



GOOD MORNING

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Today: Winter storm watch through Wednesday. Cloudy with a chance of snow this afternoon, becoming likely tonight. Highs near 35. Lows near 25. **Page A2**

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City adopts higher Muni golf fees . . .

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS— Golfers who tee up at the city's municipal course next year will have to cough up an extra dollar—or two, or three—for every round after a City Council meeting Monday night that ended with a furious tongue-lashing from an avid local golfer.

"I've never been so disgusted at any public meeting in my life," said Greg Lanting, a former member of the city's Planning and Zoning Commission. "This is

. . . but not ones discussed at public hearing before council

the biggest back-door deal I've ever seen."

Lanting noted that the council did not take any public testimony on the proposal.

The City Council did hold a public hearing on golf fees Dec. 16, but offered a proposal that differed substantially from the one approved Monday night. On Dec. 16, the bulk of the testimo-

ny focused on season-pass rates for senior citizens and "haul-out" fees for privately owned golf carts.

On Monday, the council voted 6-1 to approve an idea that generated little enthusiasm when Councilman Howard Allen suggested it the week before.

"It isn't equitable," said Councilman Tom Mikesell, who

was on the short end of Monday's vote. "Season pass players monopolize the course, yet the daily greens fee people are paying for it."

"The more you use it, the more you should pay for it," Mikesell said.

He urged the city to abandon season passes and sell "punch cards" for a limited number of rounds—at a discount.

Central to the new fee schedule is a \$1-per-round surcharge on all season pass holders. Daily greens fees will increase, as will

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1997 golf rates

1. Season pass holders pay \$6 per round on average. Season pass fees include the use of the city clubhouse, power tees, maintenance, and access to the golf pro shop.

2. Daily greens fees range from \$12 to \$17 on weekdays, and from \$15 to \$20 on weekends. Daily greens fees rates rise from \$9 to \$10.

CHRISTMAS TRADITION



Friends gather outside the home of Lorena and Gabriel Navarez for the fifth of nine Fogadas, running through Christmas Eve. The group outside sings the first verse of the song, 'Las Posadas,' and in turn, another group (partly) inside snarvers with a verse of its own. At the end of the song, both groups join in a chorus and those outside are invited inside for prayer and a meal. After the meal, the children break a piñata as the celebration winds down. Story, more photos, Magic Valley.

Travel unravel?

Christmas storm could produce slushy highways

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS— Heavy snow may descend on the Magic Valley on Christmas Day, according to the National Weather Service.

Monday, the National Weather Service issued a "winter storm watch," which means the agency is determining whether a snow storm affecting Alaska will hit Idaho, said Darrell Houston, meteorologist for the National Weather Service.

Today, the agency will upgrade the watch as either a full-fledged warning or merely a snow advisory, Houston said. "Right now, conditions are favorable for a warning," Houston said. "But it is so far out and the storm system is south of Alaska, so it's not something that we're jumping on."

On the afternoon of Christmas Day, rain is expected to mix with snow, Houston said. Temperatures are predicted to range from lows in the mid 20s to low 30s and highs from 35 to 40.

"It could be pretty slushy," Houston said. "That's not the kind of environment we're used to."

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GOP strategy for resolution of Gingrich ethics breach may be foiled by obstacles

Democrats trying for open hearings

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON— The Republicans' desire for a swift and neat resolution of House Speaker Newt Gingrich's confessed ethical breach before the new Congress convenes Jan. 7 and votes on a new speaker has begun to run into serious obstacles that could foil their strategy.

GOP leaders are confident quick action will produce mild sanctions and the re-election of Gingrich as speaker. But some House Democrats have vowed to slow the pace of the committee's deliberations and force Republicans, if they choose, to re-elect Gingrich as speaker before his ethics case has been resolved.

"The Republican strategy has been to stall the investigation for two years and now they want it resolved in two weeks," an aide to the House Democratic leader-



Newt Gingrich

ship said Monday. "They want to sweep it under the rug. We are not going to agree to it."

House Democratic Whip David E. Bonior of Michigan, Gingrich's chief political antagonist, is demanding the ethics committee hearing be open to the public. "It ought to be an open hearing so the American people can have this laid out and can understand the dynamics," Bonior said.

The House ethics committee chairman and others have cautioned it might not be possible for the panel's 10 members to fully digest the charges detailed in a 22-page Statement of Alleged Violation prepared by an investigative subcommittee and recommend an appropriate penalty before the 105th Congress gathers early next month.

Last Saturday, Gingrich signed the subcommittee's report and admitted he had provided untrue information about the college course he taught that was at

the center of the ethics probe. While Gingrich and his allies have cast the speaker's ethical infractions as largely insignificant, House members are likely to hear a far less favorable interpretation when James M. Cole, the Washington white-collar-crime attorney retained by the ethics panel to oversee the probe, presents his recommendations.

Republicans cannot easily write off Cole as politically hostile to Gingrich, as they have attacked Bonior's motives. And Democrats said they will press to learn Cole's recommendations to the subcommittee, speculating that his findings were stronger than the charges in the report.

Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn., chairman of the ethics committee, said in an interview with the Associated Press Sunday night that while she hoped the committee could act promptly, "it's very hard when you have two weeks, both with major holidays."

Most of the committee members are not planning to return to the capital until after the Jan. 1. "They're scattered so the four winds," explained one congressional aide.

Fierce Sierra storms dump deep snow, ease up

Holiday travelers face trouble; skiers missing

The Associated Press

RENO, Nev.— A fierce storm that dumped more than 8 feet of snow in the Sierra Nevada cleared Monday, but closed down Nevada's state government and caused rough sledding for thousands of holiday travelers heading over the mountains.

As the storm clouds broke, authorities began searching for a father and son from San Francisco who disappeared in the storm after setting out on a cross-country ski outing in the Lake Tahoe area on Friday.

James Augustino, 48, and his son, Harley, 18, disappeared north of Donner Summit in an area that has claimed the lives of at least two other cross-country skiers in recent years.

"We call it the Bermuda Triangle because people seem to get lost in there a lot," said Nevada County sheriff's dispatcher Jan McHugh. "Whenever the weather and the visibility get bad, people tend to become disoriented and lose their way."

Slick, congested roadways plagued motorists on Interstate 80 over Donner Summit. U.S. Highway 50 over Echo Summit was expected to reopen later Monday after being closed since early Saturday. The highways connect Sacramento, Calif., to the Reno-Tahoe area.

"I'm from Norway and this is the worst road conditions I've ever seen," said Lars Sandven of Boise, while en route to Geyserville, Calif., on I-80 to spend Christmas with relatives.

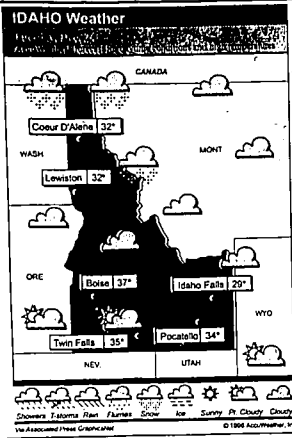
The return of sunshine Monday triggered a mass exodus of travelers, some of whom had been stranded in Reno since the storm began Friday.

Sacramento-bound traffic on I-80 was backed up for about 12 miles from the California line to Reno on Monday morning, causing delays of up to four hours.



Larry Rodriguez, right, and Betty Loney struggle to clear snow from the face of snow from her car in the wake of the storm that hit the Lake Tahoe area. Only Cooper, the Dalmatian, seems not to mind the deep cover.

WEATHER



ALMANAC

Idaho	Twin Falls		
	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	38	25	.02
Burley	33	12	0
Fairfield	27	18	.28
Gooding	33	21	.35
Hagerman	39	29	1.5
Idaho Falls	28	21	.06
Jermolov	33	25	.06
Lewiston	41	26	0
Mald	29	8	0
Moha	34	12	.07
Morehead	34	12	.07
Pocatello	30	11	.06
Salmon	21	7	0
Stanley	26	0	0
Sun Valley	30	13	.11

Precipitation
Moist to date: 2.44
Normal mo. to date: .88
Water year to date: 4.78
Normal year to date: 2.83

Comfort factors
Humidity at 6 p.m.: 78 pct.
Barometer at 6 p.m.: 29.24
Pollen count: Reports ended for this season.

SKYWATCH
Sunset today 5:09 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 8:08 a.m.
Lunar phase: Full, Dec. 24; last quarter, Jan. 1; new Jan. 8; first quarter, Jan. 15.
Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Venus, evening: Jupiter, Saturn, Mercury.

FORECAST

Magic Valley
Winter storm watch tonight and Christmas. Cloudy today with a chance of snow in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. South wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight and Christmas snow likely possibly heavy at times. Snow changing to rain or mixing with rain during the afternoon. Lows in the mid 20s to the lower 30s. Highs 35 to 40. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

Extended regional forecast
Thursday and Friday areas of valley fog and haze otherwise partly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and snow and mountain snow. Lows in the upper teens to the upper 20s. Highs in the mid 30s to the mid 40s.

Saturday areas of valley fog and haze otherwise partly cloudy and warmer. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s.

Camas Prairie, Wood River Valley
Winter storm watch tonight and Christmas day. Cloudy today with a chance of snow especially during the afternoon. Highs in the lower 20s to the lower 30s. Tonight and Christmas occasional snow possibly heavy at times changing to rain in the lowest valleys during the afternoon. Lows from the mid teens to the lower 20s. Highs in the upper 20s to the upper 30s.

Treasure Valley
Winter storm watch tonight and Christmas. Cloudy today with a chance of snow or rain in the morning then a chance of rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. South wind 5 to 10 mph. Tonight and Christmas snow likely possibly heavy at times. Lows near 30. Christmas morning snow likely possibly heavy at times changing to rain during the afternoon. Highs in the lower 40s.

Sawtooth Mountains
Winter storm watch tonight and Christmas day. Cloudy today with a chance of snow especially during the afternoon. Highs in the lower 20s to the lower 30s. Tonight and Christmas occasional snow possibly heavy at times changing to rain in the lowest valleys during the afternoon. Lows from the mid teens to the lower 20s. Highs in the upper 20s to the upper 30s.

Eastern Idaho
Winter storm watch tonight and Christmas. Cloudy today with scattered snow showers. Heavy with areas of blowing and drifting snow. Highs 30 to 35. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight and Christmas snow likely possibly heavy at times. Heavy with areas of blowing and drifting snow. Lows in the 20s. Highs 30 to 35 Wednesday.

Northern Idaho
Winter storm watch tonight and Christmas. Cloudy today with a chance of snow especially in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. Southeast wind increasing to 10 to 20 mph by late afternoon. Tonight occasional snow possibly heavy at times. Lows in the mid 20s to the lower 30s. Christmas morning snow or rain likely tapering to scattered showers in the afternoon. Snow level 4000 feet. Highs in the upper 30s.

Northern Nevada
Mostly cloudy today. Southwest wind 10-15 mph. Highs near 35. Christmas eve and Christmas Day partly cloudy. Highs near 35.

Northern Utah
Mostly cloudy today. Highs lower 40s. Tonight cloudy. Lows lower to mid 30s. Christmas Day mostly cloudy. Highs mid 40s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 1, a minimal exposure level.

ACROSS THE NATION

Ice, snow coat Midwest as storm over Sierra eases

The Associated Press

A combination of thunderstorms and cold ground spread ice across Missouri and Kansas Monday, while snow fell across southern Minnesota and bitter cold spread back into the western Plains.

Gusting wind uprooted trees in University City, Mo., and thunderstorms pounded southwestern Illinois and northwestern Arkansas.

Freezing drizzle made for treacherous driving in much of eastern Kansas and western Missouri, snarling morning traffic and swamping police.

To the west of the belt of rain and ice, a new blast of arctic air sent temperatures plummeting across the western Plains all the way to northwest Texas. The temperature at Oklahoma City dropped from 54 to 36 in one hour during the morning.

Light to moderate snow fell across southern

Minnesota in a band that was moving toward western Wisconsin.

Snow tapered off in California's Sierra Nevada after a storm piled up more than 8 feet during the weekend.

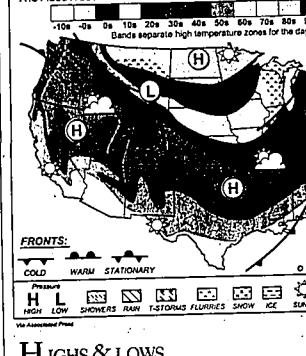
Rescuers searched near Reno, Nev., for two cross-country skiers who disappeared in the storm. They were last seen Friday.

At Blue Canyon, Nev., the last car of Amtrak's California Zephyr westbound train derailed in heavy snow Sunday night. No one was injured.

Many roads remained closed in the Sierra around the Lake Tahoe area, and Nevada Gov. Bob Miller told most state employees in Carson City to stay home Monday.

Farther north, snow showers were likely over eastern Washington, with accumulations of 2 to 4 inches in the Blue Mountains and 8 inches in the Cascades.

NATIONAL Weather



HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 40 degrees at Parma. Low, 0 degrees at Stanley. Nation: High, 94 at McAllen, Texas. Low, 25 below at Belgrade, Mont.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Tune to the National Weather Service radio band at VHF-FM 162.4 or 162.55
423-4423. The Internet address for Idaho Transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/dtd/tdhmp.htm>

TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	50	34	.....
Albany	68	37	.....
Boston	48	36	.....
Chicago	52	37	.22
Dallas	76	61	.....
Denver	67	45	.....
Des Moines	17	17	.01
Detroit	44	33	.40
Honolulu	80	67	.....
Houston	76	59	.....
Indianapolis	56	36	.34
Kansas City	27	23	.....
Kansas City	57	44	.....
Las Vegas	10	10	.....
Los Angeles	67	48	.....
Memphis	67	64	.....
Miami Beach	81	69	.....
Minneapolis	39	26	.55
Missoula	39	23	.43
Minneapolis	23	15	.....
New Orleans	76	50	.....
New York	46	37	.....
Oklahoma City	54	52	.....
Oklahoma City	10	10	.....
Phoenix	64	49	.....
Pittsburgh	57	35	.....
Portland, Mo.	34	24	.....
Portland, Ore.	45	35	.51
Reno	44	26	.....
Reno	67	59	.....
Salt Lake City	42	30	.01
San Francisco	56	48	.....
San Jose	41	35	.30
Seattle	28	19	.05
Spokane	41	30	.....
Washington	54	37	.....

ROAD INFORMATION

For current road conditions, call these numbers: Boise, 375-8028; Shoshone, 886-2266; Pocatello, 233-6724; Rigby 745-7278; Utah 801-964-6808; the Elko, Nev., area, 702-738-8888.

Travel

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ment in which we see ice conditions form."

Monday afternoon, roads were mostly wet, while visibility was cloudy. Because future road conditions are tough to predict, call the Idaho Transportation Department urges travelers to call 886-2266 to get road conditions, updated four times daily.

Airplane delays also are tough to predict, and airport officials

Santa receives flight clearance

WASHINGTON (AP) — The flight plan has been filed and official clearance given for Santa Claus' annual Christmas Eve flight, the Federal Aviation Administration said Monday.

Acting in the spirit of the holiday, the FAA gave him clearance

Road

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and off the road.

Though driving conditions were challenging, the fatal accident was the only serious one in Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor, snow floor, snowing; Blackfoot-Arco, broken snow floor, drifis.

Idaho 51 — Snow floor.

Idaho 53 — New Idaho-Twin Falls, wet; Twin Falls-Carey, wet, broken snow floor; Carey-Arco, broken snow floor; Arco-Salmon, icy spots, broken snow floor. Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, wet, icy, broken snow floor, drifis; Hayden Summit, snow floor, snowing.

Interstate 86 — Icy spots, broken snow floor.

Interstate 15 — Utah line-Mald Pass, icy spots, drifis; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor, drifis; Idaho Falls-Dubois, icy spots, broken snow floor, drifis.

Idaho 30 — McCammon-Montpelier, wet, broken snow floor; Montpelier-Wyoming line, broken snow floor, snowing, drifis.

U.S. 91 — Icy spots, drifis.

Idaho 28 — Dry, icy spots.

Hostage drama drags on

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Freed hostages appealed Monday for a negotiated end to Peru's standoff with leftist rebels holding 140 Latin American and Asian VIPs.

The captives got water, food, clean T-shirts and underwear but the government made no real concessions.

In reducing the number of hostages by freeing 225 people Sunday night, the rebels seemingly strengthened their position.

"The fact that they've released two-thirds of the hostages means in effect that they've pared it

Golf

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passes for out-of-towners.

Higher fees are needed to pay for a variety of improvements at the city course. The most expensive item is converting the course's irrigation system from city drinking water to canal water; other improvements including reseeding fairways and re-carpeting the clubhouse.

Though it's shown a modest profit in the past couple of years, the city golf course often runs in

the red and the long-term deficit stands at \$107,000.

Part of the deficit can be explained by the wide variety of courses available to Magic Valley golfers, said Gary Evans, city finance director. With a surfeit of courses, local golfers don't pack the Muni to capacity.

"We're operating at about 60 percent of capacity. If we were operating at 100 percent, we'd probably be making a profit," Evans said.

ROAD CONDITIONS

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation Monday reported snow across the state.

Idaho 21 is closed due to avalanches. Road conditions:

Idaho 95 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, broken snow floor, drifis; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, broken snow floor, rain, drifis; Sandpoint-Canadian border, broken snow floor, snow floor, snowing; Riggin-Whitebird Hill, wet; Whitebird Hill, icy spots, snowing; Grangeville-Winchester, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Winchester-Lewiston, broken snow floor; Lewiston-Moscow, wet, icy spots; Weiser-New Meadows, broken snow floor, snowing; Oregon line, wet.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, broken snow floor, snowing; Lookout Pass, broken snow floor.

Idaho 12 — Lewiston-Orfino, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing; Orofino-Kooskia, icy spots, snow floor, snowing; Kooskia-Lowell, broken snow floor, drifis; Lowell-Lolo Pass, snow floor, snowing, drifis, chains advised.

