - and \$150,000 in the minors.

San Francisco left-hander Jim Poole, also eligible for arbitration, agreed to a \$1.9 million, two-year contract. Poole, who made \$500,000 last season, gets \$800,000 in 1997 and \$1 million the following year.

Infielder Mark Lewis, acquired by San Francisco from Detroit for infielder Jesus Ibarra, agreed to a \$1.6 million, one-year contract. up

from \$670,000 last season.

Also, Cleveland acquired outfielder Trinidad Hubbard from the Giants for right-hander Jon Roa to complete the Nov. 13 Matt Williams trade. And St. Louis dealt right-hander Cory Bailey to the Rangers for right-hander David Chavarria and a player to be named.

Outfielder Lou Frazier and Seattle agreed to a \$200,000, one-year contract.

Wetteland, the first reliever with four saves in one World Series, has the fifth-highest average salary among pitchers with contracts for next season. Texas was looking to improve its bullpen, which in 1996 had a major league-high 11 losses after leading with three outs to play and 16 blown saves.

"I'm aware of those problems they had last year, and yes, I'm excited to see if I can make some kind of a difference," said

Wetteland, who will average \$5.75 million. "But I'm not going to tell you I'm the big, important piece that's missing. I don't view it that way at all. I'm just looking forward to the opportunity to get a lot of work, and I think I'm going to get that here."

His departure following that of Key's spot, New York will continue to negotiate with Wells, who has asked for a contract that would pay him \$14 million over three years with a team option that could make the deal worth about \$18.5 million.

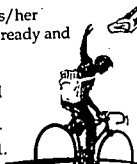
"We're not really that far apart," said the pitcher's agent, Gregg Clifton. "It's just the concept of both sides being a little more creative."

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Clemens called 'traitor' for signing with Jays

WASHINGTON (AP) - Nothing against Canada, but Roger Clemens has been dubbed a traitor by a U.S. government spokesman for leaving Boston to pitch for Toronto.

"That is the official position of the State Department," Nichols Burns said Monday in a tongue-in-cheek denunciation of Clemens that could only come from a Boston native and diehard Red Sox baseball fan.

"Roger Clemens is not a great American," Burns said during an otherwise routine State Department briefing. "Roger Clemens will never be able to say what Ted Williams and that is. We were lifing Red Sox. Roger Clemens is a traitor."

On Friday, the 34-year-old Clemens agreed to a \$24.75 million, three-year contract with Toronto to become the highest-paid pitcher ever.

"For a measly few million bucks he went over to the opposition and we don't like it," Burns complained, to great laughter. "This has nothing to do with Canada," he added, remembering his diplomatic manners. "It would have been worse if he had gone to the Yankees."

In fact, Burns speculated, the State Department might have had to send in Bosnia peace negotiator Richard Holbrooke to bargain to keep Clemens away from the New York Yankees if it had come to that.

"That would have been a real crisis," Burns said.

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Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

HERE WE GO! IT'S SUPPERTIME!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? ANOTHER DAY GONE BY, AND IT'S SUPPERTIME AGAIN!

I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE TIME GOES. YOU GET UP IN THE MORNING AND YOU GO TO BED AT NIGHT, AND ANOTHER DAY IS GONE...

SOMEDAY I'M GOING TO HAVE TO BUY MY OWN CAR OPENER...

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WE'RE GOING TO REPLACE OUR COMPUTER SUPPORT SYSTEMS WITH THE ELBONTIAN DATABASE PRODUCT.

IT'S RISKY, BUT DON'T WORRY. I'VE HIRED AN OUTRAGEOUSLY EXPENSIVE CONSULTANT WHO HAS NEVER DONE THIS BEFORE.

I EARNED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS JUST COMING TO THIS MEETING. HOW'S YOUR DAY GOING?

IT WON'T MAKE MY TOP TEN.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HA! WHAT'S THIS - A SWEATER FOR A BOILING-BALL?!

IT'S A SKI MASK FOR A UNICORN.

NO, SILLY...

GIFTS

GIFTS

Garfield By Jim Davis

THIS ONE WORKS... THIS ONE WORKS...

I FOUND THE SHORT IN THE TREE LIGHTS!

DO TELL.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

YOU'RE DR. BOND, THE NEW SCIENTIST?

MY PATIENTS CALL ME 'OOT'!

WHY'S THAT?

I HAVE A LICENSE TO DRILL.

THIS IS ALREADY PAINFUL.

The Wizard of Id By Briant Parker & Johnny Hart

...AND ONLY THE KISS OF A BEAUTIFUL WOMAN WILL RESTORE ME...

SMACK!

...SO I WAS WANDERING IF YOU FINE A SOMEONE WHO...

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Brando

WHAT LOOKS GOOD TONIGHT?

THAT BLONDE IN THE BLUE DRESS AT TABLE THREE LOOKS VERY GOOD!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SERIOUS DEDICATED WAITERS?

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

SORRY SIR, NO ONE ADMITTED WITHOUT A JACKET

YOU CAN LEND ME ONE THEN

SORRY, WE DON'T HAVE ANY TO LEND

OH YES YOU DO!

I GET SO TIRED OF HAVING TO EXPLAIN THINGS TO PEOPLE ALL THE TIME

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

AUTO INSURANCE CLAIMS DEPT.

NOW, ABOUT YOUR STOLEN CAR...THE BOOK VALUE WAS \$300 BUT YOUR DEDUCTIBLE WAS \$500 SO YOU OWE US \$200.

The Bom Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT'S THIS?

NUMBER FIVE SPECIAL, LIKE YOU ORDERED

THE MENU SAYS THAT'S BEEF

STROGANOFF. WELL, THERE'S NO BEEF AND VERY LITTLE OF ANYTHING ELSE!

PEND IT AGAIN...IT SAYS BEEF STROGANOFF!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHEN I MICHELLE IN A FEW DAYS HE'LL HAVE ONE HOME, MEET?

I CAN'T WAIT! I WANT HIM TO SEE HOW MUCH I LOVE HIM!

YES, PUTTING THE TRACK AROUND THE LAUNDRY ROOM CEILING WAS AN INTERESTING IDEA.

HE SAID IT SORTA MADE THE ROOM MORE USEFUL!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

THE NEW CHART LOOKS GOOD BUT WHY IS YOUR NAME IN A BIGGER BOX THAN MINE?

BECAUSE MY NAME HAS MORE LETTERS IN IT

WELL, JUST PUT LOTS OF EMPTY SPACE AROUND MY NAME SO THE BOX IS BIGGER

BUT THEN PEOPLE WOULD THINK "EMPTY..." AND YOU WOULDN'T WANT THAT!

THAT GUY HAS ANSWERS FOR EVERYTHING EXCEPT WHAT HE'S SUPPOSED TO HAVE ANSWERS FOR

Pickles By Brian Crane

NELSON, I THOUGHT YOU'D GO TO PICK UP THIS MESSAGE!

NOW, GET TO IT!

IT'S HARD TO TAKE SERIOUSLY SOMEONE WHO'S WEARING A SHOWER CAP

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

COULD YOU HOLD THIS FOR A FEW MINUTES WHILE I TALK MY NEIGHBOR BOYD INTO BUYING IT?

The Family Circus By Bill Keane

MOMMY! HOW'D YOU LIKE TO see a real car under our Christmas tree?

Vodka can clean your eyeglasses

Another way to wipe your eyeglasses free of streaks is just a drop of vodka on each lens.

Will but you a small unspecified sum you've never heard of the world's more numerous wild bird - the red-winged blackbird - that flocks by the millions over Africa.

Q. In the Israeli military, what's a "Popo"?
A. An air-to-ground missile.

Once in what's now much of Minnesota, North Dakota, Manitoba and Ontario was the glacial-runoff Lake Agassiz, larger in its time than all of today's Great Lakes combined. A cloud layer surrounds Venus, and just under it, 31 miles above the surface, the wind blows constantly at 100 mph.

Not until 1966 did the State of Mississippi finally end Prohibition. If you were around then, you probably were listening to Nancy Sinatra's lively rendition of Lee Hazlewood's "These Boots Are Made for Walkin'." or "Simon...and...WA 98192."

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Garfunkel's "Scarborough Fair," or the Beatles' "Yellow Submarine" in their last public concert at that place long called Candlestick Park. Goethe said, "The intelligent man finds almost everything ridiculous, the sensible man barely anything."

Q. Didn't the British once levy taxes on the number of household doors?
A. Romans did that. The British taxed on the number of windows.

BOMB JOKES
Q. You can be fined \$10,000 or imprisoned for five years just for joking about a non-existent bomb in airport luggage? Why such stiff penalties?
A. Mail to stuyhollomboy.com. Postal to P.O. Box 99126, Seattle.

ACROSS

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HOROSCOPE
 Sydney Omarr

IF DECEMBER 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are capable of combining materialism with spirituality - you could act as director of foundation. You have instinct for raising money in order to promote worthy causes. You are passionate in devotion - and receive individuals. Capricorn, Cancer persons play invigorating roles in your life. Current cycle relates to humanitarian projects, travel, reaching beyond the immediate. July your most memorable, profitable month of 1996.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Roadblock to progress temporary - you'll soon be hailed as hero. Eases to one confined to home, hospital. Leo is in picture.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): What seemed outlandish will be very real. Focus on direction, motivation, family values in devotion - and receive home-cooked dinner. Capricorn involved.

INQUIRY (May 21-June 20): Make inquiries, play role of investigative reporter. Learn by teaching, contact big boss. Barometer attempting to show will themselves be loved. Sagittarian involved.

LEO (June 21-July 22): Involvement with Taurus could result in sumptuous dining. Another Cancer native involved. Business transactio valid, ultimately profitable. Scorpio will run interference.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revives around home, security, sound of your voice and music. Turn on powers of persuasion! Moon phases in early evening acceptance of efforts, products. Marital status.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 21): Some people wonder, "How do you get your work done?" Answer: "Information comes to me while I sleep!" You then inform, "You can't do it because there are too many of you!" Pisces involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Get organized! Power on your side, wind up and let go with lethal right punch! Emphasize on creativity, adventure of discovery, beautiful gain of love. Cancer native provides answers.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What you thought was finished might just be getting started. Get ready for action! You're on solid ground, don't let it go. One who knows price of everything, value of nothing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): In the movie "Highlight Reel" in revealing dilemma. Focus on investment, income potential, ability to locate lost objects. Cycle high, you will be at right place at crucial moment.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll be invited to dine by Sagittarius. Each will learn something from the other - could include romantic gesture. Imprint style, make clear, "I am boss!" Gemini also in picture.

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 the busy season
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Center's deficit concerns commissioners

By Mark Heinz
 Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - Even though the Wood River Care Center lost money last year, the Lincoln County Commission isn't ready to give up on it.

Commissioner Mike Telford said the commission was upset that the center for the elderly ran a \$40,014 deficit during the 1995-96 budget year. However, the county has no immediate plans to change operations there.

Commissioners met held a closed meeting Monday with the center's director.

An audit by a Boise accounting firm uncovered the deficit, and found the center ran \$556 in the black during the 1994-95 budget year, said County Auditor Brent Hyatt.

The center has about 45 employees and provides full-time and outpatient

care for the elderly. There are no immediate plans to cut staff or wages at the center, said County Commissioner-elect Lawrence Calkins.

It is county-owned, but a private board of directors runs the center.

Telford said the county wants the center to consider changing its operations, but only if it continues to lose money.

"They need to look at long-term alternatives, you can't lose money forever," he said Monday.

The center probably lost money in 1995-96 because it didn't have enough full-time residents, he said.

"It's hard to run a 34-bed facility and break even when you have fewer than 30 residents," Telford said.

In-home care for the elderly is a growing trend, said Calkins, a former chairman of the center's board of directors.

"If families can do that, more power

to them," he said.

But that could put the future of the center in doubt. Or it could force the center to change its focus and become an assisted living center or a senior housing center, Calkins said.

Even so, Lincoln County and the rest of the Magic Valley continues to grow, and the population growth could mean more residents at the center.

"Many of those families may have elderly that need care," Calkins said.

During his tenure on the board of directors, he said, there were other years when the center went into the red.

"You don't panic. You just tighten up and go on," Calkins said. "You've got to wait and see how things develop over the long term."

But the county doesn't expect big profits from the center either, he said.

"All we ever wanted it to do is break

even," Calkins said.

Center director Gerald Holmes Monday declined comment on the matter.

The commission met with Holmes Monday in a closed executive session to talk things over.

Telford said an executive session was called because the discussion centered on Holmes' complaints, and was therefore a county personnel matter.

State law allows a government agency to call an executive session to consider personnel matters such as hiring, evaluation, dismissal or discipline of a public employee. An executive session can also be called to discuss complaints made against a public employee.

Telford said the session was constructive.

"When everybody left, they all seemed happy," he said.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Search for missing Burley man continues

HAILEY - Investigators are still looking for clues in the search for Richard Bendele, a Burley resident who was reported missing in the desert southeast of Carey Nov. 17.

Gene Ramsey, chief deputy of the Blaine County Sheriff's Department, said the investigation continues and there has been no communication with any of Bendele's bank accounts.

Investigators are looking into if Bendele, 29, may have disappeared voluntarily. An exhaustive ground and air search, costing Blaine County about \$20,000, uncovered no evidence, except Bendele's pickup truck, a shoe and two right-handed gloves.

Family members told police Bendele was pheasant hunting at the time of his disappearance.

Bendele's name is listed in a national database as a missing or endangered person and local law enforcement officials will be notified if he is arrested in another state. Law enforcement officials from Cassia and Minidoka counties are also participating in the investigation.

CSI president promises to consider student concerns

TWIN FALLS - College of Southern Idaho president Gerald Meyerhoeffer promised to look into several students' issues, after a presentation Monday evening at a CSI board of trustees meeting.

CSI student body president Shane Ridley-Stevens discussed concerns such as crowded parking and additional library hours.

In other business, trustees heard a presentation from water experts about storm water drainage systems that would cost \$151,229 to \$180.

Charles Brockway, a hydrologist for the University of Idaho, said the costs include a possible city water rate increase of 25 percent, which the Twin Falls City Council is expected to discuss in January. City leaders are in the process of improving storm water regulations.

Meyerhoeffer also told the board that he was concerned about the funding mechanism of a state proposal to give college vouchers to people who normally wouldn't pursue academics.

The proposal, which the Legislature will consider this winter, wouldn't reimburse the colleges until after the students had completed their schooling. Meyerhoeffer said he felt the idea was risky if the students dropped their pursuit of college.

Jerome council considers several spending decisions

JEROME - The Jerome City Council will consider several spending items Tuesday, including buying \$3,400 for computer equipment to link up with the Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center.

As to regarding to staff reports, a computer, printer and accessories could be purchased to download police service information from SIRCOMM to the Jerome Police Department.

Other expenditures to be considered include:

- \$1,260 to replace parts on the city's sewer rodder. The cost would be split between irrigation and sewer collections.
- A new self-contained breathing apparatus for the fire department, costing \$1,585 after a trade-in.
- Spending \$396 to send the city administrator, city clerk and deputy finance clerk for a Windows 95 training session January in Boise.

Hiring Larry Garey as a firefighter and engineer at \$1,690 per month.

The council will also hear the final reading of a bill allowing homeowners to install their own gas lines and to discuss what to do about four-way stops at several intersections. Critics say the city has too many four-way stops at intersections with light traffic.

Power outage planned in southern Jerome County

JEROME - Idaho Power Co. has planned a power outage for about 1 to 3 p.m. today to improve service and accommodate additional customers in an area of southern Jerome County.

The affected area is from 400 South to 600 South and 200 West to 300 East.

Patrons who need more information can call 736-3225.

Camas commissioners call special meeting today

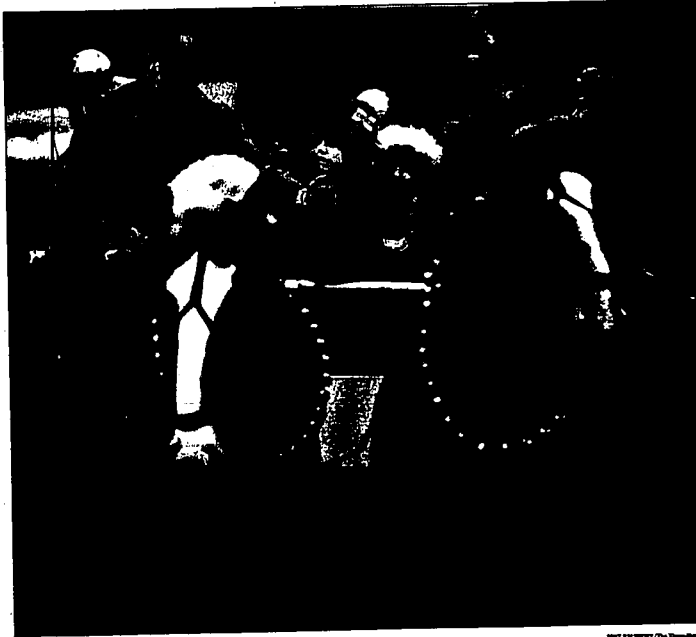
FAIRFIELD - Camas County Commissioners have called a special meeting beginning at 9 a.m. today at the courthouse.

Public hearings are scheduled for third and final readings to amend the Zoning Ordinance Map. Hearings on two county properties are scheduled for 9 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Accountant Tom Jones will present the annual audit at 11 a.m., and possible locations for a court facility will be discussed at 11:30 a.m.

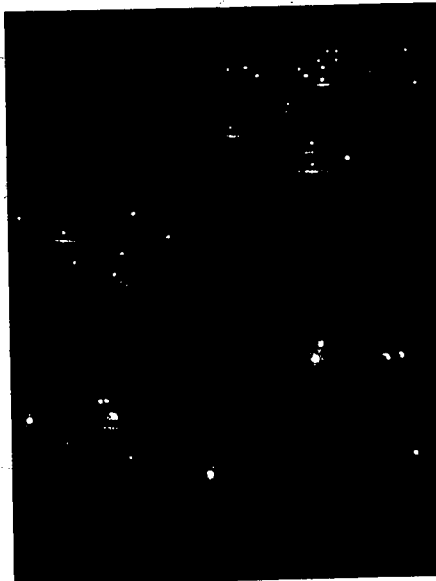
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'HERE WE COME A CAROLING'



Michael Smith and Tiffany Bachelor ride up front as children from the First Baptist Church preschool in Jerome are treated to a wagon ride Monday morning. Ron Lofting, left, and Gary Stacy drive the horses around town as kids and teachers did some caroling on the cool morning. George Silver of Jerome provided the horses and the wagon.

JANSS MEMORIAL



Friends of Bill Janss and members of the Janss and Cooper family lead a pack of close to 200 skiers, including members of the Sun Valley ski patrol and ski school, down Bald Mountain in a memorial torchlight parade Sunday. An estimated 800 people came to pay their respects to the former owner of Sun Valley Corporation, who died last week.

Lockheed lobbyist defends role

By Karen Tokkinnen
 Times-News writer

BOISE - The overseas wrongdoings of defense contractor Lockheed Martin shouldn't reflect on the Idaho branch that manages nuclear waste, its government affairs director said Monday.

Steve Rector, lobbyist for Lockheed Martin Idaho Technologies, said his organization is just a subsidiary of the Lockheed corporation, and had nothing to do with its corporate crimes.

"I was born and raised in this state," he said. "To me, this state is important, not what happened overseas. It was completely out of control of anyone in this state."

In early 1995, Lockheed Martin was fined \$24.8 million for bribing an Egyptian official with \$1 million to promote the sale of three of its cargo planes in that country. The fine was \$2 million more than its profits from managing the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Some local lawmakers, most vocally Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, view

Lockheed with suspicion, and have said that Idaho should carefully monitor Lockheed's activities here.

Lockheed, the INEL's main contractor since 1994, this year poured money into state legislative races for the first time. Donations totaled \$17,150.

Rector said the corporation is simply interested in tax and environmental issues, and lawmakers should get beyond their distrust of Lockheed and consider "the issues that deal with Idaho."

The defense contractor intends to continue contributing to campaigns, he said. The amounts will probably not rise dramatically from this year's total.

"That's a comfort level that I've had in the past 15 years that I've been in the business," he said.

Lockheed in Idaho has donated \$1 million to civic and charitable events, he said.

"What I have seen is the company making real strong efforts to help the economy in the state and to become a community participant as a new Idaho corporation," he said.

Ordinance hangs on question of choice

By N.S. Nakkentved
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners Monday put off action on a proposed ambulance ordinance.

At issue, still, is a question of whether the ordinance should require the ambulance company to take patients to the hospital of the choice.

Twin Falls County commissioners have been considering an ordinance to set minimum criteria to operate an ambulance service in the county. But nothing in the ordinance requires the county ambulance service to deliver patients to the hospital of their choice.

The operators of the private Twin

What's next?

The next meeting on the Twin Falls County ambulance ordinance is set for 10 a.m. on Jan. 23.

Falls Clinic and Hospital maintain that a person should be delivered to the hospital of their choice, regardless of who runs the ambulance service. And the ordinance should reflect that, Hospital Administrator Brent Bodily said.

Bodily last month asked commissioners to add language on patient choice.

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST

DEATH NOTICES

Mildred L. Dodd
MURTAUGH - Mildred Olsen
Dodd, 80, of Albuquerque, N.M.,
and formerly of Murtaugh, died
Friday, Dec. 6, 1994, in
Albuquerque at age 84.

Marjorie Moffitt
BURLEY - Marjorie Moffitt,
89, of Burley, died Monday, Dec.
16, 1994, at the Park View
Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

Goebel officiating. Burial will
be at the Duchs Cemetery.
Friends may call one hour
before the funeral on

Wednesday at the church.
Arrangements are under the
direction of the Hansen
Mortuary-Burley Chapel.

SERVICES

Marjorie Moffitt
Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Arden Boyd Chamberlain,
formerly of Burley, gravestone
service, 2 p.m. today, West End
Cemetery, Burley, (Farmer Funeral
Chapel in Burley).

LaFaye M. Seethala, of
Jerome, cryptic service, 1 p.m.
today, Jerome Cemetery
Mausoleum, (Brose-Rubenstein
Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Alta Jean Moffitt, of Burley,
gravestone service, 2 p.m. Friday,
Riverside Cemetery, Heyburn.

Gleam N. Schroeder, of Twin
Falls, 1 p.m. today, White

Home Mortuary-Burley Chapel.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Danelle James of Rupert, and Edyth Mullen of
Oakley.

Admitted
Betty Davis of Oakley, and Muriel Klemm of
Rupert.

Birth
A baby was born to Danelle and Gary Jones of
Rupert.

Released
Sherri Cann and Kristy Carper, both of Burley.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0324, extension 278

TWIN FALLS



Harold Junior Garrison

Harold Junior Garrison, 69, of
Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 14,
1994, at Saint Alphonsus Regional
Medical Center in Boise of an
extended illness.