Interstate 84 — Oregon line-Caldwell, broken snow floor; Caldwell-Nampa area, wet; Boise area-Mountain Home, wet, icy spots; Mountain Home-Burley, wet; Burley-Utah line, wet, icy spots, snowing, drifis.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, broken snow floor; Donnelly-New Meadows, broken snow floor.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, wet, icy spots, broken snow floor; Idaho City-Lowman, snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, CLOSED.

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, wet, broken snow floor, low visibility; Fairfield-Carey, broken snow floor, drifis; Arco-Arco Falls, icy spots, broken snow floor, drifis; Idaho Falls-Ashton, icy spots, snowing, drifis.

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LOTTERY UPDATE

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13 16 20 42 44
POWERBALL NUMBER 1

LOTTO SATURDAY, DEC. 19 NUMBERS
1 5 13 17 27 29

MONDAY, DEC. 23 NUMBERS
2 3 8 17 23

GRAND PRIZE
SWEEPSTAKES NUMBER
FRIDAY, DEC. 20 SWEEPSTAKES
2 4 4 2

CORRECTION

A year-end retrospective article on what in Saturday's edition of *Magic Valley Ag Weekly* contained an error. Inadvertent omission of the word "and" altered the meaning of a sentence.

The story should have said that no crops in Idaho were found to be infected with the fungus Karnal bunt.

Ag Weekly regrets the error.

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NATION

President making first official visit to Marines at Camp Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — President Clinton made his first official visit to a Marine Corps base Monday to share a hefty meal and a Christmas message with the troops. "Thank you... for your service to our country."

Moving down the lunch chow line with Marines, the president loaded his plate with roast barbecue chicken, diced green beans, carrots, corn, salad, a dinner roll, Navy bean soup and a slice of cherry pie.



President Clinton eats lunch with Marines at Camp Lejeune near Jacksonville, N.C., Monday.

"That's terrible. I shouldn't eat all this," he said before digging in. "I'll have to run a couple of miles tomorrow."

Before his mess hall meal, Clinton visited the base's Key Volunteer Center and wrote an e-mail message to Col. Emerson Gardner, commander of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which was pulling into Trieste, Italy, Monday.

"Thank you and all your troops for your service to our country," Clinton gingerly tapped out. "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you."

Gen. Charles Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, who flew to North Carolina with Clinton on Air Force One, praised the president for the visit.

"It's important to us. It's always good to have the commander-in-chief see the cutting edge," he said.

In advance of Clinton's visit, the Marines strung up festive lights, cleaned the base and its streets especially well and worked double time in the kitchen to prepare for the presidential chow line.

After eating with Marines on general alert for missions abroad, Clinton addressed troops who recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and he thanked them for their sacrifice.

Camp Lejeune is home to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Many of the 2,000-plus Marines who returned Dec. 19 found their homes ruined by hurricanes Bertha and Fran that struck North Carolina while they were overseas, causing an estimated \$49 million in damages. The 230-square-mile base is still scarred with rows of downed trees.

Staff Sgt. Joel Dover, 31, of Flint, Mich., said his home "lost a couple of trees," in the hurricanes, but his family was fine, including his daughter, Cameron, born to his wife, Miriam, two weeks before he returned.

"I'm happy to be back," said Dover, sitting among several hundred Marines invited to hear Clinton speak. "It's a long six months. This visit by the president is just one more thing to be happy about. It's nice to see he

knows we're working hard out there."

Clinton was to return late Monday afternoon to the White House, where he and his family plan to spend Christmas. He plans to leave Dec. 30 for Hilton Head, S.C., for Renaissance Weekend, an annual intellectual retreat, and on New Year's Day, the Clintons are scheduled to go to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands for a brief vacation. They are to return to Washington Jan. 5.

Before leaving Washington, Clinton engaged in some late Christmas shopping.

Storm-ravaged areas get relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered federal agencies Monday to send aid to help areas recover from severe storms last month in Pennsylvania and Oregon.

The disaster relief will be available to individuals and local governments in Tioga County, Pa., struck by severe thunderstorms, high winds, rain and flooding the week of Nov. 8-15.

It also will be offered to local governments in Coos,

Douglas and Lane counties in Oregon, hit by flooding, land and mud slides, wind and severe storms between Nov. 17 and Dec. 11.

Federal money also is available to eligible local governments on a cost-sharing basis to repair or replace damaged public facilities and fix hazards.

Leprosy may be treated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Jersey pharmaceutical company has applied for a federal license to treat a painful form of leprosy with thalidomide, the sleeping pill blamed in the 1960s for causing birth defects in 12,000 babies.

Celgene Corp. of Warren, N.J., announced Monday that it was applying to the Food and Drug Administration for a new drug application for thalidomide as treatment of erythema nodosum leprosum, a painful inflammation associated with leprosy.

The company said it also plans to file a new drug application early next year to use thalidomide for the treatment of wasting, a severe weight-loss disorder common among HIV and AIDS patients.

Thalidomide has never been approved for general prescription use in the United States, but the drug was once sold in 48 other countries as a prenatal sleeping pill and for treatment of morning sickness. It was banned worldwide in 1962 when it was blamed for birth defects, facial deformities, malformed limbs and defective organs in some 12,000 babies.

Christmas mail deliveries by Santa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last-minute mailers may have Santa on their side.

The Postal Service says letter carriers in many cities will don Santa suits or caps to deliver Express Mail on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

It's the 11th year postal workers have worn the special outfits for holiday deliveries.

Residents can check with local post offices to see if the service is available in their community.

Among the cities included are: Baltimore; Birmingham, Ala.; Chicago; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Dallas; Denver; Harrisburg; and Lancaster, Pa.; Los Angeles; Nashville, Tenn.; Providence, R.I.; San Francisco; Tulsa, Okla.; and Washington.

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NATION

President making first official visit to Marines at Camp Lejeune

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. (AP) — President Clinton made his first official visit to a Marine Corps base Monday to share a hefty meal and a Christmas message with the troops. "Thank you... for your service to our country."

Moving down the lunch chow line with Marines, the president loaded his plate with roast barbecue chicken, diced green beans, carrots, corn, salad, a dinner roll, Navy bean soup and a slice of cherry pie.

"That's terrible. I shouldn't eat all this," he said before digging in. "I'll have to run a couple of miles tomorrow."

Before his mess hall meal, Clinton visited the base's Key Volunteer Center and wrote an e-mail message to Col. Emerson Gardner, commander of the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which was pulling into Trieste, Italy, Monday.

"Thank you and all your troops for your service to our country," Clinton glibly tapped out.

"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you," Clinton said. Charles Krusk, commander of the Marine Corps, who flew to North Carolina with Clinton on Air Force One, praised the president for the visit.

"It's important to us. It's always good to have the commander-in-chief see the cutting edge," he said.

In advance of Clinton's visit, the Marines strung up festive lights, cleaned the base and its streets especially well and worked double time in the kitchen to prepare for the presidential chow line.

After eating with Marines on general alert for missions abroad, Clinton addressed troops who recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and he thanked them for their sacrifice.



President Clinton eats lunch with Marines at Camp Lejeune near Jacksonville, N.C., Monday.

Camp Lejeune is home to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Many of the 2,000-plus Marines who remained Dec. 19 found their homes ruined by hurricanes Bertha and Fran that struck North Carolina while they were overseas, causing an estimated \$49 million in damages. The 230-square-mile base is still scarred with rows of downed trees.

Staff Sgt. Joel Dover, 31, of Flint, Mich., said his home "lost a couple of trees," in the hurricanes, but his family was fine, including his daughter, Cameron, born to his wife, Miriam, two weeks before he returned.

"I'm happy to be back," said Dover, sitting among several hundred Marines invited to hear Clinton speak. "It's a long six months. This visit by the president is just one more thing to be happy about. It's nice to see he

knows we're working hard out there."

Clinton was to return late Monday afternoon to the White House, where he and his family plan to spend Christmas. He plans to leave Dec. 30 for Hilton Head, S.C., for Renaissance Weekend, an annual intellectual retreat, and on New Year's Day, the Clintons are scheduled to go to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands for a brief vacation. They are to return to Washington Jan. 5.

Before leaving Washington, Clinton engaged in some late Christmas shopping.

Storm-ravaged areas get relief

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton ordered federal agencies Monday to send aid to help areas recover from severe storms last month in Pennsylvania and Oregon.

The disaster relief will be available to individuals and local governments in Tioga County, Pa., struck by severe thunderstorms, high winds, rain and flooding the week of Nov. 8-15.

It also will be offered to local governments in Coos,

Leprosy may be treated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A New Jersey pharmaceutical company has applied for a federal license to treat a painful form of leprosy with thalidomide, the sleeping pill blamed in the 1960s for causing birth defects in 12,000 babies.

Celgene Corp. of Warren, N.J., announced Monday that it was applying to the Food and Drug Administration for a new drug application for thalidomide in the treatment of erythema nodosum leprosum, a painful inflammation associated with leprosy.

The company said it also plans to file a new drug application early next year to use thalidomide for the treatment of wasting, a severe weight-loss disorder common among HIV and AIDS patients.

Thalidomide has never been approved for general prescription use in the United States, but the drug was once sold in 49 other countries as a prenatal sleeping pill and for treatment of morning sickness. It was banned worldwide in 1962 when it was blamed for birth defects, facial deformities, malformed limbs and defective organs in some 12,000 babies.

Christmas mail deliveries by Santa

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last-minute mailers may have Santa on the post.

The Postal Service says letter carriers in many cities will don Santa suits or caps to deliver Express Mail on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

It's the 11th year postal workers have worn the special outfits for holiday deliveries.

Residents can check with local post offices to see if the service is available in their community. Among the cities included are Baltimore; Birmingham, Ala.; Chicago; Cincinnati; Cleveland; Dallas; Denver; Harrisburg and Lancaster, Pa.; Los Angeles; Nashville, Tenn.; Providence, R.I.; San Francisco, Tulsa, Okla.; and Washington.

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NATION

The DNC and how it got in a donor mess

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — It was a signal occasion, a milestone in the struggle of Asian immigrants to find their place in the American firmament.

With the acuity of hindsight, it's clear the elements of the eventual scandal were there too, wanting only more time to reach critical mass and explode.

The event itself was a model of its kind, an intimate California fund-raising dinner with all the trappings: a Brentwood address, tables nestled beneath a canopy, a string quartet playing as the fund-raisers moved among the guests.

At every table, like a centerpiece — only better, was a U.S. senator primed to welcome wealthy Asian donors, both citizens and permanent resident, as valued participants in the Democratic Party.

When it was over, a \$5,000 check from each of them was carefully logged in, bundled together with other such contributions and forwarded to Democratic Party functionaries in Washington.

Notwithstanding laws requiring disclosure, a note attached to the party and dated several days earlier said: "... cannot report what appears on the check. He will be very sorry if his name appears at anywhere."

The Brentwood evening, which occurred on April 22, 1988, yielded \$110,000 from a constituency more typically aligned with Republicans.

However, something else was also clear from the flirtation with deft bookkeeping: The Democrats and their new supporters were beginning to expose themselves to the weight of pressures and temptations that would one day produce a national debacle.

By the time President Clinton's re-election campaign rolled around this year, the names of those at the dining table were part of the stuff of unwelcome headlines: Host James T. Riady, a Clinton protégé in Arkansas and eldest son of Mochtar Riady, the multibillionaire patriarch of Indonesia's giant conglomerate, the Asia Pacific Group, the self-acting friend of Clinton and emissary of the Lippo Group who by now worked in Washington as a master fund-raiser.

And Maria L. Hsia, credited with being the first person to make the Democrats' long-sought Asian-American connection work effectively and an organizer of the controversial Hsi Lai Buddhist temple fund-raiser attended by Clinton at Gore in a Los Angeles suburb in April.

Abashed officials who only yesterday had labored to suck money in, now are laboring to pry it back out, all the time trying to explain how the party seemed to have traded White House access for contributions, accepted improper or illegal foreign money and logged hefty contributions under the names of people whose net worth seemed barely to exceed the gifts.

Scratching an itch
In simplest terms, the controversy that has already forced the Democratic National Committee to return more than \$1.5 million — and some \$600,000 in similarly questionable contributions returned by the president's legal defense fund — arose because an insatiable itch met an irresistible urge to scratch.

That is, the Democrats' need for money to finance their electoral rebirth met up with parallel interests among Asian-Americans. There was the well-meant desire to gain a voice in the nation's political system. There was also, for some with formidable overseas business ties, a craving for influence with top U.S. officials.

The story is more complex than that, of course. It arises from circumstances unique to the run-up to the 1996 presidential election, in which a president and his party needed to raise money early and fast to counter a rising Republican tide. It encompasses new questions about whether the election was infected with foreign money — a perennial mortal sin against the values of the United States' most sacrosanct political taboos.

An example is the envelope full of defense fund contributions offered by Charlie Tice, the former Arkansas restaurateur turned international dealmaker whose activities are at the center of what may be the next act in the drama. In the envelope was a sheet of money orders purportedly sent in by well-wishers from different parts of the country — but the serial numbers on the money orders were sequential.

Already, the Federal Election Commission, the Justice Department and assorted congressional committees have opened inquiries. Investigators are beginning to sort donors who are legitimate from those who might be fronts for others, which money came from the United States and which came illegally from overseas; and, in some cases, whether the sources got influence or benefits inside government for their money.

Beneath that whole tortuous process lies a question that may never be answered: the judgment on Clinton's presidency. It is this matter of "Clinton scandal" so capably explained by the Republicans, an unseemly composite of blinkered judgments, ethical blindness, and even proven misdeeds by underlings that sumples the administration but never quite reaches the president himself.

And the unfolding probes also may determine whether the political ambitions of the U.S. Asian-American community will be dashed, just at a time some of those hopes were being realized.

Divided support
Politically, except for Japanese-Americans who have remained staunchly Democratic, Asian-Americans were evenly divided between Republicans and Democrats.

It was support for Asian-Americans' views on immigration. As early as 1985, for example, when Congress began spelling immigration laws, Democrats lined up closely to the community's opposition to a provision that would have eliminated preferences for reuniting families.

When it came to the message, Hsia first showed Clinton and McCarthy how it could be done. Born in Taiwan in 1951, Hsia immigrated to the United States in her early 20s and found a niche as an "immigration counselor" at a law firm whose clients included many Chinese. She also found her way into politics.

Clinton recalls meeting Hsia in about 1983, when she began raising money for Democratic get-out-the-vote efforts. Clinton recalls that "she was very effective and very efficient and had broad contacts in the community."

Clinton also recalls Clinton's help in his 1986 re-election campaign. Later she, together with Hsing and Riady, marshaled Asian-American support for McCarthy's unsuccessful race for Senate and other Democratic candidacies.

To give their efforts more stature within the community, Hsia later joined with Hsing, Riady, Los Angeles lawyer Fred King and others to organize the Pacific Leadership Council.

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President Clinton issues at the Democratic National Convention where he accepted the nomination for a second term Aug. 29, in Chicago's United Center. Now, in his second term, the president is haunted by campaign donations.

for the trip was to reward Hsia, Hsing and other PLC activists for their financial support of the PLC.

Hsia, known as an established go-getter, won contributions in part through her success as an in-your-face advocate of issues that meant to businessmen and the Asian-American community.

There were some who did not care for Hsia's aggressiveness and two-bits-and-a-penny promotion. For such people, Hsing offered the more conservative. With his impeccable manners, his avoidance of the spotlight and his mastery of an less five Chinese dialects, he charmed more traditional Asian-Americans.

And his only public message was that no matter how material-ly successful Asian-Americans might become, they would not count in this country unless they became politically active.

There was another side to Hsing, however. He was more subtle than Hsia, but the two were not remote from the interests of his patrons.

Lippo Group and the Riady's. When he moved to Washington and joined the Clinton administration in 1994, he was given a compensation package worth \$250,000.

And recent revelations about his frequent telephone calls to Lippo-Bank while he was at the Commerce Department, and a government inquiry into his contacts with a federal regulatory official with authority over a pending Lippo-Bank merger, have become a source of private concern for some of his earlier admirers.

System speaks
Meanwhile, the fund-raising system Hsia and Hsing took the lead in developing in California soon was national.

Minick Sen, Paul Simms, a player in the immigration fight, became co-chair of the PLC. Other Democrats were also pleased to associate with — and to honor — their new-found friends among a group so able to help and so long closed to them.

Things came together on a night in July of this year when Clinton attended a fund-raising dinner at the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles. Co-chaired by Hsing, with tickets priced at \$1,000 per plate — \$5,000 to attend the VIP reception before-hand — it was an event designed specifically for Asian-Americans. And by all accounts the response was spectacular.

Sometimes they would meet only a few steps from the Oval Office, clustered around the mahogany conference table of the Roosevelt Room.

Wherever they met, the cast was almost always the same. Harold Ickes, the deputy chief of staff for politics, was in charge. Doug Sosnick, the White House director of political affairs, rode shotgun.

Across from the White House team, at least figuratively, were Don Fowler, the newly installed and not entirely happy co-chairman of the DNC, and several of his lieutenants.

These were the weekly "money meetings" of the Clinton reelection team. And beginning in late 1994, the pressure on Fowler to raise money was unabated.

That one ineluctable fact turned out to be enough to close the circle — to set in motion the events that produced the fund-raising controversy.

No possible source of big money was neglected in late 1994 and for much of 1995, because in those dark days following the rejection of the president in the 1994 congressional elections, the possibility of raising a huge war chest was almost the only thing that kept hope alive inside the Clinton White House.

An early blitz of spending on television ads was seen as a stroke of genius — a prime reason for Clinton's surge in the polls and Republican leader Newt Gingrich's decline. Brilliant or not, the strategy put the campaign's balance sheet in peril and an alternative funding source had to be found. There was only one: the so-called "soft money" raised by the DNC.

Accordingly, in September 1995, at almost the same time Clinton was approving the second big television assault, he held an Oval Office meeting with Hsing, senior White House aide Bruce Lindsey and Clinton's old friend from Arkansas days, James Riady.