He was born Feb. 2, 1927, in
Filer, the son of Frank B. and Lillie
Mac Barton Garrison. He attended
grade school in a one-room country
school off the Bob Barton Highway
south of Filer. He was 16, his
family moved to Twin Falls and
Harold worked with his father at the
Hay Mill and also attended Twin
Falls High School. At age 17, he
joined the U.S. Navy during World
War II and became a signalman
under the age of 19. He then went to
Coyne Trade School in Chicago.
Ill, for six months where he studied
electronics. He then moved back to
Twin Falls and lived while his family
moved to a farm in Wendell. On
June 27, 1948, he married Gilda
Lunett Anington in Twin Falls. They
moved to Boise in 1949, and
attended Boise Junior College.

In 1951, Harold was called back
to the Navy for 18 months as a
signalman during the Korean Conflict.
Upon returning from the Navy,
Harold worked odd jobs until 1956,
when he began his career with
Herrett's Gun Stocks Inc. and he
continued working there until he
had a stroke in 1986. He did work
as a master gunstock maker
included the making of custom
gunstocks for people all over the
world such as, President Ronald
Reagan, Hank Williams Jr., and
several military generals. His
gunstocks were nationally known in
American Rifleman and other gun
magazines. He showed great pride
and enjoyment in his work.

He was an avid hunter and
shooter, and later in his life found
great enjoyment in his rose gar-
den, fruit trees, and vegetable gar-
den. He was a member of the Twin
Falls LDS 12th Ward. Harold lived
his family greatly and could hardly
wait for their visits, and he would
be greatly missed.

Survivors include his wife, Gilda
Garrison of Twin Falls; two sons,
Larry Lewis Garrison of Filer and
Harold Jay Garrison of Twin Falls;
four daughters, Cynthia Jean (Bob)
Diament of Wyoming, Sheila Marie
(Ken) Casper of Mountain Home,
Leanna Mae (Robert) Berg of
Boise, and Christina Lou (Rex)
Christensen of Twin Falls; 23
grandchildren; four great-grand-

children; two brothers, Don (Donna)
Garrison of American Falls and
Frank Garrison of Twin Falls; and
one sister, Lily (Don) Mathison of
Twin Falls. He was predeceased in
death by his parents and three
grandsons.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1994, at the
Twin Falls LDS 12th Ward Chapel,
824 Casswell Ave. SW, with Bishop
Layne Steel conducting. Burial will
follow at Sunset Memorial Park in
Twin Falls. Friends may call from 8
to 9 p.m. today at White Mortuary in
Twin Falls and from 11:45 a.m. to
12:45 p.m. on Wednesday at the
church.



Delbert C. Wright

Delbert C. Wright, 55, of Twin
Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 15, 1994,
at the Twin Falls Clinic Hospital.

He was born June 25, 1939, in
Twin Falls, the son of Delbert
Thomas and Mary Collins Wright.

On Feb. 3, 1962, he married
Marjorie Starnham in Fort Benton,
Mont. Delbert served in the U.S. Air
Force for 20 years and was in
Vietnam.

He worked for the City of Twin
Falls and also for Tractor, retiring
in 1993, to spend time with his
family, friends, fishing and the out-
doors. He was a member of the
local Bass Masters.

Survivors include his wife,
Marjorie Wright of Twin Falls; five
daughters, Sandy Bakusjak of
Novato, Calif., Tracy Kunkler of
Federal Way, Wash., and Candy
Stagmeyer, Tina Blumert and
Belinda Wright, all of Twin Falls;
eight grandchildren, mother, Mary
Wright of Twin Falls, and his twin
brother, Robert Wright of Kimberly.

He was predeceased in death by his
brother and one son.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m.
Thursday, Dec. 15, 1994, at the
Hansen Mortuary in Twin Falls. Burial
will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in
Twin Falls. Friends may call from 8
to 9 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral
chapel.

The family suggests memorial
contributions may be made to
Caring Kids Program of the Magic
Valley State Museum.

She was born Oct. 11, 1924,
in Clarissa, Minn., the daughter
of Alfred and Sarah Sarff.
Loretta married George Martiga
in Las Vegas, Nev. in 1947.

She loved nature and especially
enjoyed fishing. They built their
home overlooking the Wood River.

Survivors include her husband,
George of Ketchum, and 17 nieces
and nephews who reside in
Minnesota, Florida, Iowa, Indiana
and Twin Falls. She was predece-
ded in death by her parents, two sis-
ters, and five brothers.

A memorial service will be held
at 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 20, 1994, at
the St. Thomas Episcopal Church in
Ketchum, with the Rev. Al Oliver
of the Presbyterian Church of the
Big Wood officiating.

Memorial contributions are sug-
gested to the Hospice of the Wood
River Valley, Box 4320, Ketchum
ID 83340. Cremation preceded the
service under the care of the Wood
River Funeral Chapel in Ketchum.

RUPERT

Florence V. Peterson

Florence V. Peterson, 91, of
Rupert, died Sunday, Dec. 15,
1994, at the Mindoka Memorial
Hospital in Rupert.

She was born March 29, 1905, in
Coyote, Utah, the daughter of
Chancy and Laveva Warner Frost.

She moved to the Southern States
Mansion in Rupert. She then
moved to Burley with her parents
in 1920, and attended schools
there also.

She married John Fredrick
Peterson on Sept. 29, 1923, in
Burley. Their marriage was later
solemnized in the Logan, Utah,
LDS Temple. Mr. Peterson pre-
deceased her death in 1937.

She lived in Burley until 1951,
when she served an LDS
Mission to the Utah Pioneers
and a member of the LDS Church,
serving in many capacities, espe-
cially the Genealogy Family History
Center. She enjoyed gardening,
collecting dolls, quilts and her grand-
children.

Survivors include one daughter,
Ramona (Dale) Garner of Rupert;
one son, A. Len (Trudy) Peterson
of Burley; two daughters, Nancy
Dunlap of Hailey, and Pearl Ingar
of Declo; six grandchildren; and 15
great-grandchildren. She was also
predeceased in death by her parents,
two brothers and five sisters.

The funeral will be held at 11
a.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, 1994, at
the Rupert West LDS Stake Center,
with Bishop Victor Claggett officiat-
ing. Burial will follow at the
Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.
Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m.
Wednesday at the Hansen
Mortuary-Rupert and one hour
before the funeral on Thursday at
the church.

Lance says court decision protects
state sovereignty over water

The Associated Press

BOISE - The Twin Falls judge
overseeing the adjudication of
Snake River water rights has
rejected the U.S. Bureau of Land
Management's federal claims for
stockwater.

Idaho Attorney General Alan
Lance Monday called the ruling a
major step toward restoring state
sovereignty over Idaho's water. It
could save the state and ranchers
about \$250,000 in legal costs to
battle the federal government over
the matter.

The BLM claimed it held the
rights necessary to water live-
stock.

"I am astounded by the arro-
gance of the United States in
claiming it owns the water rights
that were developed on the sweat
of the ranchers," Lance said.

Battling the bureau in court
was not only industrialist J.R.
Simplot, but also some Idaho cat-
tlemen with modest herds who
shedded out legal fees to protect
their own rights.

The BLM position is that with-
out reserving the water on public

land, an individual rancher could
control the valuable water source
for a large parcel of property.

"This court decision," wrote
5th District Judge Daniel
Hurlbut, Twin Falls. "The view
that, but for a federal reserva-
tion, water on public land may be
monopolized assumes no sov-
ereign entity controls or regulates
the appropriation from that
source."

"This assumption fails because
the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled
that the state both controls and
regulates the appropriation of all
non-navigable water within its
borders."

The adjudication is a lengthy
process of determining who is
entitled to divert water in the
Snake River basin. Of about
175,000 water right claims filed
in the adjudication, more than
40,000 of those claims are federal,
Lance said.

The BLM filed about 10,000
federal reserved water right
claims for water used by stock-
men to graze public lands under
permits, he said. In many cases,
those permits have been held by

the same families for decades.

"The ranchers developed water
rights under state law. The federal
government said it owns the
water rights because the public
lands were withdrawn by execu-
tive order."

Hurlbut's decision concludes,
"The United States' position ...
is contrary to law and would effec-
tively shift control over the
appropriation of non-navigable
waters from the state to the
federal government."

Lance said he is concerned
about the legal expense of
answering federal demands.

"Last year, we spent more than
a million dollars to respond to
over 400 claims filed by the U.S.
Forest Service. Only to learn at
the last minute that the Forest
Service would withdraw all but 71 of
these stockwater claims," he said.

"Now, we have had to spend
considerable time and state
money to fend off these stockwa-
ter claims," he said. "It's no won-
der that people are fed up with
government, given the federal
government's waste of taxpayer
dollars to make these claims."

Doctors want guns locked away from kids

SALEM, Ore. (AP) - With a
growing number of Oregon chil-
dren being killed by gunfire, two
of the state's leading medical
groups plan to ask the 1997
Legislature to require parents or
guardians to keep firearms
locked up.

Further, the groups say penalti-
es should be imposed on adults
when a child is injured by a gun
that hasn't been secured.

"We think this would reduce
the number of injuries and
deaths caused by children inad-
vertently using guns in homes,"
said Scott Gallin, spokesman for
the Oregon Medical Association.

Advocates of the restrictions
are in for an all-out fight when
the Legislature convenes Jan. 13,
said John Nichols of the group
Oregon Gun Owners. Nichols said
his organization is all for keeping
guns away from children in unsu-
pervised settings, but will oppose
efforts to force people to keep
their firearms under lock and
key.

"If you need a gun for self-
defense in your home and it's
locked up, it's not going to do you
any good," Nichols said.

There has been a steady increase
in the number of children under
17 being shot to death each year,
Oregon Health Division figures
show.

In 1990, Oregon recorded 26
firearms-related fatalities involv-
ing children. Last year, the latest
year for which figures are avail-
able, the toll was 42, including an
all-time-high of 16 homicides. Of
the remaining firearms deaths
involving children in 1993, 18
were suicides, seven were listed
as accidental and one was of an
undetermined nature, the Health
Division said.

Advocates of keeping guns
under lock and key include Dr.
James Lacey of Salem, a member
of the Oregon Pediatric Society's
legislative committee. Lacey
recently treated a 11-year-old
boy who recently was shot by a
friend while the two were playing
with a gun.

"It was a scary situation," Lacey
said. "Fortunately, he did well,
but it could have had a very dif-
ferent outcome. And it could
have been prevented by just hav-

ing the gun locked."

As Lacey and other supporters
envisage the passage of legisla-
tion, guns that are not in use would
have to be secured with a trigger
lock, which generally is a key-
operated device that immobilizes
the trigger. Or the firearm would
have to be stored in a locked gun
cabinet or locked closet.

Bill be worked out are the
proposed penalties that would be
imposed on parents or guardians
whose failure to secure a weapon
results in a child's injury or
death.

"The problem is getting worse,
not better," Lacey said. "All we're
asking people to do is keep
weapons locked up and secured
so that a child cannot accidently
pick it up and use it to hurt
another child."

Nichols said education is the
key to the problem.

"I grew up with guns around
the house. My dad took me out
and showed me how they work,"
he said. "I knew not to play with
guns."

Besides, he said, passing a new
state law isn't going to change
behavior of an already irrespon-
sible adult. "They're not going
to put a trigger lock on their firearm
anymore," Nichols said.

But a Portland lawmaker who

plans to co-sponsor the gun locks
legislation said voluntary, educa-
tional efforts aren't enough to
reduce the number of firearms
deaths among young people.

"If that's all we needed, we
wouldn't be in the crisis we're in
now," said Arel Gordly, a state
representative who won a seat in
the state Senate in the November
election. "We're losing too many
of our children to death by gun-
fire. It's our responsibility as
adults to save these kids."

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Scott's 40. Includes photo of a man and text 'Scott's 40'.

Mini-Cassia post offices feel Christmas rush

By Les Boffinelli
Times-News writer

BURLEY — More than 700 parcels covered in masking tape and holiday greetings awaited Jeff L. Cole when he arrived to work Monday morning.

Cole, Burley's postmaster, said Monday was the busiest day of the year for mail carriers who were out until 5:30 p.m. delivering parcels to homes and businesses. And it's not over yet.

"There could have been 1,000 packages," Cole said. "As people realize they have less than one week until Christmas, I'm sure we'll see more, especially on Friday."

With Christmas cards going to missionaries in Peru, Spain and Chile, Mae Hanks of Burley braved the long lines Monday to mail off about 20 cards in time for Christmas.

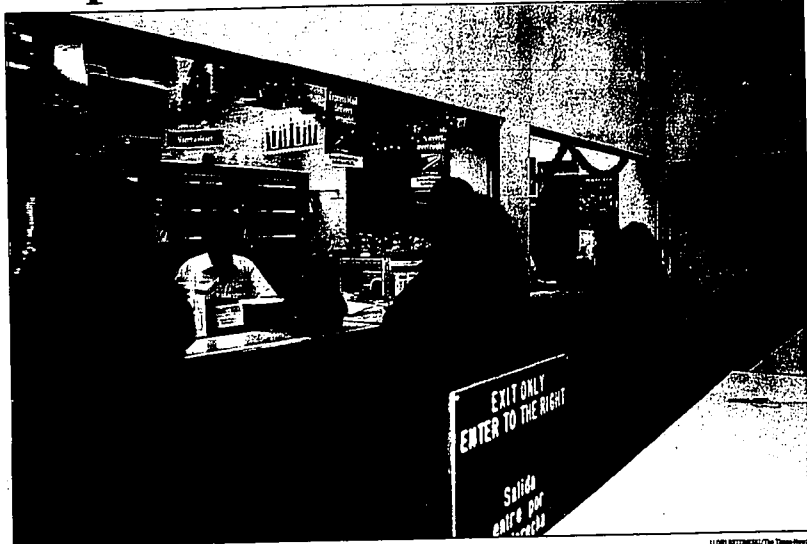
"Standing in line wasn't too bad," said Hanks after purchasing two books of stamps. "It's my husband who has it the worst. He's in charge of sealing all the envelopes and sticking on the stamps."

More than 500 parcels flowed through the post office in Rupert Monday. Postmaster Steve Hinn said he scheduled additional workers to handle the extra packages.

Normally the Rupert office handles about 350 packages a day.

Postmaster recommend customers use priority mail to ensure parcels arrive before Christmas. Cards should be mailed before Thursday, if not sooner.

With just eight mailing days until Christmas, Cole said Hinn



Ray Winkler, a clerk at the post office in Burley, helps one of several customers mail Christmas cards and parcels Monday during one of the busiest mailing days of the year. The post office has extended hours on Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

offer other less-urgent tips:

- Allow more time for first-class mail to arrive—at least four or five days.
- Make sure parcels are

wrapped securely in strong paper, not Christmas wrap. Include the recipient's address on the outside of the box in case wrapping is lost during shipping.

- Avoid sending money with Christmas cards. Postal mail orders up to \$700 can be ordered for 85 cents each.
- Double-check addresses

before mailing to ensure delivery.

- Avoid putting any parcels weighing more than 16 ounces in drop boxes for shipping.

Hailey planners to meet tonight at town center

The Times-News

HAILEY — A regular meeting of the Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission will be held at 7 p.m. tonight at the Hailey Town Center.

Two public hearings will be held.

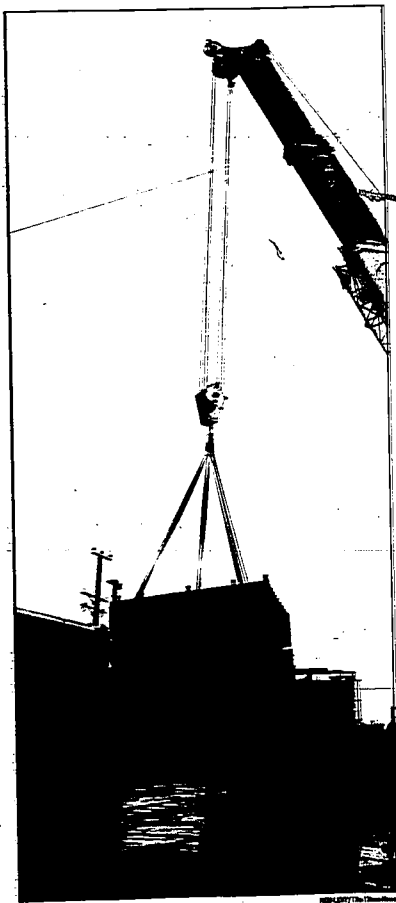
• An application to amend the Hailey zoning ordinance. The proposed amendment, required by state law, would allow construction of manufactured homes in all districts which permit single-family residences. Proposed text would restrict permitted manufactured homes to a minimum area of 1664 square feet exclusive of garage space, minimum roof slopes and foundations. Foundations permanent.

Manufactured homes are constructed to meet Farmer's Home Administration and Housing and Urban Development standards.

• An application submitted by Jim Dezman for a zoning change for an emergency at 302 First Ave. S within the Hailey Original Townsite. The application would alter the district of the property from general residential to transitional. Dezman plans to use the property as a district's office. The commission also will consider design review approval for the property. Professional offices are a permitted use in a transitional district.

The planning and zoning commission will discuss the zoning for the land use portion of the Hailey Comprehensive Plan, which establishes direction for development of all land-use categories, including residential, commercial, industrial and recreational uses.

A FREEZER LIFTER



Employees of Frost Free Foods, who are unloading large freezer units, standing by as a lifter at the Burley business. Seamus Wirtz, Burley, said the units will be used for a home company.

Ordinance

Continued from C1

The county's ambulance service is operated as a department of the county-owned Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

County civil secretary Justin Seamons Monday

questioned whether the ordinance should include a section dealing with delivering patients to the hospital of their choice.

Debate at the two hospitals was a heated ordinance.

Commissioner Dennis Mungton said there is no need to pass the ordinance until the

issue is settled.

"I don't see any need to pass the ordinance as written," he said.

The ordinance was meant to be a licensing ordinance that would establish minimum criteria to operate an ambulance service in Twin Falls County, Seamons said,

obscure unit, Miller said.

Miller said his classes have just finished a unit on alternative energy sources, and many students built model windmills.

However, Miller didn't think any of his students were testing their models Monday night.

not to regulate "how they do their job."

The ordinance could be passed as written and then amended in the future, or the county could wait until the question of patient choice is settled, Seamons said.

Commissioners Monday decided to wait.

Rubin defends IRS ruling

WASHINGTON (AP) — Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin is defending an IRS decision to stop letting farmers use commodity contracts to level off their income and taxes from year to year.

"With many growers facing stiff tax bills this year, farm-state lawmakers have been pressing the Clinton administration to overturn the decision this fall by the Internal Revenue Service.

Treasury's tax policy office "informs me that the IRS's ruling correctly interprets the current law," Rubin wrote in letters to members of Congress on Monday. But he said he would support efforts in Congress to overturn the IRS decision with legislation rewriting tax law.

The commodity contracts have become a popular way for farmers to defer income from good years into years in which they expect their incomes to be lower. Many farmers have enjoyed good crops and high commodity prices this year and normally would defer some of the income to 1997.

Under a typical grain contract, farmers deliver their crops to an elevator in the fall and receive the payment over the ensuing months. By deferring the income, producers lower their tax liability in the year they sold the grain.

The IRS ruled that the income should be subject to the alternative minimum tax in the year the grain is sold. The agency based its decision on changes made in the 1986 tax overhaul.

Farm-state lawmakers say Congress is likely to overturn the decision. Twenty-nine senators — including Republican Leader Trent Lott of Mississippi and Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota — have agreed to cosponsor the legislation.

Several 9 mm shots fired into Burley apartment building

By John Thompson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — Several shots from a 9 mm firearm were discharged into a local apartment complex sometime Friday night, according to a report filed by Cassia County Sheriff's deputy Jeff Sklar.

Police received a complaint of shots fired Friday night, but a deputy sent to the scene at 109 E. 18th St. couldn't find any evidence, Sheriff Billy Crystal said.

However, the next morning deputies found several bullet holes in the side of the apartment building, a bullet hole through a window and bullet fragments inside one apartment unit.

The unit's occupant, Hal Ward, told police that when he returned home from work at about 7:30 a.m. Saturday he noticed the broken window and a bullet hole in an

interior wall of his apartment, according to the report.

Sklar found a 9 mm bullet fragment on Ward's living room table, the report said.

Crystal said investigators are unsure of the motive for the incident but said it does not appear to be gang-related. He added that with the incident involving an apartment complex, several people could have been in the line of fire.

"We don't have any vehicle descriptions or suspects, all we have is a report from the night before where somebody heard about six shots in that vicinity," Crystal said.

At least five other similar shooting incidents have occurred in the Mini-Cassia area during the past year.

On March 27, about eight shots were fired after an altercation at the Fiesta Mexicana Dance Hall in Rupert. Three shots, fired from a

.25-caliber semi-automatic handgun, struck a car driven by Roberto Ruiz of Burley.

On April 16, two bullets were fired through the basement window of a home at 1000 West Yale Ave. and at least five more bullet holes from a .25-caliber firearm were found in the side of the home.

On July 6, Jose M. Pailin, 18, Burley, was shot in the stomach with a .22-caliber rifle after an argument at a Burley residence.

On April 17, a Paul couple was accidentally shot by the hunter during a 270-caliber hunting rifle. Tomas and Sylvia Zamora were riding in their car when the bullet ripped through the passenger compartment going through Sylvia Zamora's hand and lodging in the "shoulder of her husband's jacket."

Romanian boy undergoes heart surgery

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — A 6-year-old Romanian boy who underwent open-heart surgery here could be back home next month, a doctor said Monday.

Flavius Lazarus will require no medications or additional surgeries and should be able to lead a fairly normal life after the nearly four-hour operation, said Dr. Wes Allen, the boy's pediatrician.

"I hope to get him back to Romania in January," Allen said after the operation by surgeon Dr. Jack Leonard at Deaconess Medical Center.

Flavius was brought to the United States for the surgery because his parents feared he would die from complications of the operation in his homeland.

The boy was born with a heart defect that enlarged the right chamber of his heart and restricted

the flow of blood to his lungs; a condition known as tetralogy of Fallot.

In the United States the condition is usually treated in infancy, but Romanian doctors inserted a shunt into his heart at age 3. A handful of other children who suffered similar defects died after surgery in Romania.

Flavius was expected to remain in a pediatric intensive care unit for three to five days before being discharged.

After the surgery, his mother, Aurica Lazar, 31, "had a big smile through the interpreter," Allen said. "She was a pretty nervous lady."

The boy was brought to Spokane by a local chapter of Northwest Medical Team International, a Portland, Ore.-based group of doctors and nurses that provides med-

ical services worldwide.