In what the White House recently acknowledged was "clearly the most important part of the meeting," Hsing recommended he shift from Commerce, where he was legally barred from fund raising, to the DNC, where, it would be his full-time job.

Illusion of a giant
As with all great magicians, what made Hsing's effects so amazing was that he did not appear to be doing anything at all. His arrival at the DNC on Dec. 4, 1995, was characteristic. The top money people had offices on

the third floor of the main headquarters building at 430 S. Capitol St. Hsing was sent across the street to a draughted, second committee's overflow. He did not so much as blink.

Yet he began almost at once to produce rabbits that looked as big as elephants, contributions in quantities that had scarcely been seen before by Democrats.

November 1995, two checks totaling \$30,000. December 1995, \$100,000. February 1996, \$1 million; April, \$140,000, with help from Hsia; May, \$600,000; June, \$90,000; July, \$700,000.

Part of Hsing's secret of his success was that, where campaigns were seasonal work for some operatives, politics was a permanent part of his life. Whether he hung his hat at the LippoBank or the Commerce Department or the DNC, he tended to be doing the same things.

He was trying to advance the cause of Asian-Americans. He was seeking ways to help businessmen and government leaders satisfy their mutual needs. And he was never long out of touch with his friends in the Lippo Group and the Riady family.

What made individual episodes of his life hard for some people to understand was that, to Hsing, no real distinction existed among the three elements, like sugar and cream added to coffee, they formed a whole.

Huang worked his magic with South Korean businessman John K.H. Lee. Lee was seeking to establish a brick plant in Southern California. Nothing would bless his enterprise more than a splash of himself with the president of the United States.

When someone put Lee in touch with the DNC, Huang rolled into action: **Deft handling pays off**
Huang handled Lee so deftly that in August, Lee gave \$10,000 more to become an official sponsor of the gala celebration of Clinton's renomination in Chicago.

Lee shepherded a flock of Korean visitors around town, boasting that he could show them the inner workings of the American political system.

Under U.S. law, noncitizens may contribute to political campaigns only if they have resident status, and subsidiaries of foreign business can give only if they enter the U.S. money of the Los Angeles Times reported that Lee's affiliate in Los Angeles, Cheong Am America Inc., had not generated any revenue and that Lee was not a legal resident.

The unraveling began at once. In case after case, questions arose over who were the real sources of the money Huang and company had collected, whether it was real money or laundered money from overseas, and what the givers might be expecting for their generosity.

Over the past several weeks, the contributions from Kanchanathak, Lee and others were returned by the DNC — a total of \$1.5 million and mounting.

In the weeks before the election, the Clinton campaign faced with plummeting poll numbers in what had been a cakewalk, declared itself shocked at the possibility of wrongdoing.

Clinton, of course, was re-elected handsily. For their part, DNC officials called in a team of independent auditors and tried to batten the doors. But as the Federal Election Commission, Justice Department and assorted congressional committees opened inquiries, it became apparent that the fund-raising scandal of 1996 would track the Clinton White House into 1997 as well.

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WORLD IN BRIEF

U.N. decides not to send force to Zaire

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations will not send a military force to eastern Zaire to help Rwandan refugees, the Security Council decided Monday.

The council's decision was largely a formality, as participating countries had already agreed there was no longer a need for the multinational force because so many refugees had already gone home.

"In the light of the new situation in the region, the functions of the multinational force will come to an end," said Security Council President Francisco Paulo Faleiros.

About 940,000 of the estimated 1.2 million refugees who fled Rwanda in 1994 following the massacre of at least 500,000 Tutsis have returned in the last two months from Zaire and Tanzania.

Ramos doing well after arterial operation

MANILA, Philippines — A blocked artery in President Fidel Ramos' neck that was creating the risk of a stroke was "as good as new" Monday following surgery, doctors said.

Reports of the operation caused unease in stock and currency markets, as share prices tumbled and the Philippine peso fell to its lowest level against the dollar this year.

Ramos was suffering from a "significant carotid block," a condition that results from high cholesterol, said presidential executive secretary Ruben Torres.

"It was an uneventful procedure. The block was removed," Torres said.

Farmer protest costs Greece \$1.6 billion

ATHENS, Greece — Farmers dismantled the last of their road and rail blockades Monday after a nearly month-long protest, but threatened to renew the action if the government doesn't meet their demands for higher subsidies and cheaper fuel.

The 24-day demonstration has dealt a \$1.6 billion blow to the economy, financial analysts said.

Farmers in central Greece drove the last of their tractors and trailers off highways, byways and railroad tracks Monday. Farmers in other regions began lifting the blockades on Saturday after a week-end decision to suspend the protests until January.

7 die in shootout in southern Russia

MOSCOW — Seven people died in a shootout with security troops in a region of southern Russia plagued by ethnic and religious tensions, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported Monday.

The shootout happened Sunday at a checkpoint in the Prigorodny district of North Ossetia when security officers tried to stop a passing car and the occupants opened fire with automatic weapons, the agency said.

All seven people in the vehicle died and three security officers were wounded, ITAR-Tass said.

AIDS spreading despite campaigns

NEW DELHI, India — AIDS is spreading in India despite efforts to teach people how to avoid the disease, a new agency reported.

Of 530 people studied during a three-year period, 10.2 percent of those who tested negative for the HIV virus that causes AIDS tested positive after a year, despite counseling they had received, Press Trust of India news agency reported Sunday.

The news agency cited the National AIDS Research Institute, which conducted the study that appeared in the current issue of the Indian Journal of Medical Research. The study included people who attended clinics specializing in sexually transmitted diseases.

Reindeer death toll hits 10,000 in Russia

MOSCOW — It's been a rough Christmas season for Russia's reindeer.

An estimated 10,000 reindeer have died of starvation in the Chukotka peninsula in the far northeast in recent weeks and the toll could eventually reach 30,000, Russian officials said.

After unusually warm weather and heavy rains last month, the temperatures on the peninsula, across the Bering Strait from Alaska, dropped sharply to 40 below zero Fahrenheit. A thick ice crust formed over many pastures, making it impossible for the reindeer to graze.

The cold has been accompanied by hurricane-force winds, said Viktor Boldsov, a spokesman for the Russian Ministry for Emergency Situations in Moscow.

Bethlehem mayor hospitalized for Christmas

JERUSALEM — The mayor of Bethlehem will spend Christmas in the hospital this year.

Elias Freij, 76, has been hospitalized since Saturday with a mild case of pneumonia, Hadassah hospital spokesman Yossi Shoval said. "Physicians are doing their utmost to see that he will be released from the hospital for the New Year," Shoval said Monday.

But Shoval said it was unlikely Freij's condition would improve quickly enough to let him return to his home for Bethlehem's Christmas Eve celebrations, which draw thousands of pilgrims from around the world.

These are the first Christmas festivities Freij will miss in his 24 years as mayor of the West Bank city, said his secretary, Dana Sanaat.

Car bomb blasts cafe in central Algiers

ALGIERS, Algeria — A powerful car bomb exploded at one of the biggest cafes in Algiers during the lunch hour Monday, killing at least three people and wounding 70, the government said.

The bomb exploded at 12:45 p.m. near the popular M&M Bar cafe, when the sidewalks and streets were filled with lunch-hour traffic. The blast also damaged a nearby pizzeria and shattered windows in other buildings.

The explosion was felt throughout central Algiers, and security forces quickly cordoned off the neighborhood near the city's port. No one immediately claimed responsibility.

Tajik president, rebel leader sign agreement

MOSCOW — Tajikistan's president and the top opposition leader signed a cease-fire agreement Monday aimed at ending a four-year civil war in the Central Asian country.

In separate talks in Tajikistan, the two sides agreed on the release of the final two hostages captured by Tajik gunmen late last week, the Interfax news agency reported. The gunmen took 23 people hostage, including seven United Nations workers.

The cease-fire pact commits both sides to complete all negotiations and restore peace in Tajikistan by July 1, 1997. It also provides for the creation of a national reconciliation commission, which will oversee peace efforts.

Coup sentences won't be appealed

SEOUL, South Korea — Two former presidents of South Korea sentenced to lengthy prison terms for a coup and massacre of pro-democracy demonstrators said Monday they will not appeal their convictions. Chun Doo-hwan and Roh Tae-woo, sentenced to life and 17 years in prison respectively, had planned to appeal to the Supreme Court by today's deadline.

"I have decided not to appeal because further arguments on what was right or wrong about the past would do no good in the midst of various problems facing the country," Chun said in a statement released through his lawyers.

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Nationalists go after Santa Claus

Grandfather Frost victim of politics

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serb, Croat and Muslim nationalists have torn up Bosnia and set its people against each other.

Now some of them are going after Santa Claus.

Some members of Bosnia's leading Muslim party are telling elementary schools to keep Santa Claus coming in the door — or down the chimney — this year.

Teachers are angry about such hunting. Kids are confused. "Who can be bothered by Santa Claus?" asked teacher Sabina Ibrakovic. "I've never heard of anything so stupid!"

The jolly elf, beloved by Muslim, Serb and Croat kids alike, used to visit all of Sarajevo's schools. Until this year, he was always known as Djedja Mirza, or Grandfather Frost.

The tradition held during 3 1/2 years of war, when children suffered death and deprivation along with everyone else in Sarajevo.

Now, in peacetime, Grandfather Frost is a victim of politics. Like the region's language and other customs, he's been fractured into three different ethnic versions.

Sead Avdic, an actor who has played Santa at parties for the past 20 years, says he has been told by Serbs and Croats to end his depiction this year for their versions: Bozicajnak or Father Christmas for Croats, Bazic Babo or Christmas Pal for Serbs.

Croats, who are mostly Roman Catholic, celebrate Christmas this month. Serbs, who are mostly



Children enjoy holiday decorations on Sarajevo streets, Saturday. Serb, Croat and Muslim nationalists have torn up Bosnia and set its people against each other.

Orthodox, mark the holiday in early January.

Since Islam's tradition does not include Santa's Christian forbear, St. Nicholas, some activists have decided that Muslims can do without him altogether.

That means no visits, and no presents, for school children in this predominantly Muslim city.

Adis Briga, 7, couldn't believe it. Told that Santa wouldn't be dropping by school this year, he blinked, sat silent for a minute

and blurted: "What do you mean?"

Some teachers and parents, supported by independent media, decided to try to save Santa, and things turned nasty.

Studio 99, an independent radio station, held unofficial telephone and street polls which found that 88 percent of Sarajevoans questioned supported Santa.

Alexander Ivankovic, a U.N. spokesman in Sarajevo, said

Yeltsin returns to Kremlin after illness

Leader was sidelined for 6 months

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin emerged from his black seventh Mercedes, adjusted his fur hat, and with a broad smile welcomed "hello" to a crowd of well-wishers back to the Kremlin on Monday.

"I'm in good spirits. I'm feeling good and I'm ready for battle," the Russian president said six months after heart trouble sidelined him.

Yeltsin has grown impatient with emaciation, and with the government's failure to resolve a growing economic and social crisis. Millions of workers have gone unpaid for months as the economy shrinks and taxes go uncollected.

But after five years in office, Yeltsin has done little of the sun-and-baths work of running the government and has offered few ideas for solving Russia's problems.

Communist Party leader Gennadiy Zyuganov said in a day-by-day newspaper "I'm in good spirits, I'm feeling good and I'm ready for battle."



Russian President Boris Yeltsin greets his assistants in his Kremlin residence Monday. Yeltsin's return effectively marks the start of his second term.

and term. He had a heart attack days before his July 3 re-election and since then has made only rare public appearances.

Doctors say the 65-year-old president is making a full recovery

and should be able to maintain a normal work schedule.

Yeltsin also spoke with British Prime Minister John Major, agreeing that Major should visit Moscow. No date was set.

Yeltsin, anxious to return to the world stage, also has invited German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and French President Jacques Chirac to visit early next year and plans a summit with President Clinton in March, probably in Washington.

Yeltsin returned to work as Russians prepare to celebrate New Year's, one of the nation's most festive holidays. The coming year, he said, pausing at the steps of the Kremlin, "will certainly be better than the past year."

Notably, Yeltsin seemed more alert and his breathing less labored than before quintuple bypass surgery on Nov. 5.

One of his first moves Monday was to meet with chief of staff Anatoly Chubais and other aides.

He told them he was satisfied with their performance during

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EDITORIAL

Yes Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Nearly a century ago, young Virginia O'Hanlon sent the editor of The New York Sun a question that still perplexes parents: "Is there a Santa Claus?" Her letter was turned over to Francis P. Church, and his eloquent reply was published that Christmas of 1897. The Times-News is pleased to reprint its wisdom on yet another Christmas Eve.

We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

"Dear editor:

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says "If you see it in The Sun, it's so!"

Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?
Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They do not think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect - an ant - in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming there, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart.

Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance can push aside the curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, may, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

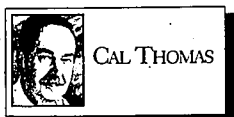


Let's take Christ out of Christmas-time

A survey by the George Barna Research Group for Lutheran Hour Ministries found that fewer than half of Americans who identify themselves as Christians say the most important part of Christmas is the birth of Jesus. It shouldn't be surprising. Christmas and Jesus have less and less to do with each other every passing year.

Growing up, I recall occasional campaigns to "put Christ back in Christmas." Seeing how He has been eclipsed by a holiday that is pagan in origin, and increasingly in practice, it may be time to separate Christ from Christmas altogether and for those who follow Him to take back what never belonged to the pagans in the first place.

A new book, "The Battle for Christmas," by Stephen Nissenbaum, reminds us that Christmas is a product of Victorian romance, not Christian history. Until the 19th century, says Nissenbaum, Christmas observances were about mid-winter worship of Saturn and Bacchus, not the baby Jesus. As Frances Stead Sellers writes in The New York Times, the church in the 4th century made "a pact with the pagans" when it settled on Dec. 25 to observe the Nativity, a date



CAL THOMAS

that has no timely relationship to the event.

"In return for insuring massive observance of the anniversary of the Saviour's birth by assigning it to this resonant date," writes Sellers, "the church for its part tacitly agreed to allow the holiday to be celebrated more or less the way it always had been." Make a bargain with the devil and the devil eventually wins.

The merchants of menace were quick to follow, locking us into a system that dictates we buy material things for our children, and each other, to demonstrate our love, or assuage our guilt for failing to give non-material things, such as time and attention, the rest of the year. And so, as a pastor friend says, we glory in the ritual rather than in the Redeemer.

How to break free? This Christmas my wife and I decided to just say "no" to Christmas. Instead of buying mounds of stuff this year, the children, their spouses and the grandchildren left town with us

and went to a hotel in the Virginia mountains, just to be together for three days.

Even before we left, the impact of the decision not to buy into the Christmas culture was being felt. Four of our grandchildren decided on their own to pool money earned from doing small jobs around the house and with it buy a poor child some small gifts. They got his name from a church "angel tree."

What present could I or her parents receive that would be more meaningful than the gift of a child putting someone else first? It will surely be remembered far longer than a pair of socks or commercialized toy.

There is freedom in not buying into the Christmas culture.

We're trying to break free of it, not forsaking all gifts but cutting back. We're concentrating on giving ourselves to each other, and individually to the One who gave all the help, so we could be fully human by being fully His.

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LETTERS

911 call: What really happened

I am writing in response to your article on the fire in Buhl on Dec. 18. I am the dispatcher that took the call from Mr. Eggleston, and I would like to tell everyone what really happened.

The 911 phone did not ring seven times in the dispatch office; it rang twice. Mr. Eggleston did not tell me that "babies were dying." In fact, he provided me with no information at all. I asked him repeatedly to find out what was going on and he proceeded to hang up on me instead.

The original call was dispatched in less than one minute, which is a far cry from "I won't send nobody until I know what the problem is."

On an unknown problem call, a police officer is always dispatched first. We were not notified this was a house fire until someone ran to the Buhl Police Department to report it. The fire trucks were then dispatched immediately. Remember, Mr. Eggleston, all of our phone calls are recorded and this information can be and has been verified.

All calls for assistance are handled efficiently and professionally by our dispatch center.

Our response is the same for any call for help, whether children are involved or not. We are here to help everyone on an equal basis.

More food for thought for those persons who continually write to bash the 911 center.

Three of the dispatchers working that day spent the afternoon in tears and didn't get much sleep that night. We are affected by these incidents al-

most as much as the people who respond to them. So how do you think it makes us feel when we read these articles in the paper, especially when they are full of bald-faced lies? Think about it!

LORI HELBERT
Wendell

Info on enhancement funds

The letter in the Dec. 20 Times-News about the proposed rest area and interpretive center at the Malad George State Park was informative and raised some interesting questions.

I would like to elaborate on Enhancement Funds. Enhancement Funds are allocated through the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act. ISTEA funds are federal gas tax dollars, of which Congress mandates that a minimum of 10 percent go to enhancement projects, i.e., bike paths, bike trails, landscaping, interpretive sources, etc.

Congress must reauthorize ISTEA, including the clause that provides for enhancement monies in the upcoming session in order for the Malad project to begin.

Should the federal government mandate how the states spend the federal gas tax monies that they receive? Sen. Kempthorne did us a great service by leading the fight to eliminate unfunded mandates. It would benefit Idaho if funded mandates such as this were eliminated as well.

Your opinion counts. Write to Sens. Kempthorne and Craig.
EMMA JEAN OSBORNE
Hagerman

Giving puts us in the Christmas spirit

It is the question many of us ask this time of year, the one that so perfectly sums up all the wonder and meaning of the holiday season:

Brother, can you spare a dime?
Last week I paused in the mall, whipped out my calculator and confirmed my worst fears. That Christmas budget I had crafted so lovingly?

Busted like an egg in an earthquake. Faced with this sobering news, I did the only thing I could. Continued shopping.

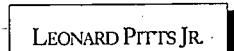
As I did, an original Christmas carol formed in my head, to the tune of "I'll Be Home for Christmas." It goes:

I'll be broke for Christmas
Poor as poor can be
Spent a load on Christmas toys
Paid too much for the tree
Christmas Eve will find me
Busted, tapped out, flat

To get home for Christmas
I'll have to pass the hat
I can't pretend to understand the fiscal insanity that strikes every year at this time. I can only say it feels like a fever dream. You're handing out greenbacks like Monopoly money, smoke is rising from your credit cards, and somewhere in the basement of your brain, an alarm is going off. But it's a warning dimly heard over the lovely "ka-CHING" of the cash registers.

Me, I've given up trying to escape the fever. My new attitude is: Brace yourself, pal, this is going to hurt. Go on and spend the money.

What the heck? Only once will the kids



LEONARD PITTS JR.

be this age, only for a brief period in life will they spend Christmas mornings gathered around the tree waiting to see what miracles the previous eve has wrought. I'm not saying to raid the college fund, mind you, but if you can swing it... spend it.

I know many people would say that's anathema to the spirit of Christmas. They would say commercialism, the emphasis on filthy lucre, has subverted the spirit of Christianity's holy day.

With respect, I disagree. Money is neither good nor bad, but neutral. Money is only a medium. The spirit of the day is giving. Indeed, what came to Christians that day if not a gift?

And here's a secret I've learned: Giving feels good. Giving more than you thought you could feels great. Giving without regard to self is an unsurpassable high. And it doesn't much matter whether the gift is the time you had set aside for selfish pursuits, the laughter you forgot you even had, the goodly things money can buy, or all of the above.

The other day, I picked up gifts for a child whose name I plucked from a Salvation Army "angel tree." It felt so good that I impulsively chose another child and bought something for him.

I can only imagine what their faces will look like on Christmas morning. But my own kids, thankfully, I will see. Their

smiles will be eager, their eyes luminous. There will be squeals of delight and laughs of surprise. And then they will rush out to a street filled with excited children trying out new things. Oh, it's going to hurt some when the bills come. But that's OK. The hurt is short-lived. The good feeling lasts.

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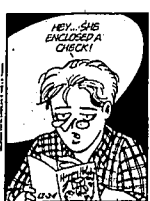
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By Garry Trudeau

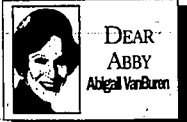
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By Bruce Tinsley

Patients receive cards with proper addresses

DEAR ABBY: I am an 82-year-old volunteer at one of our finest hospitals. Over a period of 45 years, I have accumulated 16,300 hours of service. I am enclosing a letter I clipped from a column you wrote in 1979. Please run it again. It would be extremely helpful to all who volunteer their services in hospitals and nursing homes.



DEAR ABBY
Albigal VanDuren

Thanking you in advance, I am
—MRS. EDNA S. GREENBERG,
TYLER, TEXAS
DEAR MRS. GREENBERG: Congratulations for the number of hours you have served as a hospital volunteer. And thank you for the item you saved from my column. I agree, it's worth a rerun, and here it is:
DEAR ABBY: Do you want to do the hospital volunteers a big favor? Please tell your relatives that mail addressed to "Buzz" Jackson, "Skip" Jones or "Tootsie" Brown will probably not be delivered to patients in a hospital.
Names are not recorded on hospital records. The patients are registered under their legal names (first, middle and last). We

ago you reprinted a letter from "Open for Suggestions" about a woman who was concerned about her daughter's classmate who came to school dirty. You advised that she contact the teacher, who would then contact the proper authorities.

I know your heart was in the right place; but really Abby, does not talk to the boy's mother. It is contacting the authorities? I have been a foster parent and know how frightening the authorities can be to a child and a family.
"Open to Suggestions" wanted to talk to the boy's mother. I think she was on the right track. She should have gotten to know the woman as a friend and then made suggestions about the boy's appearance. His parents may have only needed some friendly educating. And of course, if on her first visit it was obvious that the child was neglected, after that she could have spoken to the teacher.

I grew up in a home that was filthy. I often wore the same clothes for days. We rarely washed the sheets, and I had no idea people ever washed floors or

windows. But my parents fed and sheltered me. They helped me with schoolwork, marveled at my creations, held me when I cried, remembered my birthday, read me bedtime stories and so much more. The things I learned from them are more valuable than clean clothes. (Later, I learned housekeeping from my mother-in-law.)

These days people don't take the time to know others. If our neighbors are noisy, we call the police. If nearby residents don't mow their lawns, we call city authorities. If a co-worker crosses us, we complain to the boss.

I vote for talking out our differences and calling in help as a last resort. I learned this from my dear parents, who both held master's degrees in the sciences from leading universities — and from you, Dear Abby.

—A FAITHFUL FAN
CONFIDENTIAL TO THOSE WHO READ ME FAITHFULLY, OCCASIONALLY OR RARELY: Have a merry Christmas. If you're drinking, please don't drive. And if you're driving, please don't drink.

Dinner hour is different than baby boomer era

Providence Journal-Bulletin

JAMESTOWN, R.I. — The family dinner hour, such as it is, begins in the Hopkins household this evening at a quarter past five. Carol Hopkins is dining with her son, one of his two daughters, and a niece she's babysitting. Her daughter's friend is staying for dinner, too. A self-employed real-estate agent, Carol has a flexible schedule, mercifully, and this afternoon she baked pumpkin bread and prepared the ingredients for hamburger tacos. The table is a flurry of activity as the older children make their tacos and Carol helps her son, Nathaniel, 4, with his.

"Do you have homework?" Carol asks Rachel, her 12-year-old daughter.

"Only math," Rachel says. Carol advises her to get started as soon as her friend leaves. Carol's husband, Glenn, due home from work shortly, will supervise. Carol will be gone — for a business appointment at 6, and a meeting of her community theater group at 7. That's when Megan, 15, her older daughter, is expected back from high school basketball practice. At least Carol doesn't have to worry about Megan's transportation.

Her ex-husband, Megan's father, is driving.

It's 5:30 p.m. now. The meal is over. The children disperse. Carol clears the table and sets a place for one. She has her eye on the clock. If Glenn isn't here momentarily, the system will begin to break down.

It wasn't like this when Megan was growing up, in the late '60s and '70s. Like millions of others in America, her family ate together most weeknights, and dinner generally lasted a full hour. "There was a rule in my house," it was for you, you had to do the dishes. We told all our friends not to call between 6 and 7."

And then there was Sunday, when the rituals were formal. "You went to church, came home and hung out, had dinner — usually a roast or something like that. My mother would take out the silver and china." A Sunday ritual today is Carol's husband returning the girls from their weekend visit, and Carol and Glenn coordinating their calendars for the week ahead.

Footsteps are heard in the front hall. Glenn is home, minutes to spare.

He kisses his wife in passing, and sits down, alone, to make tacos.

College students home for holidays clash with parents

The Orlando Sentinel

Like most college freshmen, David Jones Jr. was excited to explore all that college life had to offer when he left his Orlando, Fla., home in August for Florida A&M University.

Academics. Socializing. Bloodshot eyes.
And, like his peers, the 18-year-old was looking forward to tasting sweet independence, whether it was making his own decisions or leaving his bed unmade, topped with a crazy quilt of pizza boxes.

So on his first visit home in November, he was shocked that he wasn't welcomed home as a Big Man on Campus, but as Junior.

"They pretty much were Mom and Dad," he said. "I thought there was going to be a big difference, but I had to wake up and wash the car in the morning, and I still had my chores to do. Every year during the holidays, thousands of strangers invade American homes. They're called college freshmen. Hungry for

Tips for parents

- Back off a bit and keep a sense of humor. If parents are strict, they may eventually obtain an insider's glimpse of their child's new world at college. Don't be alarmed if your child comes home exhausted from the stress of taking final examinations.
- Be prepared to discuss money issues openly. Try to find a time when the student is open to discussion and help him or her understand the necessity of budgeting. Because money is tight for most parents of college students, finances may become a dominant theme. The high cost of college, coupled with a student's lack of budgeting skills, may spur tension over the topic. Discuss with the student his budget and where he may be spending too much.
- Hold straightforward discussions about how students will spend their time while home. Students can feel pulled between spending time with their friends or their families.

—Source: Karen Levin Cokum, associate dean of student affairs at Washington University in St. Louis

home-cooking and anxious to test-drive their new-found freedom, they often collide with a roadblock of old rules. Clashes over old roles and par-

ents' preconceived notions about how the family will spend the holidays can put a damper on the celebration. But a family discussion before the visit can defuse potentially explosive situations.

"Dialogue between parents and students preparing for the first time at home is more important to all concerned than the actual highs and lows in living together through the holidays," said

Charles Robert Heyduk, assistant dean at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania. "Even when things go wrong, the recognition that all involved are trying to make

things work out well can help folks avoid setbacks and detours in the progress of building adult relationships."

Christmas, as now known, is not similar to the historic celebration

The Hartford Courant

The next time you feel that "we in the Consumer Age have lost the true meaning of Christmas, consider that Harriet Beecher Stowe in 1850 was worried about what to buy people who already had everything they could possibly need.

"It is commonplace, nowadays, to hark back to a time when Christmas was simpler, more authentic, and less commercial than it has become." Stephen Nissenbaum writes in his eye-opening new book, "The Battle for Christmas" (Knopf, \$30).

Guess, what, holiday shoppers? Christmas and commercialism, like milk and cookies, have always gone together.

Nissenbaum's myth-shattering book traces the history of Christmas as it has been celebrated — or not celebrated — in the United States since Puritan days. The New England Puritans refused to celebrate Christmas. Why? They had a perfectly good reason, writes Nissenbaum, a professor of history at the University of Massachusetts. Amherst: "There is no biblical or historical reason to place the birth of Jesus on Dec. 25."

But that's not the only reason the Puritans wanted to suppress the holiday. Christmas as celebrated in the 1600s and 1700s was a rowdy, carnival-like time, with public displays of excessive eating and drinking, "aggressive begging" by the poor and "even the invasion of wealthy homes" during that era. The dark days of December offered leisure time after the harvest and plenty of fresh food to eat. "It was a time to gorge and let loose," Nissenbaum says during a recent telephone interview from New York, where he was promoting his book.

Christmas was never solely a religious holiday, according to Nissenbaum. In fact the church has little luck transforming "Christmas from a season of misrule into an occasion of quieter pleasure," he writes.
But where the church failed, Santa Claus succeeded.

Fast forward to the early 19th century in New York City. Groups of servants, boys and other rowdy types are still using Christmas as an occasion to drunkenly whoop it up in the streets, leading to gang violence and even riots. "By 1820 Christmas misrule had become such an acute social threat that respectable New Yorkers could no longer ignore it or take it lightly," Nissenbaum writes.

So a group of wealthy New Yorkers, Washington Irving among them, took it upon themselves to "invent" the tradition of a domestic Christmas, using as a model a minor 17th century Dutch ritual in which St. Nicholas appeared on Dec. 6 and left presents for good children and punishments for bad.

According to Nissenbaum, this ritual never crossed the ocean. The New Yorkers reinvented Christmas as we now know it "not from whole cloth but from little shards," he says.

Enter Clement Clarke Moore, country gentleman. This genial professor of Hebrew and well-to-do New Yorker in 1822 penned his famous poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas." ("Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house, Not a creature

was stirring, not even a mouse.") Unlike the Dutch St. Nicholas, who left punishments for bad children, Moore's Santa was a jolly, benevolent fellow. He wasn't threatening to the upper classes, who were still wary of beggars demanding their share at Christmas.

Over the next few years, thanks to Moore's poem, a new kind of Christmas emerged: a domestic, child-centered holiday that from the beginning was a merchant's dream. "Making Christmas an indoor family affair meant enmeshing it in the commercial marketplace," Nissenbaum writes.

By 1850, Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote a short story about Christmas, which Nissenbaum cites as an example of early anxiety about commercialization of the still relatively new domestic holiday.

One character laments: "Oh, dear! Christmas is coming in a fortnight, and I have got to think me, it's so tedious everybody got everything that can be thought of."

PET OF THE WEEK

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Jenny Ricker of Beverly Hills, Calif., left, walks with her trademark Bloomingdale's Medium Brown Bags at the perfume counter at the store's new Century City Shopping Center location Saturday in Los Angeles.

Bloomingdale's lands in the Golden State

LOS ANGELES (AP) — They've finally arrived — the Big Brown Bag, the Medium Brown Bag and the Little Brown Bag. Bloomingdale's, symbol of all that is Manhattan and chic, has crashed down on California this winter with four vast stores and a blitzkrieg of publicity that left even expert shoppers dizzy.

Like lemmings, the locals flocked to the Century City Shopping Center and three other Bloomingdale's-boasting malls this November and December, eager to acquire one of the trademark drab bags and enough familiarity with the store to call it by the chummy "Bloomie's" moniker.

Now they are shaking the ad visions from their heads — and revving for battle. It's not every day that a retail giant shows its way into the local malls, declaring war on the shopping establishment.

Dedicated shoppers — and they boast strength in great numbers — are taking sides.

"I won't go to Nordstrom at all anymore," said Susan Zolla, 50, emerging from the Westside Bloomingdale's with her arms weighed down by bulging Big Brown Bags. "They've got everything I need here."

Such a comment is tantamount to revolution in a region where gold-plated "I'd rather be shopping at Nordstrom" license plate frames grace some of the sleekest sedans in town.

"We love (Bloomingdale's)," enthused Zolla's 18-year-old daughter, Anne, adding the high praise of "We think the salespeople look like New Yorkers."

Moments later, Roberta Manning, a 50-year-old fine arts dealer, pushed past the store's big glass doors and emerged into the sunshiny outdoors in a grumpy mood.

"I hate it," she declared, complaining of shoddy service and inept sales people. "I was just thinking what can I do that I don't have to go back in this store again."

"You are meeting a major non-fan in me."

And so it goes at the store that managed to raise Californians' expectations to a fever pitch in the months before its first grand opening — and then, inevitably, watched some of those high hopes come clattering down.

The first notice of this Manhattan invasion came way back in the summer of 1995, when Federated Department Stores Inc. announced it was buying the Broadway, a California department store chain. The company said most would be replaced with its Macy's stores but a chosen few would become the first Bloomingdales on the West Coast.

The frenzy began. Who would snag a Bloomie's?

In Orange County — land of gated suburban developments and glittered shopping centers — Newport Beach's Fashion Island and Costa Mesa's South Coast Plaza battled it out for nearly two years. When the prize went to Fashion Island, the Los Angeles Times called it a "bitter defeat" for South Coast executives.

In all, Bloomingdale's selected four initial stores — three in the Los Angeles area and one in Northern California, just south of San Francisco.

The Century City store in West Los Angeles opened on Nov. 7. Not to the public but, this being Tinseltown after all, to celebrities and other notables in a party dubbed "The Ultimate Premiere." Guests like director Penny Marshall, comedian Billy Crystal and retired basketball

star Magic Johnson enjoyed their dinners on tables and seat cushions covered in crushed velvet, and carried home gifts of black patent Bloomie's tote bags stuffed with goodies.

The crowds arrived two days later.

"It was like people had never been to a department store before," marveled Saima Awan, 26, recalling how her fellow shoppers oohed and aahed over every item.

The other three stores opened over the course of the month. Each time, it was the same scene: stores packed so tightly the eye could hardly discern where the merchandise left off and the customers began.

"The response has been beyond our greatest expectations," said Michael Gould, Bloomingdale's chairman and chief executive officer.

He attributed the early success to Bloomie's having "more buzz, more pizzazz than any other store" in the area.

The other stores would beg to differ.

Jodie Corley, director of corporate relations for Neiman Marcus, said the exclusive, Dallas-based chain is not threatened. "We serve and attract a bit customer," Corley said.

At Seattle-based Nordstrom, spokeswoman Brooke White said competition is "good for the customer and us as well."

But if the established chains sound disarmingly unconcerned, the evidence points otherwise. On Dec. 6, Saks Fifth Avenue announced that it is nearly doubling its presence in Southern California over the next two years. Only a few years ago, Saks was closing stores in the same region.

Moore filed a motion to suppress evidence obtained by the officers and charged the citizen's arrest was invalid. The district court granted his motion, but the state appealed.

The appellate court countered the citizen's arrest was proper because it dealt with a misdemeanor committed in the presence of the arresting citizen.

It also held the officers did not have to establish a basis to rearrest Moore because the citizen essentially hands the suspect over to authorities without the initial arrest dissolving.

Program aims kids to college

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Only one in four high school students in northern Idaho goes to college, but a special program here is raising the total.

Eight of 10 Educational Talent Search participants enroll in college, even though participating students would normally be among the least likely to continue their education.

They have parents who did not graduate from college, have low incomes or both.

Talent Search is a federal program that provides tutoring, financial advice, college tours and plain old encouragement to kids in 6th through 12th grades.

"Even though I know what I want to do, I need help doing it," said Andrea Deaver, a junior at Post Falls High School.

"I want to be a marine scientist. I want to go to school far, far away. I'm thinking about the University of Fairbanks. And there's a school in Maine, and one in Scotland..."

Talent Search counselor Eric Edmonds convinced Deaver that she should study chemistry this year to help meet her goal.

When he was hired in 1995, Edmonds was skeptical that dispensing advice would accomplish much.

He changed his mind at the end of the school year, when 18 of his 22 seniors enrolled in college.

"This isn't giving kids money, giving kids jobs," he said. "This is giving kids the skills to get their own money and jobs."

Talent Search counselors offer tutoring, teach study skills, organize field trips to college campuses and help students choose a college or vocational program, fill out forms, find scholarships and prepare for college entrance exams.

Talent Search has its roots in President Johnson's Great Society. It's one of several 30-year-old programs, collectively known as TRIO, that promote higher education.

IDAHO IN BRIEF

High-speed repairs slow opening of lift

SANDPOINT — Schweitzer Mountain Resort is retrofitting its high-speed chairlift during this busy week, but it has not kept the skiers away.

The ski hill hoped to have the high-speed quad — which hauls four skiers per chair — rebuilt and running for the busiest week of the season. But it may not be open until the day after Christmas.