Celeste Shaw, co-president of the group's Spokane chapter and a cardiac nurse at Deaconess,

remained in Burley here for surgery since learning of his heart condition in October.

Flavius is from Tarnovschi, a village of Belcea, where his father, a truck driver, and 2-year-old sister remained during the surgery.

Tests last week indicated the boy's condition was operable. If the organ had sustained worse damage, Flavius would have needed a heart transplant and probably would have been sent home to Romania without treatment because of his age, Allen and others said.

Flavius speaks very little English, but is accompanied by translator Sorina Dorzhestrian, Northwest Medical Teams program director in Romania.

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Batt vows to work to ease tension but rejects proposal for federal help

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Phil Batt told Nez Perce tribal leaders Monday he would work with them to resolve mounting tensions between Indians and non-Indians in north-central Idaho, but he rejected a tribal proposal for a federally run community relations session in Kamiah.



Gov. Phil Batt

come into Idaho to do this. We're capable of doing it ourselves. I think it would create resentment."

The resentment that has been simmering for decades in the region erupted this fall in a dispute over enforcement of the tribal firing ordinance for school construction in Kamiah.

"That aggravated boundary disputes, sales tax questions and gaming and lottery problems, leading to what one tribal leader said was the worst deterioration of the Indian-non-Indian relationship in two decades."

"These are the issues we know about, but we believe there are more," Jamie Frinkham of the tribal executive council said. A recent Lapwai-Kamiah high school basketball game saw 10 police officers present to assure order was maintained.

Tribal Chairman Sam Penney, citing past failures to discuss issues behind the tension in a civil manner, suggested he and Batt ask the Justice Department to provide community relation training to get both sides talking with — and possibly understanding — each other.

But while Batt indicated he believed that would only aggravate the problem, he said he was concerned about the problem and "will address it." Penney urged him to at least prevail on the leaders of 21 local governments setting up a legal fund to settle disputes with the tribe in court to meet with Nez Perce leaders to discuss the issues first. He said creation of such a fund with public money countered the constitutional duty of those officials to represent the interests of all their constituents.

"There's always a need for some

better dialogue," the governor replied. "I'll do my best to effect that."

Batt said the state would endorse the tribe's continuing request for the Bureau of Land Management to conduct a highly reliable land survey that should resolve running disputes over land ownership. He said he would work with the tribe to assure its management of the wolf reintroduction program remains adequately financed by the federal government.

And he labeled as reasonable a nine-point program on concerns of the Alliance of Idaho Tribes that generally focused on assuring that tribal leaders play an integral role in the evolution of welfare reform.

Penney said the regular meetings Batt has held with the tribes since taking office have been a major boost to maintaining an acceptable relationship with the state and urged the governor to keep up the meetings during this winter's legislative session — something Batt said he would try to do.

But the governor also reiterated his intention to further clarify the issue of gambling, stating as he did last week that whatever is legal for the Indian tribes on their reservations should probably be legal everywhere in Idaho.

Air bag saves Boise man's life in collision

BOISE (AP) — As public scrutiny of automobile air bags increases, one Boise family is absolutely certain the devices save lives.

Prominent businessman Larry Kissler, recovering Sunday in a Boise hospital, would be dead if not for his driver's side air bag, said his family and a police officer who investigated a head-on crash that mangled Kissler's 1994 Lincoln Continental.

"Despite the adverse publicity of air bags, we feel the opposite," said Kissler's daughter, Laura Colson. "Our father is alive today because of an air bag."

Kissler, 70, is co-owner of Norco, a medical supply company. He also is the president of the Rotary Club of Boise.

On Sunday, he was listed in serious condition at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center with hip and other injuries. He was injured Dec. 9 when his car collided with a vehicle trying to pass a truck and semi-trailer. Police Officer Dan Grothaus said Kissler was not responsible for the collision.

Deputy's assailant sentenced to 6 months in jail

POCATELLO (AP) — An Island Park man accused of breaking a Bannock County sheriff's deputy's shoulder and fighting for his handgun has been sentenced to six months in jail. Shawn Barrett, 33, formerly of Downey, appeared Monday before 6th District Judge William Woodland for sentencing.

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BOISE (AP) — Howitzers. Propane dragons. Sonic booms. There is no shortage of ideas on how to keep snowbound Idaho 21 open during the winter.

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But the annual problem is not going away. In fact, it takes on new urgency this year. Avalanche season between mileposts 94 and 105 arrived a month early.

The department will hold three public meetings next month with hopes that someone can come up with a cheap alternative. No one has yet.

"They are very expensive solutions," said LeRoy Meyer,

District 3 engineer at the state Transportation Department.

"The traffic volumes are on the low side, and we have to consider safety. We do not want anyone to get hurt up there, and we are very concerned about that."

Keeping the winding road clear

is a challenge. Fifty-four "high-hazard" chutes, mostly on the west side of the canyon, can funnel snow down to the road. One chute is more than a third of a mile long. Piles of heavy snow, some 25 feet thick, and logs have been known to crash on the road.

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This 'Speedee' McDonald's is off to a great start in Downey, Calif., as once again it's lit by the last existing 'Speedee' sign Sunday. The store was closed three years ago after the Northridge earthquake.

Oldest McDonald's reopened

DOWNEY, Calif. (AP) — Customers lined up before sunrise to chow down on the first batch of burgers, fries and shakes served up by the newly restored, oldest McDonald's restaurant in the world.

The eatery — restored to its original red and white tile and "Speedee" sign — was first opened Aug. 18, 1953, but was shuttered in 1994 because of damage from the Northridge earthquake. Sunday was its grand reopening.

The neon Speedee, a smiling chef perched atop a 60-foot-tall arch, was a source of civic pride in

the community 15 miles southeast of Los Angeles. Preservationists battled to save the landmark, and the company eventually gave in and dropped its plans to close it. "We wanted to do the right thing for the community of Downey and out of respect for our heritage," said Jeff Schwartz, a regional vice president for McDonald's Corp.

Like the original, this stand has no indoor seating. There is outdoor seating for about 100. The shop boasts tiling and milk shake machines similar to those used during the 1950s. Employees wear old-fashioned white uniforms —

although the prices are up-to-date. The architecture at this eatery, one of 20,000 McDonald's restaurants in 100 countries, incorporates two soaring yellow arches on either side of the building — the "golden arches" — that McDonald's once boasted of but dropped from modern stands.



PET OF THE WEEK

Among the assortment of ideal family pets at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter is the little Heeler-Spaniel cross girl, her mother and two siblings. She would be ideal for an active family and will be a fairly small dog. In the cat department are some wonderful adolescent and adult cats. At this age in life, they are more calm and settled with good temperament already established. Cute kittens are also available. Check them out at the shelter, 139 6th Ave. W., 736-2292.

while engaged in a felony — anal rape with a foreign object. Prosecutors had not sought the death penalty. Defense attorney Mark Werksman apologized on behalf of the defendant, who did not speak during the sentencing.

Worksman repeated Rathbun's claim that Sobek's death was "a tragic accident." The photographer had testified Sobek, 27, died accidentally when he sat on her to calm a fit of rage she was having.

Photographer gets life

TORRANCE, Calif. (AP) — A free-lance photographer was sentenced today to life in prison without possibility of parole for the sex slaying of a former Los Angeles Raiders cheerleader.

Charles Rathbun, 39, looked straight ahead as the judge imposed the sentence in the death of model Linda Sobek. The sentence was required under law because jurors had convicted him under a "special circumstance" provision: that Rathbun committed the murder

Oregon representative appears in court, pleads innocent to charges

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Rep. Wes Cooley pleaded innocent Monday to charges that he lied in the Oregon Voters' Pamphlet when he said he served in the U.S. military in Korea.

Marion County Circuit Judge Al Norblad asked the Oregon

Republican, who was indicted last week, if he understood the charges against him. "Yes, I do," Cooley said. He was allowed to remain free on his own recognizance.

His attorney, Walter Todd, told the judge that Cooley wants a

jury trial. Attorneys for both sides agreed to meet soon to discuss a trial date.

The freshman Republican dropped his re-election bid this year amid controversy over accusations that he lied about his background.

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Refugees ordered home

RUSSMO, Rwanda (AP) — The road from Tanzania to Rwanda was crowded with Hutu refugees as far as the eye could see Monday, and aid workers tried to direct their mothers with yellow twine to keep them from getting lost.

By evening, more than 100,000 people, some carrying chickens, others carrying goats and cows, had crossed into their home country after 2 1/2 years in refugee camps.

The refugees — ordered to leave Tanzania by Dec. 31 — are the largest group to return to Rwanda since hundreds of thousands of Hutus came home from Zaire last month.

Red Cross spokesman Carl Nauder said he thought nearly all the 535,000 Hutu refugees in Tanzania will return to Rwanda by week's end.

"Everything is very orderly. There is no problem on the Tanzanian side," he said. "The military are very helpful, and it's all going very well."

But earlier, Tanzanian troops fired into the air to force thousands of refugees to return home, while police in trucks kept the stragglers moving along the road to the border.

At one point, Red Cross workers with mechanical counters were clocking 330 refugees a minute crossing the bridge over the Kagera River that separates the two countries.

Nearly 12 million Hutus fled Rwanda in 1994 and scattered into neighboring countries, including Zaire and Tanzania, to escape a genocide of 500,000 minority Tutsis.

Last month, 640,000 Rwandan refugees returned home from eastern Zaire when attacks by central Rwandan forces freed them from the control of Hutu militia in the refugee camps.

Meanwhile, African leaders began a two-day meeting Monday in Nairobi, Kenya, to discuss regional problems, including the uprising in Zaire, political and ethnic violence in Burundi and the refugees' return to Rwanda.

At one station in Tanzania, Red Cross workers asked for the names of children to their mothers as refugees from the Benaco camp moved along the road. The large camp was all but empty Monday as the refugees headed for the border 11 miles away.

Red Cross worker Justin Cockerell said 134 lost children spent the night in a roadside tent.

In Rwanda, Red Cross officials said that magistrates welcomed the refugees and tried to get them to keep to the right side of the road. But the refugees soon spread out seven abreast, completely taking up the steep road that leads 12 miles up a hill to a transit camp.

One adviser to the Rwandan president said Monday that at least one "major killer" had crossed back into Rwanda and three more were expected.

Journalist leaves U.N. speaker job

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Sylvania Foa, a veteran journalist and the first woman to serve as top speaker for the United Nations, is leaving her post at the end of the month.

Foa took the job in November 1995 on a one-year loan from the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

She said Monday she has asked for a one-year leave of absence to write a book or "try something new in my life."

The 51-year-old woman from California native was appointed by Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, who was denied a second term as U.N. chief. Undersecretary-General Kofi Annan of Ghana is expected to assume the top U.N. post Jan. 1.

2 girls trampled to death at concert

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Two 15-year-old girls were trampled to death and four other people were injured Monday when angry fans tried to shove their way into a sold-out concert in central South Korea.

Lee Mi-ja and Kim Jung-hwa were knocked down and run over by the crowd as hundreds pushed against a closed door in Taegu, 140 miles south of Seoul, police said.

A third girl remains unconscious, police said.

The concert, canceled after the accident, was given by a popular radio show that features top musicians.

Mother Teresa given shock for heart beat

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Doctors gave Mother Teresa a mild electric shock Monday to correct an irregular heartbeat, the second time she has undergone the procedure in less than a week.

"Doctors hope she remains in regular rhythm, since this is best for her condition," the B.M. Birla Heart Research

Center said in a statement.

The 86-year-old Roman Catholic nun was feeling better and had lunch after a morning of fasting required for the procedure, called electrical cardioversion.

Before Mother Teresa's heart began beating irregularly, doctors had hoped she could be discharged before Christmas. But

they declined Monday to say when she might leave.

The doctors said Mother Teresa's condition was stable although her pneumonia remains a problem.

Doctors had been watching for an irregular heartbeat, which presents a risk of stroke, since administering the first shock treatment Wednesday.

3-year-old girl lost in jungle for 6 days

POSADAS, Argentina (AP) — A 3-year-old girl survived six days lost in the jungle of northeastern Argentina, but needs treatment for infected insect bites and scratches on her arms and legs.

Roxana Andrea Villar was spotted and delivered when forest rangers by police about two miles from her parents' home in rural Campa Viera. She was taken to a hospital, where doctors said she was recovering today.

Police said the girl was frightened when they approached her but quickly warmed to them repeatedly asking for cookies.

Authorities said the girl had been doted from home; they don't know what happened to her clothing. Villar told her family she saw wild fruit, nuts and tree roots in the jungle, where it rained heavily for three of the days she was lost.

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The Times-News

Tuesday, December 17, 1996

Section D

Company gives \$100 million in bonuses Commuter jet certified

The Associated Press

FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif. — Employees of the world's largest maker of computer memory products are having a good Christmas, thanks to a whopping \$100 million in holiday bonuses that in some cases will equal three times their salary.

Kingston Technology Corp. owners David Sun and John Tu announced the bonuses at their annual holiday party Saturday. Sun and Tu sold 80 percent of Kingston this year to

Softbank Corp. of Japan for \$1.5 billion. They said the workers should share the profit.

"They are the ones working hard day in, day out," Tu said. "Our attitude towards our employees is, 'You deserve this. You deserve more than this.'"

Kingston's 523 employees will get \$75,000 apiece on average. Most employees will get one to three times their annual salaries, meaning \$300,000 or more for some. The bonuses will be based on seniority

and performance.

"This is beyond my wildest dreams. But everything they do blows me away," said sales representative Brandi LaPlante. "I'm going to get a bigger car to hold my three kids."

Forbes magazine estimated Sun and Tu are each worth about \$900 million, making them among the country's wealthiest 400 individuals.

The Taiwanese immigrants created Kingston after losing their first fortune in the stock market crash of 1987.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A 50-seat, Brazilian-made jet aircraft specifically designed to replace turboprops on regional commuter flights was certified for U.S. travel Monday by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Six of the 515 million, twin-engine EMB-145 aircraft were tested over a 15-month period, during which they logged more than 1,600 flying hours, said Maurice Roetzheim, president of Embraer, the aircraft's maker.

The aircraft — the result of seven years' development — demonstrated an improved ability to accelerate, stop and reverse thrust, as well as increased resistance to lightning and high-intensity electromagnetic interference.

The plane was certified Monday by the FAA's regional office in Atlanta. Brazilian aviation authorities certified the planes in November, and the company expects European officials to do the same sometime in late January.

MARKETS

DOW JONES

NEW YORK (AP) — The Dow Jones Industrial Average closed at 6,231.85, up 12.85 points from 6,219.00. The S&P 500 rose 1.14 points to 1,025.12. The Nasdaq Composite Index gained 1.14 points to 1,025.12.

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NASDAQ ACTIVES

NEW YORK (AP) — The Nasdaq Composite Index closed at 1,025.12, up 1.14 points from 1,023.98. The index is up 1.14 points from 1,023.98.

LOCAL INTEREST

NEW YORK (AP) — The local interest rate for a 3-month Treasury bill is 5.15 percent. The rate for a 6-month Treasury bill is 5.15 percent. The rate for a 9-month Treasury bill is 5.15 percent.

CLOSING FUTURES

NEW YORK (AP) — The closing futures price for the Dow Jones Industrial Average is 6,231.85. The closing futures price for the S&P 500 is 1,025.12. The closing futures price for the Nasdaq Composite Index is 1,025.12.

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BEANS

NEW YORK (AP) — The price for a bushel of soybeans is 23.15 cents. The price for a bushel of corn is 23.15 cents. The price for a bushel of wheat is 23.15 cents.

GRAINS

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POTATOES/ONIONS

NEW YORK (AP) — The price for a bushel of potatoes is 23.15 cents. The price for a bushel of onions is 23.15 cents.

STOCK LISTINGS

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock listings for the New York Stock Exchange include: ABC, 100 shares at \$100; DEF, 200 shares at \$200; GHI, 300 shares at \$300.

SUGAR

NEW YORK (AP) — The price for a ton of sugar is 23.15 cents. The price for a ton of coffee is 23.15 cents.

LIVESTOCK

NEW YORK (AP) — The price for a head of cattle is 23.15 cents. The price for a head of pig is 23.15 cents.

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NATIONAL STOCKS

NEW YORK (AP) — The price for a share of IBM is 23.15 cents. The price for a share of Microsoft is 23.15 cents.

METALS

NEW YORK (AP) — The price for an ounce of gold is 23.15 cents. The price for an ounce of silver is 23.15 cents.

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MUTUAL FUNDS

Table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, share price, and other financial metrics. The table is organized into multiple columns and rows, providing a comprehensive overview of the market data.

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Table listing various mutual funds with columns for fund name, ticker symbol, and price. Includes sections for 'Continued from D2' and 'Mutuals'.

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Micron's 1st-quarter earnings up 49 percent

NAMPA (AP) — Micron Electronics Inc reported a 49 percent increase in first quarter profits as consumer demand for its personal computer system rose.

And the company indicated sales and earnings would have been even higher had it not suffered a shortage of sophisticated microprocessors and high-performance disk drives.

"We hope to have these shortages resolved in the second or third quarter of fiscal 1997," Chairman Joseph Daltoso said in a statement.

The Idaho-based company said on Monday that earnings through the quarter ending Nov. 28 totaled \$24.8 million, or 27 cents a share of common stock, on \$421 million in overall sales. That compared to \$16.6 million in profits, or 18 cents a share, on a total of \$438.6 million in sales a year earlier.

Sales of its personal computer systems totaled nearly \$346 million of all sales for the quarter, up 15 percent from a year ago, but the shortages kept them below the June-August quarter total of nearly \$360 million.

The company also reported \$51.8 million in contract manufacturing revenue and \$23.3 million in semiconductor memory products. That compared to \$100.6 million in contract manu-

facturing revenue and \$19.4 million in semiconductor memory product sales during the first quarter of fiscal 1996.

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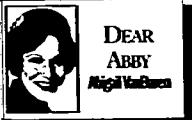
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FAMILY LIFE

Humble candidates lose, say those who know firsthand

DEAR READERS: A short time ago, I printed a letter from a man and his wife who were in a heated discussion about whether a person should vote for him (or her) self. In my reply, I said: "I can't imagine anyone who is running for public office voting for the opposition. I'd be interested in hearing from those who have run for public office and how they cast their ballots."

The stack of responses was quite surprising, and I'm sure you'll find it interesting. **DEAR MISS VAN BUREN:** Speaking of candidates who do not vote for themselves, I am sending you this true story: In 1840, my great-great-great uncle, John Janney, was chairman of the Whig Party Convention in Virginia. This convention nominated William Henry Harrison for president. Uncle John and John Tyler were the nominees for the vice presidency. When the vote of the convention was a tie,



DEAR ABBY

Nigel VanBuren

Uncle John as chairman did the honorable thing and voted for John Tyler. Harrison won the election and died soon after, and John Tyler became president. Our family says that Uncle John lost the presidency by one vote — his own!

Since Uncle John's sister Anna January Miller had 11 children, there are many of us great-great-great nieces and nephews in the United States. I wonder how many of them will write you this story. —**RILEY JANNEY STABLER GRINSTEAD**

DEAR MRS. GRINSTEAD: You are the only one I've heard from.

DEAR ABBY: I was a naive seventh-grader when I learned the bald facts. There were 12 girls competing for drum major in the baton corps, and we were to vote for which one of us would be major. The girl I voted for got two votes, each of the other 10 got one vote apiece, and I got none!

—**MONTE PRUDE, MIDLAND, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: I ran for president of my student council. As it turned out, I ended up losing to my opponent by one vote.

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DEAR ABBY: More than 40 years ago, as a young wife in a new community where wives and mothers created a monthly coffee group to get acquainted and share ideas, my name was nomi-

nated for an office. I will never forget that I lost by one vote. I had not voted for myself out of humility and old-fashioned manners. When I told my husband what I had done, he could not believe I lacked the faith in myself that he believed was indicated by my vote.

I'd rather you did not use my name. Instead, call me... **DEE IV, SEAL BEACH, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I, too, was taught to be humble and have old-fashioned manners, and that to vote for oneself was a real no-no.

Thus said, in high school, I lost an election by one vote: my own.

Ergo, one can still be humble and polite, but if you believe in a cause enough to put yourself on the line to run for it, you'd better believe in it enough to vote for it. If you don't vote for yourself, you lose.

—**MAIZIE HARRIS JESSE, CARSON CITY, NEV.**

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Wayne Tousley, Sheriff

Check out other person before getting into relationship

Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Sining By the phone waiting for her friends to call, Liz Vandegrift, 23, places at the dock.

"I'll call me from pay phones," she explains. "They do this sometimes, they tell their date that they're going to the bathroom and they call me to tell me where they are, who they're with and what they can't call me back in a half hour, there's trouble and I need to go down to where they are."

Vandegrift has now made two such trips to rescue friends, an indication that dating in the '90s is more complicated than just dinner, a movie and dancing. Because of widespread concern about date rape, assault and other problems, it's becoming more common for singles — especially teens and college-age women — to formulate elaborate surveillance and escape plans to avert trouble, either while out on a date or just being with a boyfriend.

A greater number of teens and college students are taking extra measures to protect themselves in dating situations now, said Shirley Yee, youth educator at Battered Women's Alternatives in Concord. "But having a plan when you first go out isn't a sure-fire way of staying out of trouble and more teenagers need to be aware of that."

The safety plans vary, but often the best defense, according to college-age adults, is to first get to know someone else around, staying in frequent phone contact while on a date, keeping a booper handy, even having friends follow in another car.

"Back in my day, when a guy came calling, he'd have four time with her dad, it was real intimidating, but it worked," said Sgt. David Wysup, of the San Jose Police Department's Domestic Violence Unit. "Now, though, the situations are different — a general rule is that any time you feel uncomfortable, you have to start thinking about going to someone for help: a teacher, parent, counselor, whatever. But there should be a time when you can't say to your date, 'Wait, stop, I don't like what you are doing.'"

Teens say there is an implicit understanding among friends that they must protect one another first before going to school officials or

parents about boyfriend and dating problems.

Despite the best-laid plans, however, not every abuser can be warded off on the first date or even in the first month of dating, kids and adults agree. Abusive behavior doesn't always seem abusive, especially when someone wants to spend all their time with another person. It's flattery, they say, not controlling. And the warning signals, especially for teenagers who have little or no experience with boyfriend-girlfriend relationships, often are ignored.

"The truth is, one out of four teens in the United States experience violence in their dating relationships," said David Sengman, professor of psychology at Rhode Island College and author of a study on dating violence. "But depending on how abuse is defined, from harassing phone calls to rape, anywhere from 9 to 56 percent of teen rela-

tionships are abusive."

In Santa Clara County, Calif., those numbers come to life for Brenda Kusler, a volunteer coordinator for West Coast Solutions to Domestic Violence. Kusler, 35, works with students at Prospect High School in Cupertino, putting on skits about dating violence for other students.