"Everyone is champing at the bit to start the lift again. We would love to have it running today, but we also want it right," said Bob Hamilton, market director, last week.

The lift whisks 2,400 skiers to the mountain top each hour. It was shut down in February after the manufacturer said there were flaws in some of the metal parts.

Union Pacific completes track removal

SANDPOINT — Union Pacific has finally completed a downtown track relocation project that was in the works for 16 years and cost about \$3.5 million.

"This is a great Christmas present for the city of Sandpoint," Mayor David Sawyer said. "Those trains rumbling through the middle of the city were a disaster waiting to happen."

At least, the trains that slowly rumbled through town caused traffic jams, accidents and delays for emergency vehicles. The 3.5 miles of track that carried six trains a day cut across some of the city's busiest intersections.

Union Pacific abandoned the track last week after it completed a deal to use a Burlington Northern route on the north end of town. The more eliminates 18 railroad crossings in the city, many of which were not even marked with stop signs.

Imports taking over meth supply from locals

IDAHO FALLS — Mass-produced methamphetamine from Mexico has dominated the local market for the last six months, undercutting the price for Idaho-made crack, police say.

The result is less local manufacturing and more out-of-state imports. It is a matter of getting the most meth for the mooney, said Bonneville County Sheriff's Sgt. Paul Wilde.

The aggressive importation is causing a high arrest rate and fewer dramatic lab busts.

Mexican crime rings can make it in volume, shipping it along the same drug routes that used to carry cocaine, said Mark Broadhead, a psychiatrist at State Hospital South who treats drug addicts.

Fund-raising goal reached for transplant

IDAHO FALLS — The Holly for Christmas fund drive is at \$120,000 and still counting.

More than enough money has been raised to pay for a pancreas transplant that has a better-than-even chance of saving Holly Shaw's life.

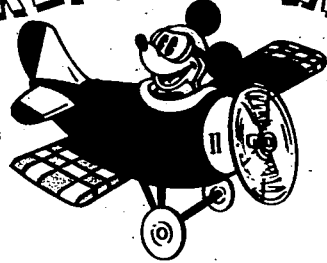
When local radio personality Lance Richardson told Shaw on Saturday that the fund-raising goal had been reached, "there was whooping and hollering in the background. She was crying and so were her parents."

For Shaw, it's the best Christmas ever.

"It would be pretty hard to match," she said. "We've witnessed a miracle as far as I'm concerned."

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Appellate court reverses theft case

BOISE (AP) — The citizen's arrest of a man taking merchandise from the Waretam leading dock in Nampa was valid, says the Idaho Court of Appeals, which remanded the case to a lower court.

A neighbor of the grocery store saw a man placing items in his truck and moving them to nearby rental storage units. Store manager Blaine Maxwell and three other Waretam employees arrived on the scene.

They saw metal curbs and plastic storage boxes in Toby Moore's

pickup and accused him of theft.

Maxwell grabbed Moore's arm and told him he was under citizen's arrest. Moore asked to lock his truck, but employee Steve Hilkey spotted a gun inside. Maxwell shoved Moore up against the pickup and held him down until police arrived.

One officer patted Moore down and found a green, leafy substance. Inside his wallet was methamphetamine.

He was charged with possession of methamphetamine and four counts of aggravated assault.

points along the way. And a few policemen were seen checking Dumpsters in town.

Barsalou said interviews with the relatives could take several days.

On Oct. 11, Challis residents about 60 miles south marked the three-year anniversary of the disappearance of 9-year-old Stephanie Crane. She vanished after leaving the Challis bowling alley; 200 searchers covered 7,000 square miles of Custer and Lemhi counties.

Young child missing in Salmon area

SALMON (AP) — An 18-month-old girl is missing and the case is being treated as a possible homicide, Lemhi County Sheriff Brett Barsalou said Monday.

Search parties are concentrating on any unweakened areas such as the Shoup Bridge area of the Salmon River, about five miles south of town.

The girl's family was visiting relatives over the holidays and are not Lemhi County residents. A report was called in at about

1:30 p.m. Sunday, that the toddler was missing from a Salmon home.

Barsalou had radio station KSKA carry a message, asking residents to look around their homes. The effort was resumed at daybreak.

The search parties include local police, fire department volunteers, state and federal officers and search dogs. Drift boats were used to check a six-mile stretch of the icy river. Other people went to river access

AROUND THE VALLEY

No one hurt in Hansen afternoon chimney fire

HANSEN - No one was injured in a house fire that started in the afternoon, according to a Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center dispatcher. Firefighters responded to an emergency call to extinguish a fire at 603 Calico St., Hansen, at 3:27 p.m., the dispatcher said. By 7 p.m. Monday, firefighters were putting out the smoldering remains of the fire. Additional information on damage or cause of the fire was unavailable at *The Times-News*' press time Monday evening.

Idaho gas prices are down from Thanksgiving levels

BOISE - Idaho holiday motorists may have a little more change in their pockets due to drops in gasoline prices, but they will pay more than last Christmas. The American Automobile Association in Idaho said its fuel survey found the average price for a gallon of self-serve unleaded gasoline is down a penny from Thanksgiving to \$1.92, but the national average price of \$1.28 and Idaho's average are 17 cents higher than their respective marks from a year ago. "Seasonally low demand usually results in lower pump prices this time of year," said Idaho AAA spokesman Dave Carlson. "But this year's unusual market conditions are putting a new look on gasoline prices here and elsewhere in the country."

Idaho gas prices rose last spring to a record \$1.48 and failed to shift to normal lower seasonal levels. The AAA officials said tight fuel supplies may lead to another spike in pump prices like last spring. Here are the prices of neighboring states for a gallon of self-serve unleaded gasoline: California, \$1.25; Colorado, \$1.25; Montana, \$1.43; Nevada, \$1.38; Utah, \$1.28; Washington, \$1.35; Wyoming, \$1.27.

Additional charges filed against 3 Magic Valley men

BOISE - Three more Magic Valley men face charges in connection with a \$1.6 million drug bust earlier this month, bringing to five the number of men charged in connection with the case. The three additional suspects are from Twin Falls and Jerome, he said. The five suspects face a variety of drug distribution charges, and firearms charges. No trial date has been set, Stiles said, but a trial is likely to be held in February.

Adrian Rebolledo-Rebolledo and Heriberto Mendoza-Torres, both 30 and from Twin Falls, were arrested Dec. 3. Authorities say Mendoza-Torres and Adrian Rebolledo-Rebolledo delivered about 12 packages of methamphetamine to a Los Angeles federal agent. A subsequent search of two Twin Falls homes yielded additional methamphetamine, marijuana and firearms, agents said.

Garcia-Nuno was released on \$10,000 bond; the remaining suspects are being held without bail. Just in time for Christmas, lottery jackpot climbs

Just in time for Christmas, lottery jackpot climbs

TWIN FALLS - A lucky lottery player could walk off with more than just a stocking full of money Christmas night, by hitting Wednesday's Powerball lottery. The jackpot is expected to hit \$45 million for the Christmas night drawing, and state lottery officials are expecting brisk sales. A \$45 million jackpot, spread over 20 years of payments, would earn a single winner \$2.6 million a year, after taxes. That translates to \$4,438 a day.

On the other hand, the odds of picking the five numbers and the Powerball number correctly are about 53 million-to-1.

Seats are available for CSI annual agribusiness tour

TWIN FALLS - There are still a few seats left on the bus for the annual College of Southern Idaho Farm Business Management Ag Tour.

It will be held Feb. 3-13 and this year will visit the Texas King Ranch. Other stops along the way will be the Utah Canyon Lands, Four Corners, Capitol Gaverns, Pecos Area, the Alamo and the San Antonio Livestock Show.

Cost of the trip is \$700 per person double occupancy. Anyone interested should call Calvin Payne or Bob Lowder at 733-9554, ext. 2415 or 2404 or 1-800-632-0774.

Most courthouse offices plan to close early today

TWIN FALLS - Most offices in the Twin Falls County Courthouse will close at 3 p.m. today. Court services, the clerk's office and the sheriff's office will stay open until 5 p.m.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Seeking refuge

Magic Valley Hispanics keep alive the Christmas festival of Las Posadas

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In Mexico, the story of Mary and Joseph seeking lodging in Bethlehem is remembered with candles, songs, prayers, pinatas, and a feast of good things in the nine-day Catholic festival of Las Posadas.

It draws together neighbors and families, children and their venerable elders, for lessons in virtue, humility, charity and unity.

In southern Idaho, the lights and laughter of Las Posadas carry extra significance.

"Spanish people identify with Joseph and Mary because they went to a foreign land... there's a connection," said Raquel Aranz, in whose home a group of Hispanics, their families and guests gathered for the first night of Las Posadas.

The festival ends at a parish hall tonight, after eight evening celebrations in eight Magic Valley homes.

Each evening preceding Christmas Eve, the group plays out the expectant couple's search for a place for Jesus to be born. A handful of people approaches the house, carrying staves of Mary and Joseph and singing pleas for entrance.

"The others, inside, answer with verses that shoo the couple away. In the end, they invite 'la Virgen pura' and her husband - and those who carry them - into the warm house, where festivities await.

As Mary's statue enters, the singing grows more exuberant - 12-year-old Diana Nevarez' favorite part of the evenings. But, she said, "I like everything about them."

'More familia'

In the Magic Valley, the scene of Las Posadas is played out at a single home each night.

In Mexico, there are more verses to the song. Participants sing at each house on the block every night. People inside sing excuses for refusing Mary and Joseph - and each night a different home is the "posada," or "inn," where celebrants finally gather, said Cynthia Simiano.

"In Mexico... everybody knows everybody... it's more familia," she said.

Simiano, who arrived six months ago from Urupung, Michoacan, was at Lilia Montes' home for day four of Las Posadas. She said her visit to the United States would end in time for her to celebrate the last few days of Las Posadas in Mexico.

In Mexico, the festival is even more joyful, Simiano said. The group carries candles, waves sparklers and sings all the way down the block - "we walk singing." Participants can count on having "fruit baskets" found in deep-fried apple, guava, prunes, cinnamon and nuts - and, for the old people, alcohol.

In Idaho, ponche is served if someone knows how to make it, Simiano said. Sampling her cup Thursday, she



Lilia Montes leads those gathered at her parish in praying the rosary, shown left.



Above right, Lilia Montes' table is piled with tamales, pork and hot spices - into bowls for her guests. Below, a jumping pinata in a tough target. The pinata represents Satan; the stick represents virtue; the blindfold represents faith; and the treats inside the pinata represent earthly pleasures that give fun to destroying Satan. Children and guests who don't accumulate fast enough when the pinata breaks receive Christmas goodies - bags of cookies, candies and fruit.

said the drink was good - but missing something. Hispanics in the United States "try to keep the tradition going" for second-generation Americans might not, for instance, have all the ingredients for Mexican holiday foods, Aranz said.

"We just have to make do," she said. Felipe Gomez - who played guitar for the candle group at Montes' house - was trying to free himself up to



play each night of Las Posadas - gave a different explanation for the festival's abbreviated form in Twin Falls. "Because this area is very cold, I stick to one house," he said. Please see LAS POSADAS, Page B3

Sculptor designs unique Santas

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

RUPERT - All she wanted for Christmas was one of those old world Santa Claus figures found in designer shops and draped in sweeping robes and hoods.

So, Michaela Rowe made one. Now she sells them out of her home, and her Santas have taken on character all their own.

Rowe, 48, lives in Rupert with her family. She is a mother of four and works as an office manager at a local grower's association. In her spare time she sculpts. She has made a fly-fishing Santa, a spud-fishing Santa, a Hitched Santa clad in fishing waders, and a bedtime Santa holding a teddy bear and chocolate chip cookie.

"It's kind of fun to see how many different ways you can do Santa Claus and connect with people's personalities and hobbies," Rowe said.

Rowe sculpts the faces, hands and feet of her figures out of polymer clay, a type of modeling clay that takes on a life-like look after she bakes it in her oven. Generally, the figures' bodies are made from recycled materials and fabrics. Rowe shops at second-hand stores to find worn clothes to dress up her figures. Used material gives her creations a more authentic look, she said. She finds other used items for props, such as a plastic McDonald's Happy Meal box she covered and turned into a miniature suitcase.

Rowe's craft has evolved beyond Santa and into the Dream Catcher gallery in Ketchum, where she has Native American figures on display. The gallery specializes in Native American artwork. Curator John Hartwich said the accu-



Michaela Rowe tells a story with each of her creations. Pictured from left to right are an angel, a fly-fishing Santa Claus and a cowboy who reads from clay and recycled materials.

racy and detail Rowe incorporates into her figures drew her attention.

"Primarily, we were interested in her dolls because of the amount of details she puts in them," Hartwich said. "The faces are true to character."

Details down to facial wrinkles are unique characteristics of Rowe's artwork, Hartwich said. One figure sits on a trunk and has a black finger ring in the trunk. Another figure depicts an aged Navajo man sitting on a rock, as if he is telling a story. Please see SANTA'S, Page B3

Teen charged in fatal accident

The Times-News

BURLEY - Having recovered from serious brain and internal injuries suffered in a September car accident, a Twin Falls teen-ager was charged Friday in the deaths of two friends who were in the car with him.

Thomas Rathbone, 18, faces two counts of vehicular manslaughter and one charge of grand theft, according to court documents. Though he is now an adult, the accident took place when he was 17, so Rathbone will be tried in juvenile court.

Rathbone is charged with being the driver of a 1992 Honda Accord that smashed into a guardrail on Highway 31, west of Burley.

The collision threw all three occupants out of the car. Month "Mark" Plunkhahn, 21, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Phonogene R. "Bobby" Sibounheuang, 21, died after he was transported to a hospital. Rathbone was hospitalized with

Water woes may douse development

By William Buck
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - In an effort to provide enough water to homes already standing, the City Council unanimously voted Monday to limit subdivision development on the southeast end of town.

The prohibition affects a one-square-mile area bounded by Eastland Drive, Adkins Avenue, Kimberly Road and Hawksins Road. It confines subdivision development to the current phase of approved plans.

Low water pressures in the area around Monday's action. Water supplies to the area might not meet Engineering

needs on hot summer days - when city water supplies are stretched thin.

Low flows are a problem in the southeast end, which lies at a relatively high elevation and is relatively far away from the city's gravity-fed sources of supply.

"My concern is further degrading the quality of water service for homes that are sitting there today," City Engineer Gary Young told the council.

Monday's decision also requires that all new subdivision plans, as well as new construction plans for existing subdivisions, be run through a computer model to gauge their potential effect on the

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DEATH NOTICES

Esther T. Boies

TWIN FALLS - Esther Teresa Boies, 91, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1995, at St. Bernard's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

Cathy Gotschall

TWIN FALLS - Cathy Gotschall, 72, of Twin Falls, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Falls Cemetery. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Deanne Dudley

BELLEVUE - Deanne Dudley, 69, of Bellevue, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Zara L. Walkerwood

RUPERT - Zara L. Walkerwood, 84, of Rupert, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1995, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

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

Roy Spurgeon

HEYBURN - Roy Edward Spurgeon, 87 of Heyburn, died Monday, Dec. 23, 1995, at his home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main in Burley, with the Rev. Keith Wise officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the funeral on Saturday at the funeral chapel.

SERVICES

Rommie S. Dye, of Kimberly, 11 a.m. today, White Mortuary's Kimberly Chapel.

Edith Gill, of Wendell and formerly of Burley, 11 a.m. today, Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 W. Main St., Burley. Viewing, 9:30 a.m. until time of the funeral at the funeral chapel.

Lloyd Everett (Woody) Woodhouse, of Boise and formerly of Jerome and Hazelton, memorial service, 1 p.m. Thursday, Jerome LDS Stake Center.

Marion O. Smith Langdon, of New Plymouth and formerly of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Saturday, First United Methodist Church, Payette. Burial, 1 p.m., Monday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls. A reception for family and friends will follow at the First Baptist Church, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the Shaffer-Jensen Memorial Chapel, Payette.

Robert Perry Minshew, of (Fitz) Henry Funeral Home Palm Reno, Nev., and formerly of Twin Falls, 2 p.m. Saturday, Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls, Calif.)

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Heidi Casdorff of Twin Falls.

Released Heidi Casdorff of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted Deanna Petersen of Burley, and Marilyn Schmel of Tacoma, Wash.

Released Heidi Casdorff of Twin Falls.

Donald Reynolds, Cleve Allen, Neil Anderson and Rose Poole, all of Burley; Hector Arreaga and Michael Woodland, both of Paul; Chris Uhl, Jean Gibson, Penny Damron and Joan Creamer, all of Rupert; and Sonja Parish of Kimberly.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted Wade Hansen of Rupert.

Released Darcy Nelson of Rupert.

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BURLEY



Brian Thompson of Park City, Utah, Charlene Field of Sacremento, and Kostas, Fire Carrier of Eagle, one brother, Darrell Peck of Burley, 19 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters and one brother.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 1995, at the Albion LDS Ward Chapel, with Bishop Alan Clark officiating. Burial will be at the Albion LDS Cemetery. Close personal family and friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2203 Oakley Ave., in Burley, and one hour before the funeral on Friday at the church in Albion.

A memorial rose garden in honor of Mary is being constructed by her children in the city of Albion and will be dedicated in the spring.

Memorials can be made to the memorial garden or to a charity of the donor's choice in care of Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St., in Burley.

R.L. Sanders

R. Sanders (R.L.) Sanders, 77-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1995, at the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

He was born Sept. 4, 1918, in Burley, the son of Shelden Sanders and Shirley Reed Sanders. He is survived by his wife, Betty, and three children: Robert, a son, and two daughters, all of whom he is survived by.

He was a member of the LDS Church and at the time of his death, was a member in the American Legion. He was a very kind and loving man, a good father and grandfather, and a very good friend to all who knew him.

Survivors include his parents, Brad and Shirley Sanders of Burley; five sons, Shelden, Carl, Bob, of Bellevue, Meadra (Stacy), of Burley, and Anthony, of Burley; and three daughters, Shirley, of Burley, and two daughters, of Burley. He is also survived by his wife, Betty, and three children: Robert, a son, and two daughters, all of whom he is survived by.