Out of 25 students she works with, three girls and one boy acknowledge they've been involved in an abusive relationship.

"Behind every number is a name of a victim," says Kusler. "There are so many, and still so many need to be made aware of what dating violence is. That's why we take the message directly to the classrooms. You'd be amazed how many people stop after class to talk about their experiences. It's eye-opening."

A heightened awareness about dangerous dating situations has many young people not only seek-

ing adult and peer counseling when it's available, but also inventing their own self-aiding practices. "People are trying to protect themselves in these ways because they just don't want to find themselves in an unsafe situation where they have no out," says Vandegrift, of San Jose. "Even if it's the nicest guy in the world, in the back of her mind, she knows, 'He could hurt me.'"

"The guys I dated never knew that I had people follow us on our date," she added. "My friends and sometimes even my mom followed me and him in another car."

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Due to high demand and manufacturing delays, Donkey Kong Country 3 for Super NES advertised in this week's Target advertising supplement is not available. Because future availability is uncertain, rereleases will not be offered.

Also, due to continued unprecedented demand for Nintendo 64 and the manufacturer's inability to ship sufficient product, only limited quantities of Nintendo 64 system and games advertised in this week's Target advertising supplement and television commercials will be available. Rereleases are being offered and you will be notified when additional Nintendo 64 is available. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

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CLUB PROFILE

Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 98

Community needs are being met through area organization

Purpose: The Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 98 is an organization that exists on the international, national, state, district and local level. Members at all levels perform various acts of community service.



Several members of the Marguerite Rebekah Lodge No. 98 honor the shell crafters. From left, Helen Jones, warden; Lorna Stephens, warden; Rosemary Hef, treasurer; Florence Reed, secretary and Jean Brooks, financial secretary.

Cost: none

Major projects: In addition to community service, members also are involved in organizing and participating in social activities such as this year's pancake supper, pinchele parties which are held the second, fourth and fifth Saturdays of each month and open to the public and the elec-

tion of members to serve as a representative for the order at the Idaho Rebekah Assembly each year.

For more information contact: Florence Reed, secretary, at (208) 934-5228.

Profile your club
The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name and phone number and a picture to: Staff Editor, Community Editor, P.O. Box 2000.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Hansen Elementary presents program

HANSEN - Hansen Elementary School will present its Christmas program at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Hansen High School gymnasium. Admission is free. For more information, call the elementary school at 423-5475.

Steppers schedule meeting for Friday

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Steppers dance club will meet Friday at the Elks Lodge on Shoshone Street. For more information, call 733-8918 or 736-3998.

Bus company hosts Castelford drivers

BUHL - The West Valley Bus Co. will host the Castelford drivers and their guests at a dinner planned for Friday at the China Dragon Restaurant. Venison will be cooked and served Chinese style.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Buhl light parade winners announced

The Buhl Night Light Parade was held Dec. 12. First place was a float representing "The

Griseolds" with a train revving around the float loaded with presents and a well-lighted tree. The entire float was a bevy of lights and featured float riders Kean Rodig, Brian Tadlock and Randy Clark.

Welch-Oberlin and Barber Realtors placed second with a well-decorated Christmas tree and Christmas carolers singing. Third place was captured by the Buhl Merchants Committee that had a fireplace scene with easy chairs and merchants' products displayed on the front of the float. The Buhl Rotary Kuzoo Band was featured and played carols as it moved down the street. Sen. John Sorely was a member of the band. Jeff Shriver and his reinder were represented with a covered wagon and several mountain men walking alongside.

First place in all made a good showing for the first Buhl Country Holidays.

Branson earns education degree

Jesse Branson of Twin Falls is one of 253 full graduation candidates at Eastern New Mexico University in Portales. He will receive a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education.

Jesse is the son of Connie Brauburger of Burley and Arden Branson of Rupert.

Bodden attends leadership forum

Stephanie Bodden, 17, a junior at Kimberly High School, has been selected to attend a session of the 1997 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. The forum is a unique 11-day program for 350 outstanding juniors and seniors with commitment for an educational, inspirational and motivational experience. Stephanie plans to enroll in June 1997 at Loyola University in Chicago.

Debate team places in recent competition

Twenty-nine members of the Twin Falls Declaration and Debate Squad attended the Hillcrest Joint Dec. 6 and 7 in Idaho Falls.

Chris Davel placed first in Spun, an impromptu type of debate. Sara Van Winkle was second in expository speaking, an informational speech. Qualifying for finals were Tim Welch in impromptu reading and Ashley Nixon in dramatic interpretation.

Students participate in policy, a team debate where two students argue over policy changes in the status quo with two other students, and Lincoln Douglas, a debate where one student vs. another and they argue over values, usually where should be valued more, the individual's or society's.

In policy debate, Chris and Alex Welch qualified for semifinals in the novice or novice division. Ashley Nixon and Jessica McBride earned qualifying for a quarterfinal in novice by their speech points.

Jerome graduates make their mark

Two Jerome High School graduates have received a prestigious award for public speaking. Katie Wells and Amanda Brooks, students of Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, Mo., in April 1997.

Wells placed up at a regional speech competition in Portland, Ore., and came away with the top prize there. She qualified there for national competition to be held in April 1997.

Wells is a junior majoring in communication and minoring in Spanish. She is president of the In-Spanish team, holding a position at the Mountain College. She is the daughter of Ben and Kathy Wells of Jerome.

Manda Hicks, daughter of Kenneth Hicks and Robin Sullivan of Jerome, is competing in speech. She was a member of the 1997 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine. She has won first place in the poetry and extemporaneous speaking contests. A senior at Cornell College, she has won first place in the 1997 National Youth Leadership Forum on Medicine.

The two Jerome girls earned and were awarded during their four years at the Jerome High School and at the University of Wyoming, University of California, U.S. Air Force Academy and other state events.

Gonzales earns Head Start award

The Idaho Head Start Association has awarded the inaugural Head Start Teacher Award to a teacher at the Jerome Head Start center. The award honors the teacher who has made a significant contribution to the health and well-being of the children in the community.

Christina Gonzalez, a teacher at the Jerome Head Start center, has been named the recipient of the award. She has been teaching for 15 years and has a reputation for her caring and attentive teaching style. She has been named the recipient of the award for her dedication and hard work.

Head Start is a program that provides early childhood education and care for children from low-income families. It is designed to help children develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed in school and in life.

The award is presented annually to a teacher who has made a significant contribution to the health and well-being of the children in the community. It is a recognition of the teacher's hard work and dedication to the children.

Christina Gonzalez is a dedicated and caring teacher who has made a significant contribution to the health and well-being of the children in the community. She is a role model for all teachers and is a true professional.

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The Twin Falls High School Key Club made and baked 18 pumpkin pies for St. Edward's Thanksgiving dinner. Students who assisted in the planning event included: Jared Harrison, Andy Newbury, Rob Elson, Crystal Wilcox, Kara Rassmussen, Holly Hilliard, Amy Pickett, Gary Luchik, Kristen Carrico, Deborah Edgar, Elizabeth Bell and Ami Aboobakar. Their advisor is Jo Mar Wagner. During the Christmas season, Key Club members will be assisting the Salvation Army bell ringers, caroling for food and shopping gifts for the Salvation Army.

Research paper read in Maryland

Researcher Burton has had his research paper accepted to be read at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, Md., in April 1997.

Burton graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1991 and will graduate from Shidmore College in May 1997 with a bachelor of arts degree in government and sociology. He plans to attend graduate school to study political sociology. His parents are Tom and Robin Burton of Twin Falls. The paper's topic is "The analysis quantitatively investigates the structural content by which turnout in the 1992 presidential election is explained as a function of class structure."

Ford named Junior America City Queen

Janiford has been selected as Miss Junior America City Queen. She is the daughter of David and Brenda Ford of Jerome and is manager for the Ladies' Junior Varsity Basketball team. She enjoys all kinds of sports and likes to go fishing, hunting and camping with her friends. She is a sophomore at Jerome High School and would like to help the community by being a volunteer. She would like to be a veterinarian. Don's Irigoin (Raptor) is her sponsor.

Janiford is a young woman who is dedicated to her community and her family. She is a role model for all young women and is a true professional.

Hafen earns rank promotion

GOODING - Ferry Officer 3rd Class Brock and Patricia Hafen, son of Gregorson and Patricia Hafen of Bliss, recently achieved his current rank.

Hafen was married in July 1995 to Robin Lee of Florida. The couple were wed in Japan where she teaches English.

Hafen receives Achievement Medal

GOODING - 2nd Lt. Robbin Hafen, son of Gregorson and

A KEY FACTOR

Area companies aid deserving kids

BURLEY - Ore-Ida Tater Tots and Toys for Tots are teaming up to help deserving children this holiday season.

For every specially marked package of Tater Tots, Golden Crinkles or Golden Fries purchased during December, Ore-Ida will donate 25 cents to Toys for Tots (up to \$100,000). These packages will include coupons offering \$25 savings on Tater Tots, and consumers can take advantage of them to purchase items for Toys for Tots.

In addition, Toys for Tots slogan, "Holidays Are For Tots," will be set up in grocery stores as collection points for new, unwrapped toy donations.

The U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program has a 48-year tradi-

tion of providing less fortunate children a chance to enjoy the holidays. This year, Ore-Ida will be a part of that tradition, hoping to reach even more children nationwide.

Caregivers support group sets meeting

JEROME - The Jerome Care Givers Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Jerome Public Library.

The group is a gathering of people who give care to others and family members who support the givers. Anyone needing special care in a home or nursing home are also included in the group. For more information, call Carol Pfeifer at 733-6452 or 736-8796 or Karen Field at 733-0542.

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month.

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- Social events
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- Individual achievements.
- Your kids and their activities.

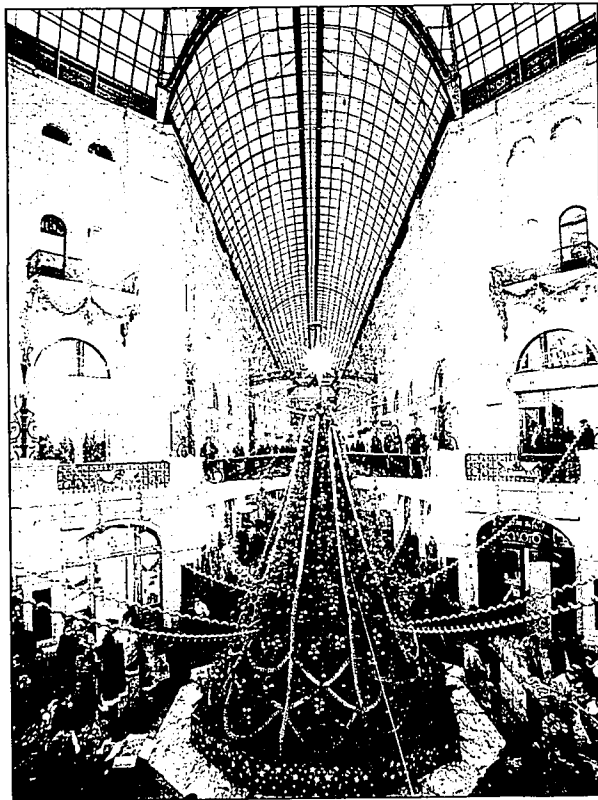
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Rich Russians mark season with razzle-dazzle

\$4,500 fake trees, \$1,290 angels attest to growing commercialization of Christmas



The holiday tree at GUM, a huge Russian department store on Red Square across from Lenin's tomb, is a traditional stop for Moscow families.