HAGERMAN



Cleo Lora Marsh, 91, a resident of Hagerman, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1995, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Cleo was born March 3, 1905, in Hagerman, the daughter of Charles and Frances Dutton. She was raised and educated in Hagerman. Cleo helped her family raise cattle on the Camas Prairie during the summer months.

Cleo married Ward Judson Marsh on March 21, 1925, in Gooding. They made their home in Buhl for 10 years before moving to Hagerman in 1938. Cleo was preceded in death by her husband, Ward, on Oct. 19, 1956. She then worked at the Motor Inn as a clerk for 20 years before retiring. After her retirement, Cleo loved gardening and enjoyed taking care of her home.

Cleo was a member of the Hagerman United Methodist Church, and was a 50-plus-year member of the Union Rebekah Lodge No. 45 of Hagerman, receiving the Declaration of Chivalry Pin from her lodge.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan, and her husband, Duane Knigge of Buhl; three grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren, and her husband, David Knigge, and his wife, Katia Knigge and children, Eric and Cecilia of Vancouver, Wash.; a nephew, Floyd Marsh of Hagerman; and a niece, Vermita Nelson of Whitehall, Mont.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 1995, at the Hagerman United Methodist Church. A private family burial will be held at the Hagerman Cemetery. Family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Demery's Coaling Chapel. The family suggests memorial

donations be made to the American Heart Association in Idaho, 270 S. Orchard, Suite B, Boise ID 83705.

KIMBERLY

Laura M. Hency

Laura M. Hency, 81, of Kimberly, passed away Sunday, Dec. 22, 1995, at the Twin Falls Care Center, surrounded by her loved ones.

Laura, known as Millie to her family and friends, moved to Kimberly with her husband, Charles E. (Ernie) Hency and children in 1943. Laura had resided there since except for a brief stay in Oregon with her son and family. Her last three years have been spent in the nursing home in Twin Falls.

She was a very devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She enjoyed cooking, crocheting, playing cards, and fishing. She was a member of the First Southern Baptist Church where she attended regularly, helping with Sunday School, Bible school, and visitation at the Mt. View Care Center. She and Ernie were married in Vinita, Okla., on May 22, 1934.

She is survived by her children, Charles T. Hency and wife, Sammy of Umatilla, Ore., and Naomi Price of Kimberly. She had six grandchildren, Shelley Sears of Crooked, Colo., Teri Greene of Boise, Tonya Griffin of South Fork, Colo., Lance Abell and Charles T. Hency Jr., of Boise, and Jeanette Johnson of Umatilla. She had eight great-grandchildren, Brandi Greene, Nichole Candelaria, Kayci Griffith, Tina Marie Abell, Tyrell Abell, Tim Abell, Michael Johnson, and Derek Johnson. She is also survived by a sister, Kharmin Mull of Palmira, Calif., and her brother, Frank Wier and wife, Ethel of Louviers, Colo. Millie was preceded in death by her husband; infant daughter, Charlette Jean; and several brothers and sisters.

Immediate burial will take place at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. No services will be held. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

HOLLISTER

C.J. "Charlie" Boss

C.J. "Charlie" Boss, 79, of the Hollister area, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1995, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Charlie was born Aug. 15, 1917, in Warren, Pa., to Charles A. and Kathryn Sherer Boss. He came to Idaho as a small child with his family settling near the Salmon Tract area south of Twin Falls.

Charlie attended schools in Hollister and Rogerson, graduating from high school in Hollister in 1935. He attended a radio trade school in Los Angeles and then returned to Idaho where he operated a store in Rupert for a couple of years before returning to the Salmon Tract where he farmed for the remainder of his life. Charlie married Tina Pastoor in Amsterdam, Idaho, on Sept. 10, 1939. She preceded him in death on Dec. 20, 1989.

Charlie was very active in the outdoors and was active in many community activities.

Survivors include three children, Charles E. (Marilyn) Boss of Hollister, Norma (Arnold) Elster of Twin Falls, and David (Dorothy) Boss of Hollister; one brother, L.C. Boss of Twin Falls; three grandchildren, and one great-grandson.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 1995, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls, with private family interment to follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral chapel. The family suggests memorial contributions to a charity of the donor's choice in memory of Charlie Boss.

ALBION



Mary Estlin Park Thompson, 97-year-old longtime Albion resident, died Saturday, Dec. 21, 1995, at the home of her daughter in Sandpoint, Id.

She was born Dec. 10, 1897, in Thompson, Idaho, the daughter of James Reynolds and Ellen Hannah Thayer. Her husband, Park, died in 1932. Her only child, her daughter, died in 1932. Her only grandchild, her son, died in 1932. She is survived by her daughter, Cecile, and her son, Park, both of Sandpoint, Id.

Survivors include six children, Cecile, Cliff of Boise, Pat, Gene of Burley, Jack, Thompson of Boise,

Buhl fire victim, baby boy, remains in critical condition

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - An infant boy rescued from a burning basement in Buhl where two children were killed Wednesday remained in critical but stable condition Monday at a Utah hospital.

Seven-month-old Gerald Carnell's condition hasn't changed since he was flown to the University of Utah's Burn Center in Salt Lake City for smoke inhalation while crying during the fire.

Funeral services for the deceased, Britney Marie Carnell, 1, and 2-year-old cousin Cambria Jordan Carnell were held Monday.

Firefighters have tentatively ruled the fire accidental, surmising that someone was playing with a cigarette lighter on top of a fold-up bed in the basement when the fire ignited, said Buhl Assistant Fire Chief Earl Tye. A lighter was found near the origin of the fire, he said.

US Bank has set up a LaDonna Seeley Family Trust for the fire victims. Donations may be made at any US Bank office nationwide. Donations are also accepted at the American Red Cross in Twin Falls.

Seeley is the grandmother of the dead and injured children. The American Red Cross offers the following fire-prevention tips: • Do not overload wall outlets with extension cords. • When you leave your home or go to bed, pull the plugs out of the outlets to the lights on the Christmas tree. • Be very careful with wood stoves and space heaters, and use equipment approved for indoor use. • Keep combustible materials, including furniture, drapes and carpeting at least three feet away from the heat source. • At all times keep an eye on heating equipment. • Never have children alone in

a room where a space heater is running. • When using a heater that uses kerosene or other fuels, refill it outside after it has completely cooled. • Dry clothes, mittens, gloves and scarves in a clothes dryer. Do not drape them over a space heater to dry.



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4 die in collision

CASCADE (AP) - Four people died from a collision on a highway covered with ice and snow drifts near Donnelly, the Idaho State Police report. Jack Martin, 49, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was southbound on Idaho 55 on Monday morning when a van driven by 29-year-old Tina Allen of Lake Fork slid sideways in the road and Martin's car hit it broadside. Martin died at the scene. Allen was taken to McColl Memorial Hospital and died there, a police dispatcher said. Virginia Martin, 46, was taken to the hospital with a broken collarbone.

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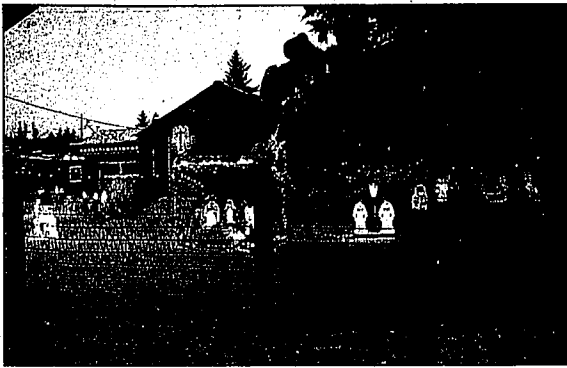
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LIGHTING THE CHRISTMAS PATH



The John Fletcher home on East 16th Street in Burley is one of many Mini-Casalia area homes brightly lit with Christmas decorations this year.

Teen-ager is ordered out of retirement community

YOUNGTOWN, Ariz. (AP) — It may take a village to raise a child, but the folks in this retirement community say they finished rearing their kids long ago, thank you.

That's why they enforced a rarely used ban on children and evicted a teen-ager who had moved in with his grandparents a year ago, allegedly to escape abuse at home.

Seventeen-year-old Chaz Cope has until Jan. 19 to get out.

"If you let one child in, then you have to let all of them in," said Gary Locke, owner of the 111th, Avenue Barber Shop. "We are a retirement community. That's what we're here for."

Youngtown was founded in 1958 as a retirement community by one Ben Schläfer, whose reason for naming the place Youngtown has been lost to time. An ordinance in the Phoenix suburb of 2,500 requires each household to have at least one resident 55 or older, and people 18 or younger can stay no longer than three months.

Chaz said he moved in with his grandparents to escape physical and mental abuse from his stepfather in Mesa, 35 miles away. His grandparents, Jerry and Lynn Rae Naab, refused to divulge the stepfather's name.

The Naabs voluntarily told city

officials about Chaz and asked for an exemption to let him stay until he turns 18. The couple were granted a series of 90-day permits, but each time officials urged them to find a home for the boy outside Youngtown.

On Thursday, the town council voted 6-0 to order the boy out. "I think we should have gotten Brownie points for being honest about me being in Youngtown," Chaz said. "What is the council teaching me? That it's better to lie and cheat."

Many Youngtown residents sympathize with Chaz and believe he should be allowed to stay. But others say at this stage in their lives they simply don't want children around.

"Next neighbors must come first," neighbor Kenneth Cason, who has complained about Chaz' early-morning basketball practice, told Mrs. Naab at a packed council meeting. "They're trying to tell you, 'I need my rest.'"

Youngtown, which boasts the nation's first American Association of Retired Persons chapter, has paid a price for its position.

Callers to Phoenix radio shows have vilified Youngtown residents as grumpy old folks. An editorial cartoon in *The Arizona Republic* with the caption "O little minds of

Youngtown" depicted a manger scene and three humpbacked senior citizens, one shaking a cane and shouting, "Get that bratty kid outta here!"

"I can imagine what people back East are saying: 'I don't want to live out there. They're 70 or grumpy,'" said Clifford Vely, who left Niagara Falls, N.Y., six years ago and now zips past the orange and grapefruit trees of Youngtown in a Harley-Davidson golf cart. "I think it's a wonderful town. People are nice."

Most everyone concedes Chaz has not been any trouble. He works part time at a Pizza Hut and rides his skateboard with friends outside of Youngtown. He's been so upset about the prospect of leaving his grandparents that he recently dropped out of school, his grandmother said.

"He's a likeable kid," said neighbor Billy Davis. "We've taken him along with our family on picnics. He's a real nice boy. I think this is a bum deal."

The Naabs face a \$100-a-day fine and 10 days in jail for each day Chaz stays past the deadline.

"If we have to rent an apartment somewhere, we'll do it," the boy's grandfather said. "If we have to move, we'll move. We're a family and we'll stick together. We're just trying to figure out a way to go."

Carol Dodge, Angie's mother. Mrs. Dodge wants to keep her daughter's murder on the community's mind until the killer is caught, but she does not know where to begin.

"What do you do? Where do we go?" she asked. "I can't think what to do."

Mrs. Dodge distributed 2,500 fliers around town, totaling the \$5,000 reward for tips that lead to the killer. But so far only about 40 tips have come to Crime Stoppers and none has led to anything.

Her frustration is aimed in particular at the Idaho Falls Police Department.

"It makes you wonder what they're doing, if they're doing anything," Mrs. Dodge said.

She said the police give her little information. She hired a private investigator three months ago, but police will not work with him.

"They're just not qualified," Mrs. Dodge said. "These people who are detectives are street cops that have been promoted."

Police say they sympathize with what the family is going through.

"It is your daughter that was dead, you'd think the same thing," Police Chief Kent Livesey said.

announced Oct. 31 he was switching political parties. It was viewed as an attempt to influence the selection of Mike McDowell, a Republican who served as Moore's deputy and plans to run for the job in 1998.

And while McDowell is happy to have Lee running the office for now, Democrats are not.

"The reason this action was filed was to uphold the law and protect the integrity of the Kootenai County Assessor's Office," state Democratic Chairman Bill Mauk said Monday.

"No one benefits from an unlawful appointment, and every future action now taken by the assessor's office, which is responsible for property tax assessments, is now in jeopardy."

Moore's change in party affiliation resulted in two lists of nominees: one from the Republicans and one from the Democrats. After interviewing all six nominees, the commissioners chose Lee from the Republican list. Mauk said Lee was not considered a regular Democratic member and not on their list.

Victim's mother upset with investigation

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Desperate for answers and angry at police, Angie Dodge's friends and family wonder why her killer has not been found.

Dodge, 48, was murdered six months ago in her apartment, and police are still searching for clues that might lead to the killer.

For Dodge's family, the first holiday season without her is difficult, as was her birthday. She would have turned 19 last Saturday. Her family placed an angel on her grave to mark the date.

"There's not a day that goes by that it doesn't eat you alive," said

No two of Rowe's figures are the same, with each weaving its own expression and telling its own story. She places them in a scene, such as a bag lady sitting on a park bench with a bird resting on her outstretched arm.

"I like to give the feeling that there is a story behind that person," Rowe said.

"Rowe doesn't think of herself as an entrepreneur, and never imagined she would be selling her own artwork. Locally, she has sold

her figures for between \$185 and \$600, depending on the piece.

She has created cowboys, angels and bag ladies and always is looking for a new face to sculpt. Her family gets involved in the creative process, picking out faces on television that she can sculpt into a character or giving her ideas of details she can include in the scene.

"I don't think I've had anything I've enjoyed doing as much as this," she said.

FOR THE RECORD

TWIN FALLS — Recent civil court activity in 5th District Court in Twin Falls County included:

Divorces

- Duanchal Tresner vs. Daryl Dean Tresner.
- John Root vs. Judy Root.
- Jose Chavez vs. Maria Elena Chavez.
- Lisa Kaye Flechsig vs. Ronald Alan Flechsig.
- Lauren Beverly Applewhite vs. Jason Kyle Applewhite.
- Kathy Ihler vs. Rick Ihler.
- John Cameron vs. Debra Cameron.
- Cami James vs. Chad James.
- Rosey Lynn Martin vs. Jeffrey Martin.
- Steven D. Ford vs. Charlotte M. Ford.
- L.D. Baker vs. M.A. Theresa Pancio.
- Shell D. Stewart vs. William D. Stewart.
- Kathern L. Owens vs. Donald D. Owens.

Other filings

- Petra Pryor and William Pryor vs. Dawn M. Fogelson. Seeking damages for past and future medical expenses; damages for Petra Pryor's personal injuries; loss of consortium for William Pryor; and attorney fees related to vehicle accident.
- Wayne Scoggins and Opal Scoggins vs. Shopko Stores, Inc., a foreign corporation. Demand jury trial. Seeking past and future medical expenses in amount to be proven at trial; damages for pain, suffering, disability, disfigurement, emotional and/or mental suffering in amount to be proven at trial; pre-judgment interest

upon plaintiff's medical costs and expenses; loss of society, comfort and conjugal relations in amount to be shown at trial; attorney fees and costs. Plaintiffs claim Opal Scoggins fell while she tried to avoid being struck by automatic doors.

• Idaho State Insurance Fund vs. Gary W. Love. Seeking \$3,354 judgment; costs of suit; and \$300 attorney fees. Plaintiff claims defendant received worker's compensation coverage by State Insurance Fund but never paid premiums.

• The State of Idaho; Charles L. Winder; Mike P. Mitchell; Leon E. Smith, Jr.; John McHugh; Monte C. McClure; Neil Miller; and John X. Conroy, Idaho Transportation Board vs. Douglas B. Hull and Nancy F. Hull; Gregory S. Hull; Robert W. Stephan and Mary Ann Stephan. Seeking rights to property to be condemned and obtain a temporary easement on another parcel for U.S. 93 highway project.

• Gordon Thomas, Inc., an Idaho corporation vs. Jim and Coralle Hansen and Conrad & Raschoff, Inc., an Idaho corporation. Seeking an order and money judgment completing affairs of partnership or an order appointing the plaintiff as designated partner for winding up affairs; damages from breach of contract; duty, breach of obligation of good faith and constructive fraud to be proven at trial but greater than \$10,000; attorney fees and costs related to gas station management and partnership.

• Ruby Colleen Lowe vs. Lawrence J. Goff. Seeking damages to be determined at trial; attorney fees and costs related to vehicle accident.

• Harmon J. Allen and Mary E. Seekin vs. John L. Allen. Seeking general damages in excess of \$10,000; special damages including costs of future medical, hospital, rehabilitative and prescription expenses in excess of \$10,000; property damages, lost wages and other damages in excess of \$10,000; for further injuries including pain, suffering and mental anguish in excess of \$10,000; damage to vehicle to be proven at trial; loss of consortium on behalf of Mary E. Allen; attorney fees and costs related to vehicle accident.

• Hyong K. Pak and Susan J. Pak vs. Marilyn Fialling-Freeman. Seeking damages not to exceed \$25,000, an amount to be proven at trial; financial damage, the amount to be proven at trial; general damages for severe emotional distress and mental suffering; attorney fees and costs related to sale of property.

• State of Idaho, Department of Labor vs. Kenny G. Sirucek. Seeking \$1,572 and any other relief court deems proper related to plaintiff's ineligible for unemployment insurance.

Child support cases

- State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Services vs. Jaime C. Lopez. Seeking \$231 monthly child support; \$1,110 reimbursement for child; \$8,119 reimbursement for past assistance received by mother; \$275 attorney fees and costs.
- State of Idaho, Bureau of Child Support Services vs. Billie D. Hoshaw. Seeking \$660 past child support; \$110 monthly support; provide proof of medical insurance for child; \$302 attorney fees and costs.

Suspect arrested in post office burglaries

By John Thompson
Times-Nova writer

MINIDOKA — A suspect has been arrested in connection with 17 post office burglaries in four western states, including a mid-November burglary in Minidoka.