The Associated Press

MOSCOW — For those who track the evolution of Russia's flamboyant New Rich, the upscale Sadko Arcade is THE place to visit during the Christmas holidays.

Sadko secured its spot in the annals of conspicuous consumption two years ago with its costly plush animals. In some Moscow circles, 1994 became the Year of the \$10,000 Stuffed Horse.

This year, Sadko's theme is Home Holiday Decor, and the Swiss-run arcade blazes with a dazzling array of handmade German decorations and artificial trees costing as much as \$4,500.

"It's snow-proof, water-proof," Sadko executive Martin Binder enthuses, gesturing at the 15-foot-high faux fir. "You can even put it outside!"

The flashy post-Soviet elite used to flaunt its bluntest possible fashion: Wear it, drink it, drive it, eat it. But the days when a Mercedes said it all are over. Now, Russia's New Rich are getting house proud, Binder says.

He's sold seven of the trees so far, and five \$1,290 angels with silver wings and golden hair. As for the \$329 wreaths, well, he's simply lost count.

Russia's big holiday is New Year's, but it wasn't always this way. In pre-revolutionary Russia, Christmas was still Christmas.

Everyone caroled in the streets — sometimes, even the czar. Churches held elaborate services, and families and friends feasted at graining tables. The party lasted until the New Year, which was greeted with fancy-dress parties and fortune telling.

All that ended with the Bolsheviks and the advent of official atheism. New Year's became the main holiday, acquiring secularized Christmas trappings like

the tree, the presents, and Father Frost, a Santa-like figure.

After 70 years of such determined repression, Christmas may never recover its past glory as a religious holiday. But New Year's in post-Soviet Russia becomes more festive — and more commercial — with each turn of the calendar.

The signs are everywhere. Kit Kat candy signs encircled with red lights adorn a huge tree near Pushkin Square. Soda-sipping Santas beam down from billboards. Where once the mayor had to order puzzled shopkeepers to decorate their windows — with predictably lackluster results — now even modest little kiosks sport strings of twinkling lights.

Mayor Yuri Luzhkov — a bread-and-circuses kind of guy, no matter what the season — has bigger plans than ever, the local press reports.

The plastic presents under the six city trees will be lighted this year, and new, illuminated

figures of Father Frost and his companion Snegurochka — "The Snowmaidens" — are going up on the Novy Arbat, one of Moscow's main commercial strips.

"The Snegurochka figure gives presents to small rabbits, who jump for joy," says Galina Shvets, deputy head of the city's Decorations Department.

But even the mayor's Santalike efforts can't cheer up a Russian capital gloomy over this winter's puny snowfall.

At GUM, the huge department store across Red Square from Lenin's tomb, a strolling Father Frost, with spiky red-and-white sneakers peering out from his scarlet suit, pondered what kind of present he'd like this year.

The blue-eyed Snegurochka at his side tugged at his sleeve. "Italy!" she prompted. "Say you want to go to Italy."

"Nope," he said, "it's too hot." He thought for a minute. "Snow," he said. "I want snow."

LDS church reaches out to Catholics

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — When area Catholics found their church too crowded for Mass on Christmas Eve, local Mormons decided there was room at their inn.

This Christmas Eve, the Provo Tabernacle will be transformed into a Roman Catholic sanctuary for a trio of Mass celebrations — the first time the tabernacle was used for a religious service by a non-Mormon denomination. It will also be the first time Provo's 104-year-old Catholic congregation will celebrate Mass at the Tabernacle.

Catholic officials expressed deep gratitude to LDS Church officials for accommodating their large congregation. They are also calling the event a major step in building stronger ties between the Mormon and Catholic communities in Utah Valley. "I read once that God is found in unity and I'm very happy and grateful that we, as Catholics, are able to celebrate and commemorate the birth of Christ our Lord in the Provo Tabernacle with all our brothers and sisters," said Javier Clavero, director of public relations and music ministry for Provo's St. Francis of Assisi Church.

The parish priests, Father William H. Flegge and Father Javier G. Virgen, will celebrate three Masses in commemoration of the Savior's birth on Dec. 24. The Masses will be offered at 5:30 p.m. in English, 7:30 p.m. in Spanish and midnight in both languages.

The priests asked permission to use the 1,800-seat tabernacle because their church is too small. Last year, the parish celebrated five standing-room-only Christmas Eve Masses to accommodate area Catholics.

"The generosity of the LDS Church in allowing us to use their tabernacle thrills me," said Father Flegge. "It has long been a dream of mine that although we're of different faiths, and even may have irreconcilable differences in teachings, we can still come together in observing the words of Jesus: 'Love one another as I have loved you.'"

Hugh Mulligan opens Santa's backpack for 3rd annual Christmas quiz

By Hugh A. Mulligan
The Associated Press

Santas are once more abroad in the land, jingling their bells at every mall, sidewalk chimney and department store toy department.

On almost every downtown corner Salvation Army trombones pump out "Joy to the World" and towering fir trees, gaily beight, rise over New York's Rockefeller Plaza, the White House and virtually every village green, city hall and state capital.

It's Christmas again, that "rolling time of the year," as Charles Dickens called it, a time to give and a time to get, and time to get rolling again on our third annual Christmas Quiz.

What do you really know about our most celebrated and venerated holiday?

Here are 20 questions for you and your guests to mull over with the mulled ale before settling down to a long winter or, at least, an after-dinner nap.

Answers and a scoring code follow the questions.

The questions

1. What were the first names of Scrooge and Marley?

2. How many Magi or Wise Men came to Bethlehem?

3. What prompted the Magi to chase another way home?

4. Which Old Testament prophet predicted great happenings in tiny Bethlehem?

5. Who wrote the words to the carol "Silent Night"?

6. When is the feast day of Santa Claus celebrated?

7. What Christmas delicacy did Mrs. Bob Cratchit prepare in a copper cauldron in her wash house?

8. Which renowned Christmas card artist was still turning out "a batch of three or four paintings a week" at age 100?

9. Which of James Joyce's "Dubliners" short stories takes place at Christmastime? Clue: Film director John Huston made it into a memorable movie.

10. Who was the surprise guest speaker when President Franklin D. Roosevelt lit the National Tree at the White House in 1941?

11. Which Nativity masterpiece was stolen from a church in Palermo, Sicily, in 1969 and has not been seen since?

12. What were True Love's first and last gifts in the delightful roudou "The Twelve Days of Christmas"?

13. For what crime did William Sydney Porter, alias O'Henry, the author of "The Gift of the Magi," spend several

Christmases in the Ohio State penitentiary?

14. What popular relief, evocation of the Middle Ages, takes place in Philadelphia during the holiday season?

15. Which movie has the most TV reruns during the holiday season?

16. Who were the stars of the film "White Christmas"?

17. Who played Santa Claus in the 1947 original film version of "The Miracle on 34th Street"?

18. Who played the little girl?

19. How did the della Robbia wreath get its name?

20. Sherlock Holmes, Ellery Queen, Inspector Maigret and many other fictional sleuths have solved Christmas crimes. What is today's best-selling mystery novelist Mary Higgins Clark's contribution to the genre?

The answers

1. Ebenezer and Jacob.

2. St. Matthew, who tells of their visit in his Gospel, did not specify how many. In early Christian times their number varied from two to six. A 4th century fresco in the Catacombs of Domitilla, outside Rome, depicts four. By the 6th century, tradition settled on three. Any number from 2 to 6 is acceptable.

3. In Matthew's Gospel the Magi were "warned in a dream" not to return to

Herod, who sought to kill the child, so "they departed into their own country another way." (Matthew 2:12)

4. Micah, an eighth-century B.C. Hebrew prophet, prophesied: "But thou Bethlehem Ephrath, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall come forth unto me one who is to be ruler of Israel, whose origin is from the beginning, from the days of eternity." (Micah 5:2)

5. Father Joseph Mohr, the parish priest in the little Austrian village where the miche had ended the bellows of the church organ.

6. Dec. 6 is the feast of St. Nicholas, the original Santa Claus.

7. Her Christmas pudding.

8. Anne Mary Robinson, better known as Grandmother Moses.

9. "The Dead."

10. Winston Churchill.

11. Caravaggio's "Nativity," one of the master's last works, painted in 1609, the year he died.

12. If sung properly as a roudou, with each day's new gift followed by a repetition of all the previous gifts, the answer is "a partridge in a pear tree."

13. Burt Lancaster.

14. The Mummings Parade.

15. Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life."

16. Bing Crosby and Danny Kaye.

17. Edmund Gwenn.

18. Natalie Wood.

19. It is the family name of an uncle and nephew, Luca and Andrea della Robbia, acclaimed sculptors in Florence, Italy, during the early Renaissance. From their workshop came exquisite ceramic wreaths sculpted with a floral motif in brightly enameled glazed terra cotta.

20. Her recent short novel "Silent Night," where the criminal trail begins under the tree in Rockefeller Plaza.

Scoring

Award one point for each correct answer. Compute your holiday IQ with this scoring scale:

20 — You are the brightest star on anybody's Christmas tree of knowledge.

15 to 19 — Qualified for lead reindeer on Santa's midnight run.

11 to 15 — Up on the rooftops with the season's headiest performers.

6 to 10 — Down the chimney with a thud.

1 to 5 — Meltdown time for Frosty the Snowman.

0 — Goose eggs are more traditional at Easter.

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"The most powerful cause of error is the war existing between the senses and reason."

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Pascal

East made a serious error in today's explosive auction. Looked over his hand and judge which of his bids gets the judge prize.

East's double of six hearts was a Lightning Slam Double, barring the lead of a trump or a suit bid by the defenders. And since East had shown excellent clubs, West led a club.

South was Helen Reed of Dalas. Facing the probable loss of a trump (East's second double), how was she to avoid losing a diamond as well?

Helen ruffed East's club nine and led a trump to dummy's ace, confirming the expected trump break. She ruffed another club, cashed her spade ace, and crossed ruffs in spades and clubs, setting up dummy's clubs. When she crossed to dummy's diamond ace to lead a high club, East was fit to lead whether he ruffed or not. Helen would discard her losing diamond and East would get only the natural trump trick.

Which one of East's actions qualifies as a blunder? It wasn't his final double. It was his double of four clubs. Had he continued West's pre-empt to four spades, there's no telling what the final contract would have been. (Four spades is a cheap save and might even make.) However, the impulsive double helped his opponents immensely. Helen's retreat to four hearts told North she had a four heart suit and extreme club shortage. This, together with his spade void and excellent trump support, goaded North to gamble on a slam he would otherwise never have bid.

NORTH 12 17 A 9 A K 10 8 7 6 5 Q 10 8 7 6 5

WEST 13 18 K 10 9 8 6 2 A 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A K J 9

SOUTH 14 19 A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A K J 9

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: North

The bidding:

North East South West 1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ J 2 2 ♣ Dbl 4 ♥ Pass 4 ♠ Dbl All pass

Opening lead: Club deuce

IRD WITH THE ACES

South holds: A Q 7 5 K Q 10 8 7 6 5 4 3 2 A K J 9

South North 1 NT 3

ANSWER: Three no-trump. This is a bare minimum opening. Do nothing to encourage partner to bid on.

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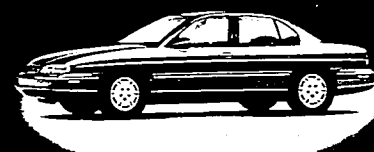
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