Dennis G. Clark, 51, a transient and former Burley resident, was arrested Tuesday in Hood River, Ore., according to an affidavit filed by a postal inspector.

Clark later confessed to postal inspectors that he burglarized the Minidoka Post Office, taking 240 money orders and an imprinter, a machine used to print dollar amounts on money orders, according to an affidavit filed by inspector John Elms.

Clark said he also gave about 100 of the money orders to "a guy named Ray in Tacoma, Wash.," according to the affidavit. Clark also told postal inspectors that he gained \$10,000 to \$15,000 through the sale of money orders.

He is charged with possession of stolen money orders in Oregon. A preliminary hearing in federal court is scheduled for Thursday. Other charges are pending.

At the time of arrest, Clark was wanted in three other states, including Idaho, for burglary, kidnapping and a probation violation.

Elms classified Clark as a career criminal with a long arrest record in several Western states; during an interview with *The Times-Nova* Monday, three other children in custody in the burglaries were with Clark when he was arrested, Elms said.

The affidavit also states that the 17 post office burglaries had similarities. Elms explained that the similarities include targeting rural towns with no police force, entering buildings by breaking down doors, using the same tools to break into safes and using the same methods to defeat burglar alarms. He declined to discuss

specifics of some of the methods.

"They seem to target small, rural towns where there isn't a local police force so the response time is longer," Elms said. "And of course they defeated the alarm systems in a number of the buildings they broke into so the burglaries weren't discovered until the next day."

Most of the money orders taken in the Minidoka burglary and the imprinter were recovered inside Clark's motor home. Clark confessed to breaking into the post office and taking the money orders and printing machine, according to the affidavit. Several of the missing money orders were cashed in the Tacoma, Wash., area after this crime is longer," Elms said.

The affidavit further states that an investigation determined the same "people" are responsible for all 17 burglaries. As of Monday, Clark is the only suspect who had been arrested.

Las Posadas

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A night of posada

Several dozen people filled Montes' small home when it had its turn as the posada last week.

Each said "Buena noche" as they entered Montes' living room, where a baby friend and a tambourine, and Christmas lights and recorded carols enlivened a Nativity scene. Some bore pots of food, one girl carried a guitar.

After dividers to sing the verses of "Las Posadas," they gathered again in the living room. Montes led most of her guests in rousing songs, while the children hovered anxiously in the kitchen, where pots and plates of food waited.

The lessons of Las Posadas' fourth day were read in Spanish from the book of Isaiah, and in English from Luke.

The New Testament reading told of Mary's visit to Elizabeth. The Old Testament passage taught "that we should say 'yes' to God, like Mary did,"

explained Manuella Gonzalez, 11.

In Spanish, participants talked in soft voices about the passages' meanings. Several urged their friends to take Christ to others, as Mary did, and seek out people who need help, Gonzalez said.

An announcement of fifth-day festivities, "Nosotros estan invitados," was open to all.

The fifth-day festivities would be fun, Nevarez told the other children gathered in the kitchen. Her family's house would be the posada. And her family would serve holiday posole, a soup with corn, pork and chiles, the children reported.

Back in the living room, Gomez and another guitarist first led religious songs, proclaiming, "The Lord will come, then there will be no more Christmas songs and popular songs from Mexico."

The singers clapped and called out during some songs, and Gomez' shout, "Una mas?" brought them gladly back for

another song, despite the lure of food.

Later, while consuming his sixth posada, Gomez joked to friends that he was considering a new vocation, accountant, because he obviously was very good at counting tostadas.

At the end of Montes' 77, sat quietly in the kitchen, just waiting. The part of Las Posadas that held the most allure for her as a child — candles from the pinatas — is still her favorite part, she said, as Gonzalez translated.

Finally, children and adults poured back into the night, to line up for swings at the pinatas. The pinata, a symbol of Satan, is broken to release candies, the symbols of life's pleasures, Arenz said.

The pinata's significance is, perhaps, a reminder to participants that the stories that Joseph and Mary's Christmas Eve plight was not tragic, but ultimately auspicious.

"From every bad situation, something good comes out," Arenz said.

Santas

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Looking at the detail and accuracy, people find it astounding Rowe only has been making figures for two years, she said.

Doll-making is a new creative outlet to Rowe, who has practiced all painting and drawing.

She tried to carve her first Santa out of wood, but turned to clay after she inadvertently whittled off his nose. She has taken doll-making classes in Salt Lake City.

Development

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'Community Elves' prepare for Christmas

Group works to make dreams come true

PAUL - More than 200 LDS youth worked together as Santa's elves during the Paul LDS Stake's third annual Christmas service project.

Each member of the Youth Council had one project that they were in charge of and had prepared beforehand. They also did the follow-up and finishing of the projects following the gathering on Nov. 6.

The Youth Council consisted of Jared Harper, Andrew Morgan, Kevin Orton, Andrew Bell, Brian Jensen, Erica Jones, Cherish Maxfield, Colleen Harper, Emily Neibaur, Briny Hale and Amanda Terry. They were assisted by respective ward leaders and directed by Stake Young Women's President Linda Wheeler, her counselors, Linda Spaulding and Lisa Blacker, and Secretary Louis Hale; and Stake Young Men's President, Cloe Jones and his counselors, Steve Ashcraft and Paul Robertson.

The church gym was divided into 13 centers with 10 to 20 youth at each station.

Cradles were assembled and stained; wooden dolls and clothes were fashioned; bean bags, Christmas stockings and doll blankets were sewn; wooden wagons with colorful blocks and cars were sanded and painted; and stick horses were painted and assembled. Some of the youth even enjoyed playing with the toys as they worked.

All items were donated to Juanita Kerbs of the Mini-Cassia Christmas Council, which helped 400 families in the community last year and grows larger each year.



Above: Sharese Jones, Kylee Dayton and Andrea Barlow (left to right) put the finishing touches on a bean-bag toss frame during a Christmas service project held in November.

Right: Several boys and their leaders from the Paul LDS Stake Young Men's organization work on doll cradles that they built during a recent service project.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

Christmas story comes alive today

JEROME - A live re-enactment of the Christmas story will be presented from 7 to 9 p.m. today on the outdoor stage at the First Baptist Church, 308 First Ave. E.

Animals, costumed actors and realistic lighted staging make the drama a must on any list of sights and sounds to see around the Magic Valley. Viewing may be done from North Park or while driving past. Call 324-5338 for more information.

Singles holiday party scheduled

TWIN FALLS - A holiday party for singles is planned for 9 p.m. to midnight Friday at the Elks Lodge on Shoshone Street.

All single people ages 21 and above are invited. Donations will be taken at the door. The P & D Karaoke Sensations will provide the music. Dancing, eating, singing and drinking are featured for a fun evening.

For more information, call Rosemary at 732-2146 during the day or 734-4090 in the evening. The event is sponsored by Singles Inc.

Holiday dance planned for Friday

BURLEY - A single adults holiday dance will be held from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Friday at 16th and Almo.

Treats to eat and good music are featured. The public is welcome.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Butler joins national service program

Timothy Butler of Twin Falls has joined the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps, a national service program created to improve the environment, enhance education, increase public safety and address unmet human needs. Butler was inducted into the AmeriCorps NCCC on Nov. 14. Twenty-seven teams from Charleston's Southeast campus are now working throughout the region, which includes 20 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Corps members, all between 18 and 24 years of age, must complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the 10-month program. In exchange for the service, they receive \$4,725 to help pay for college or repay school loans. For more information about the program, call 1-800-94-ACORPS or visit the web site at www.cns.gov.

Humanitarian of the Year awarded

The Region X Head Start Association has announced that Jesus Montes of Buhl has been named Humanitarian of the Year. Region X includes Alaska,

Idaho, Washington and Oregon. Montes' application was submitted by the Idaho Head Start Association after he was named Idaho's Humanitarian of the Year in October. It will now be submitted at the national level, where the winner will be announced in May 1997. The award recognizes an individual's organization and extraordinary contribution to serve Head Start children. Montes received his state and regional award for his volunteer efforts at the West End Center in Buhl. He is actively involved in areas ranging from transportation services to maintenance projects. He has been a foster grandparent for six years.

Phillips awarded memorial scholarship

Kelly Phillips of Buhl has been awarded the Ann Phibbs Memorial Scholarship. She received \$350 at the state level, was recognized at the regional level, and her application will continue to the national level, where two \$1,500 scholarships will be awarded in May 1997. Phillips was a Head Start parent at the Orchard Valley Center in Wendell during 1989-90. Her No. 1 goal is to complete her degree in animal science. She has been involved in community activities such as the Parent-Teacher Network, Idaho Parents Unlimited, Cub Scouts and as a soccer coach. She is attending the College of Southern Idaho.

We want your news

If it's news to you, we want to hear about it. It is our job to fill this page with news about:

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Deadlines for the Sunday page is 5 a.m. Wednesday. Deadlines for the Thursday page is noon Monday. Deadlines for the Tuesday page is noon Friday. Deadlines for the Saturday page is 5 p.m. Tuesday.

SENIOR CALENDAR

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center
616 Eastlund Drive

Dinner served from noon to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Today: Chicken/noodles
Thursday: Chicken fried steak
Friday: Pork chop
Monday: Cabbage rolls

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Today
Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.

Wednesday
Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday
Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Friday
Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.

Sunday
Quitting from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Monday
Center closed.

Quitting from 9 a.m. to noon.

Ageless Senior Citizens
310 Main St. N., Kimberly

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

Friday: Ham and macaroni and cheese

Monday: Potato soup

Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities
Today
Cemeteries at 1 p.m.

Wednesday
Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday
Center closed.

Friday
Board elections from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Saturday
Center closed.

Sunday
Center closed.

Golden Heritage Senior Center
2421 Overland, Burley

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for persons 60 or over; \$4 for persons 65 or over; and \$2.50 for children up to age 8.

Thursday: Enchiladas

Friday: Tuna sandwiches and potato soup
Monday: Sweet and sour chicken

The center is still purchasing bricks with names for the last wall of frame. The bricks are \$100 each and can be memorials, tributes, or just a showing of your support. The donation is tax deductible.

Homebound delivery service is available by calling Donna at (208) 678-1522. She is available to run errands such as picking up groceries, prescriptions, laundry, etc. from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursdays or by appointment anytime. Reasonable rates.

Activities
Today
Center closed.

Wednesday
Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.

Exercise at 11 a.m.

Computer class at 1 p.m.

Friday
Men's pool at 10 a.m.

Exercise at 11 a.m.

Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Mindokn County Senior Citizens Service Center
702 11th St., Rupert

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.25. Home-delivered meals Monday through Friday on request.

Today: Birthday dinner with roast turkey

Thursday: Chicken fried steak

Friday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Breaded pork chop

Activities
Gift Center Shop open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Quitting daily from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Crafts and pool every day during center hours.

Grocery shopping for shut-ins, call Dick Kasper at (208) 436-0250. Ridley's require a \$15 minimum order. Call in your orders before 10 a.m. and Kasper will deliver them to you.

SHIRA Medicare Supplemental Insurance Assistance every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call George Schwindeman at (208) 436-6679.

Shopping day every Thursday.

Call the center to arrange for your ride.

Today
Exercise class from 10 to 11 a.m.

Cemeteries from 1 to 4 p.m.

Center closes at 2 p.m.

Wednesday
Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday
Exercise class from 10 to 11 a.m.

Cemeteries from 1 to 4 p.m.

Friday
Cinnamon roll sale.

Tuesday, Dec. 31
Center closes at 2 p.m.

Trip to Jackpot.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.
1010 Main St., Buhl

All meals at noon, Monday through Saturday, 1 p.m. on Sunday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thursday: Swedish meatballs

Friday: Swedish meatballs

Saturday: Cook's choice

Sunday: Smorgasbord

Monday: Beef stew

Activities
Today
Center closed.

Wednesday
Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday
Quitting at the center.

Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.

Evening cards at the center.

Friday
Exercise class at 10 a.m.

Saturday
Exercise at 10 a.m.

Sally & Friends will perform.

Monday
Exercise at 10 a.m.

Pinocle in the evening at the center.

Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.

Gooding County Senior Citizens Inc.

308 Senior Ave.

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors and \$4 for non-seniors.

Thursday: Center closed for meal.

Monday: Baked chicken

Activities
Open pool on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Today
Center closed.

Wednesday
Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday

Pinocle at 7 p.m.

Friday
Home Energy Assistance from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. By appointment. Call 1-800-627-1733.

Wild One card game at 6:30 p.m.

Sunday
Center closed.

Monday
Line dancing at 9:30 a.m.

Knitting at 9:30 a.m.

Ladies pinocle at 12:30 p.m.

Pool at 9:30 a.m. and again at 1 p.m.

Hand & Foot card game at 6 p.m.

Jerome Senior Center
212 First Ave. E.

All dinners at noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

Today: Christmas dinner with ham and turkey

Monday: Oven fried chicken

Activities
Today

Pinocle at 1 p.m.

Sundshin Singers will perform.

Wednesday
Center closed for Christmas.

Thursday
Center closed.

Friday
Center closed.

Sunday
Aerobics at 11 a.m. and again at 3:30 p.m.

Silver & Gold Senior Center
203 Wilson, Eden

Dinner is served at noon. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors, \$3.50 for non-seniors and \$1.50 for children under 12. Home delivered meals suggested donation is \$2. Center hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday.

Activities
Center closed for Christmas this week.

Monday
Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.

Filer Senior Haven
222 Main St., Filer

Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday. Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Today: Hot beef sandwich

Thursday: Center closed for Christmas.

Friday: Center closed for Christmas.

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Maine's potato industry is being uprooted

The Associated Press

PRESQUE ISLE, Maine — For four generations, since 1834, the Wathens farm in Aroostook County and sold it in pieces for nearly \$719,000 to other potato farmers last week.

With the Wathens deep in debt, the bank foreclosed on the 1,482-acre farm in Aroostook County and sold it in pieces for nearly \$719,000 to other potato farmers last week.

For Glendon Wathen and his children, their past and their future slipped away with the bank of an auctioneer's gavel. "A lot of farmers are scared because they see one of the largest farms up for auction and realize 'This could happen to me,'" said Laurie Cothran, Wathen's daughter, who grew up on the farm.

Nearly 250 years after the Scots-Irish began planting potatoes in Maine, the one-cropper industry is being uprooted by competition, declining prices, disease, poor weather and uneven quality.

In the last 50 years, Maine has slipped from first to eighth place in potato production in the United States.

The number of potato farms — many of them small, family operations — has been holding steady at about 550, but the acreage devoted to potatoes has dropped. Northern Maine has seen the number of acres planted with potatoes fall from a peak of about 200,000 in the 1930s to barely 75,000 today.

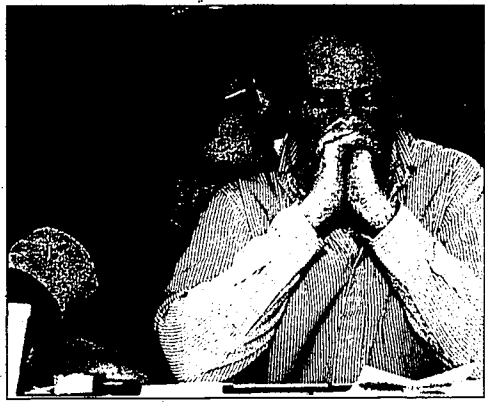
The past few years have been tough, but this year is putting many farmers over the edge financially.

Farmers across the country produced the most potatoes in history this year, sending the price per 100 pounds down to \$2 or \$3 in Maine, compared with \$8 or \$9 last year. It cost farmers \$6 to grow 100 pounds of spuds.

"The farmers might now be literally giving them away," said Mike Corey, executive director of the Maine Potato Board.

Chip Beckwith, who owns a 430-acre farm in Aroostook County and was in Chapter 11 bankruptcy last year, said several farmers and processors have filed for bankruptcy. "Just about everybody is in the same boat," he said.

Maine has always had to compete with growers in the West or Midwest —



Richard Ellis loads his truck with potatoes at a packing plant in Fort Fairfield, Maine, last week. Maine potato farmers are suffering through tough financial times because of an overcrop of spuds from the West and Canada.

Washington, Wisconsin, Idaho and Colorado. But since the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1994, it has also had to contend with farmers from Canada.

And while Idaho spends as much as \$9 million a year to promote its potatoes, Maine lays out only \$200,000.

Disease and poor quality control have also cast a shadow over the industry. Potatoes with bruises and black spots fizzle and are made their way to supermarkets, giving Maine potatoes a bad name.

The state began mandatory inspections of all potato shipments this fall. Before then, Maine was the only potato-producing state without such controls.

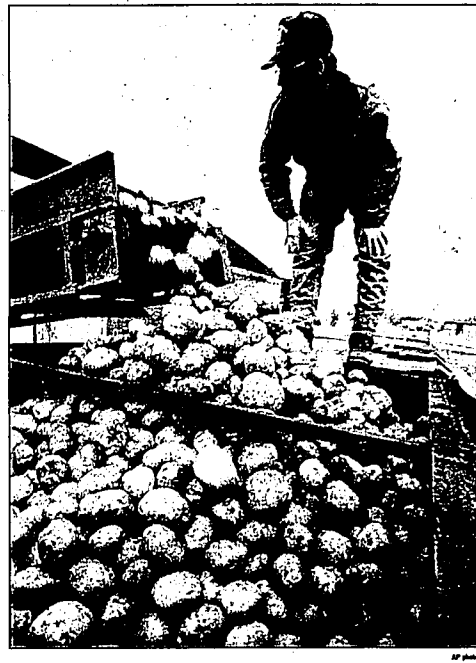
"It's helped with the consumer confidence knowing they're getting a consistent quality pack of Maine potatoes," Corey said. But the cost is borne by the farmers themselves and amounts to thousands of dollars.

Some say the decline is just another cycle in the potato industry's 150-year-old history.

"This is not the beginning of a large mass liquidation of Aroostook County farmers," Corey said. "We had a lull in the '80s when there were a lot more auctions. You run through the cycles. You try to survive the cycles. The problems with this one is that it's been a little bit longer cycle."

The farmers, a otherwise resilient and independent bunch, are calling on state leaders and federal officials in Washington for help.

Barry Cothran, Wathen's son-in-law, was at least glad to see the Wathen family holdings sold to Aroostook County.



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farmers, instead of a large potato processor or out-of-state corporation, such as McCain Foods in Canada. "It's hard to see it go, but it's done,"

Cothran said. "I hope we've seen the last auction. I hope it doesn't happen for anybody else. The industry can't stand any more hits like this."

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Just in time, Internet's future is nearly here

NEW YORK (AP) — You surf the Web in your sleep, with Internet software browsing overnight for stuff you're interested in.

Morning breaks as you wake to customized news and weather reports beamed across a video screen. You click on a favorite stock, up in early trading. A video clip and text spring up with news of the firm's merger. Without delay, you execute the sale of 50 shares.

Hop to an electronic storefront. Photos of snazzy shoes entice you to spend. The price is electronically subtracted from a bank account that prompts to forever change how we live and work is nearly here — and working furiously to get out the kinks.

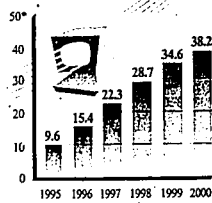
The kinks abound. It takes too long to log onto and download Web text and fancy graphics via phone networks originally built for voice calls.

Only about 10 percent of U.S. households have Internet access, far less than the critical mass needed for profits by most advertisers and Web publishers. Security is a worry: Make a purchase on the Internet and your credit-card number could fall into the wrong hands.

Despite this, the Internet is nearing a crucial threshold. The enthusiasm is evident in the 50,000 participants expected to attend Internet World in midtown Manhattan this week — up more than 40 percent from the



Projected growth of online households in North America



*In millions. Source: Jupiter Communications/World Online Markets

exposition's spring show in San Jose, Calif. The 550 exhibitors and other Internet companies are developing the sort of products and services that will help the Internet surmount some nagging problems.

One of the hottest trends: Internet access products that "broadcast" Web content to users' computers continuously, freeing them from the routine of searching the Internet for what they want.

The first company to demonstrate the idea was PointCast, with a product that constantly delivers news headlines and other material from Web sites onto a screen saver on your PC. One problem is home users — unlike corporations with continuous Internet connections — must dial a modem periodically to get on the Net and thus update the information.

A company solving that problem is AirMedia, which offers automatic, constant broadcasts of Web-based news, stock quotes and other information to PC users who lack a fast and continuous Internet connection. It uses a small pyramid-shaped receiver that plugs into the PC and uses wireless technology to receive Web material from the company's broadcast service.

AirMedia's technology doesn't let you customize information. But observers say improved services from broadcasters are only a matter of time. In the future, Internet systems will automatically adapt to your tastes, changing what they send depending on what you've recently clicked on.

"Essentially, every individual will have his own 'newspaper' and own news feed and all the information you want. And the system will learn from day-to-day about your interests," said Andrew Kantor, a senior editor at Internet World magazine, which is sponsoring the exposition.

Dairy farmers struggle to survive milk price decline

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — Dennis Jelle smells a conspiracy. The Mount Airy, N.C., farmer says his milk checks have dropped so far, so fast he is convinced there are forces at work besides supply and demand.

Jelle's monthly milk checks declined from \$5,000 in July to \$3,800 last month. He expects to get \$8,000 this month for the milk made by his 55 cows.

Tax time is coming, and Jelle, 51, likely will have to borrow to pay the \$6,000 property tax bill for his 1237-acre farm near Madison.

"Most dairy farmers are in a state of emergency," Jelle said. "There's no money to buy anything."

Like many Wisconsin farmers, Jelle blames the National Cheese

Exchange, a low-volume auction market in Green Bay, Wis., that meets for just half an hour on Friday mornings but has a big impact on milk prices.

More specifically, he blames Kraft Foods Inc., the nation's largest buyer of bulk cheese.

"The University of Wisconsin study conducted for the state accused Kraft of driving down prices by selling cheese on the exchange for less than it could get on the spot market."

"Kraft is gouging the consumer because prices aren't dropping in the store," Jelle said. "There's no justification for the drop because there aren't surpluses of milk and cheese."

But federal investigators found no proof of the anti-trust viola-

tions alleged in the March study, said Kraft spokesman Michael Mudd said farmers are holding his company accountable for the volatility of supply and demand.

"They've been brainwashed by a few people who want to point the finger at his company and blame us," Mudd said.

Nevertheless, Gov. Tommy Thompson has asked the U.S. Agriculture Department to stop using the exchange as a factor in milk pricing.

Thompson contends the exchange handles too little cheese — less than 1 percent of the bulk cheese bought and sold in the United States — to serve as a reliable factor in calculating milk prices.

Milk prices paid to farmers

have dropped from a high of \$15.37 per hundredweight — about 12 gallons — in September to \$11.61 per hundredweight at the end of November.

UW-Madison agricultural economist Edward Jesse said the market factors behind the price drop date back to last spring.

Milk prices then rose due to predictions of a poor growing season for grain and subsequent low milk supplies. Cheese prices were up due to market speculation and concern there would be a milk shortage.

Milk and cheese prices paid to farmers continued rising until September, when predictions of a record U.S. corn harvest "burst the speculative bubble," Jesse said.

FCC to examine options for repaving long-distance fees

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal regulators are examining ways to lower some of the \$23 billion in fees local companies collect for handling long-distance calls.

The decision could affect what people pay for phone service. The options under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission are distinctly different, and are expected to ignite a fierce lobbying battle among phone companies whose bottom lines are at stake.

Under one option favored by local companies, competition would erode the fees. The other option, supported by long-distance providers, would have the FCC order cuts over a set period of time.

The commission also could combine the two approaches.

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— Robert Blau, BellSouth

income customers. The amount of that portion is in dispute. A new telecommunications law essentially requires the FCC to find out how much it is.

Long-distance companies estimate that about \$5 billion goes to subsidies, about \$3 billion covers the costs of handling long-distance calls and the remaining \$15 billion is pocketed by local companies.

"That's nonsense," replied Robert Blau, vice president for regulatory affairs at BellSouth, a regional carrier. "Under current rules our costs are roughly equivalent to \$23 billion. Does that number include subsidies? Yeah. But how much that is ... will be determined by the FCC."

Mary McDermott, general counsel of the United States Telephone Association, whose members include Bell telephone and other local phone companies, estimated that of the \$23 billion, at least \$11 billion goes to keep local phone rates low.

Long-distance companies' \$3 billion cost estimate is seriously low, McDermott said, and she dismissed the \$15 billion profit figure as fantasy.

The FCC's decision could end the phone bills. If long-distance companies pass on reductions to their customers, long-distance bills would go down.

Long-distance companies are not required to pass along such savings, but they say they have after past fee reductions. Local companies contend that long-distance providers traditionally pocket most of the savings.

On the other hand, if the FCC ends the fees, but neither the agency nor local regulators allow local phone companies to recover the revenues elsewhere, local phone bills could rise.

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"I played the diamonds as safely as I could," explained South. "Had East held a singleton jack or 10, I would have picked up five winners against a 1-1 break."

"Sounds logical," replied North, "but only as concerns the diamonds. To score nine winners, you also needed a winning heart finesse."

North, from his spade ace to ace-king and returned to the king. However, South wasn't fooled. He went up with his queen, guessing the true position. It was his last good move.

South led a diamond to dummy's ace and a trump to the king. East's discard brought bad news. South's only hope now was to bring in four heart winners. To be sure, South had to hope for a singleton heart king or K-x with East.

He crossed to dummy's diamond queen and led the heart queen, but East didn't cover. And when East's heart king did not appear on the second heart lead, South's hopes disappeared. He won only three hearts, three diamonds and one trick in each black suit for one down.

To make his game, South should take the heart finesse after winning dummy's diamond ace. When East doesn't cover, he repeats the finesse and picks up the suit. It's safe to try for five diamond winners and the overtricks. When diamonds don't break, South wins only three diamond tricks. These, however, together with four hearts and two black suit winners, give South his vulnerable game.

WEST: ♠ J 3 2, ♥ A J 3, ♦ J 10 7, ♣ A Q 9 8 4. EAST: ♠ A K 9 6 3, ♥ K B 2, ♦ K 9 5, ♣ K 2 3.

South: ♠ 10 7, ♥ A 9 6, ♦ K 9 5, ♣ A 7 4 2.

Vulnerable: Both. Dealer: East. The bidding: East South West North 1 ♠ 1 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass Pass Pass 3 NT. Opening lead: Spade deuce.

BID WITH THE ACES: South holds: ♠ A K 9 6 3, ♥ K B 2, ♦ K 9 5, ♣ K 2 3. North: ♠ 10 7, ♥ A 9 6, ♦ K 9 5, ♣ A 7 4 2.

ANSWER: Four hearts. Partner's two over one bid of two hearts should promise five trumps. Four hearts rates to be a safer contract than three no trump.

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“Uh, when did the reign start? Last I looked, Shaq still has 10 fingers and no wings, and like the L.A. weather, that won't change any time soon.”

—*Steve Rosenbaum of the Chicago Tribune on Shaquille O'Neal's new compact disc, "You Can't Stop the Reign."*

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IN BRIEF

Board approves Mariners' lease, 4-3

SEATTLE—The Seattle Mariners got the lease they wanted for a new \$405 million stadium on Monday on a 4-3 vote by the board of the Washington State Major League Baseball Public Facilities Authority.

After voting by a similar count to reject a name that critics had proposed to allow public financing, the board adopted the 21-acre lease a day before the Christmas Eve deadline set by Mariners' owners.

Denist, son sentenced in football incident

ALBUQUERQUE—A dentist and his son were sentenced to community service and probation for their roles in a helmet buckle-sharpening incident that left five high school football players injured.

The father also received a two-day jail sentence.

MILWAUKEE, a center on the St. Pius X High School football team, admitted to Children's Court Judge Michael Marzetta that he wore the buckle that caused the injuries on Albuquerque Academy players Oct. 12.

He acknowledged under questioning from District Attorney Robert Schwartz that he knew the buckle would cause injury, although he said, "I did not know it would cause serious injury."

Cho was sentenced to one year's supervised probation, 100 hours' community service and a \$3,000 fine. If he breaks any condition of the probation, Cho could be sent to the New Mexico State School at Springfield.

The hearing followed the sentencing of Cho's father, Stephen Cho, who was given a 48-hour jail term by state District Judge James H. Baker and was ordered to perform 400 hours' community service and to serve 100 days' probation.

Both father and son were charged with conspiracy to commit aggravated assault. Prosecutors said the national sentence for this charge would be 18 months.

Compiled from wire reports

Thomas Walsh chosen Bengals' new football coach

Former Raider assistant brings history of success

The Associated Press

POCAHELLO—Former Los Angeles Raiders offensive coordinator Thomas Walsh brings Super Bowl experience to his new job as head football coach at Idaho State University, athletic director Irv Cross has announced.

Walsh replaces Brian McNeely, who resigned Nov. 25 after five years and a 21-34 record.

The month-long search came down to Walsh, and former Navy and Marshall University coach George Champ, Cross said Walsh's availability was the differ-



ence. "We have the original item here," Cross said. "Walsh seemed to be ready to go at a moment's notice. He already has a staff in place."

Walsh was among more than 50 applicants.

He did not attend Monday's press conference because of his commitments as an analyst for CBS Radio, where he has worked since leaving the Raiders in 1995. It was through CBS that Cross and Walsh first connected. Cross was an analyst for the Emmy Award-winning "NFL Today" when he recognized Walsh as "one of the brightest offensive minds in the game of football."

Walsh planned to meet with reporters on Friday.

"He had concern about being out of the system," Cross said of Walsh's time away from recruiting college players, "but you always know where the players are. He will come in with his sleeves rolled up."

While Walsh was with the Raiders from 1982 to 1995, the team had a combined record of 124-88, including a victory over Washington in the 1984 Super Bowl. They won the AFC West title five times.

Walsh also served stints with Murray State as an offensive coordinator, the University of San Diego as an assistant, and U.S. International University where he was head coach in 1978. The team went 8-3, but the program was discontinued due to financial problems. Cross said he wanted a coach with

experience with quarterbacks and a championship background.

Walsh and his wife, Ann, currently live in Manhattan Beach, Calif.

"Tom's got an excellent background and a winning background," said Hank Stram, former Kansas City Chiefs coach and currently a radio and television football analyst.

"He's an excellent teacher, a very good communicator and an excellent people person. He has a good understanding of what it takes to build and maintain a winning program."

Navy coach Champ said Pocatello's remote location figured into his decision not to take the job.

"In the final analysis, I think it was traveling across the country there, and I had other opportunities to consider," Champ said.

San Francisco upends Lions

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—Steve Young won another passing title, and Jerry Rice finished with an NFL-high in receptions before they took the rest of the night off and watched Barry Sanders win his third rushing championship.

Playing only the first half in what amounted to a playoff tuneup for San Francisco, Young threw for two touchdowns and Rice hung on to beat Detroit counterpart Herman Moore for the reception title in the 49ers' 24-14 win over the Lions on Monday night in the final regular-season game of 1996.

San Francisco, headed to the playoffs for the 13th time in 14 years, ended at 12-4 while Detroit (5-11), likely playing its final game under coach Wayne Frazier, wound up losing nine of its last 10 games.

Sanders ran for 275 yards, including a 54-yard touchdown to finish with 4,533 yards for the season, overtaking Denver's Terrell Davis, who had 1,538.

It was Sanders' third straight season with at least 1,500 rushing yards, the first time that's been done in NFL history.

Sanders did it against a defense that hadn't allowed a 100-yard rusher for 20 straight games until Eric Pegrum gained 103 yards in San Francisco's 25-15 win at Pittsburgh last week. The yardage by Sanders was the most since Pegrum gained 192 against San Francisco while with Atlanta on Sept. 18, 1993.

Young completed 11 passes for 86 yards and 1-yard touchdowns to Ted Popson and Derek Loville. Young finished with a passing rating of 97.2, edging Green Bay's Brett Favre (95.8) for his fifth passing title in six years.

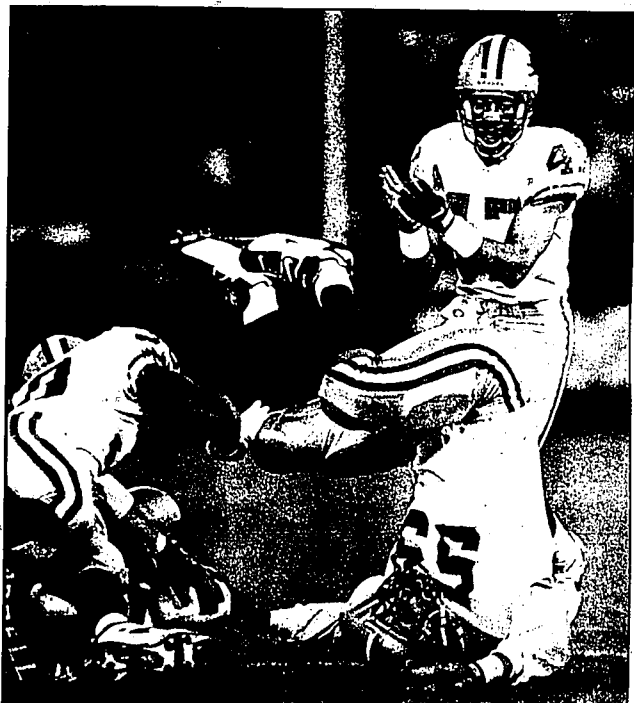
Rice had five catches for 49 yards to boost his season reception total to 108, two more than Moore, who had eight receptions to finish with 106.

San Francisco, which will play host to Philadelphia in a first-round game next Sunday, was locked in as a wild card when Carolina clinched the NFC West title and a first-round bye with an 18-14 win over Pittsburgh on Sunday.

The 49ers manufactured a 14-7 halftime lead after a 41-yard field goal try by Detroit's Jason Hanson sealed wide right in the final seconds of the second quarter.

San Francisco opened the game impressively, sacking Mitchell twice and forcing a Detroit punt. The 49ers took over at midfield, and Young netted 20 yards on two scrambles. Conservative completions of 11 yards to Rice and 15 yards to Brent Jones advanced the ball to the 1, and two plays later Young threw to Popson for the score and a 7-0 lead.

Sanders tied it on the next series, breaking free for a 54-yard scoring run. He broke off tackle, faked out San Francisco safety Tim McDonald before cutting back and stepping out of Dedrick Dode's tackle at about the 25 and into the clear.



Detroit linebacker Antonio London goes rolling as teammate Ryan McNeil, right, watches against the 49ers Monday night.

Top 5 hold steady in poll Wolves topple Utah, 107-98

The Associated Press

The top five teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll remained the same Monday, while Oregon made its second appearance in the rankings in the last two decades and Boston College returned after a one-week absence.

Kansas, Wake Forest, Kentucky, Michigan and Iowa State held the top five spots for the second straight week, with the Jayhawks (10-0) again the runaway No. 1 choice of the national media panel.

The 63 first-place votes and 1,743 points kept Kansas on top for the fourth consecutive week. The Jayhawks have been No. 1 in each of the last five seasons and the current run is the longest stretch they have held the top spot.

Wake Forest (8-0) received six first-

place votes and 1,674 points, 75 more than Kentucky (8-1). Michigan (8-1), which beat then-No. 6 Arizona on overtime last weekend, received the other No. 1 vote and had 1,521 points, 101 more than Iowa State (8-0).

Clemson moved up two spots to sixth, the school's highest ranking ever, and was followed by Cincinnati, Utah, Arizona and Villanova.

Oregon (7-0), which beat Fresno State earlier in the season, was ranked for seven weeks in the 1994-95 season and that was the school's first appearance in the poll since 1977.

Boston College (5-1), which lost to Connecticut earlier in the season, dropped out of the rankings last week despite not being but returned this week after a road victory over Holy Cross.

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Rice, Dawson lead All-Pro team

The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Jerry Rice, the most prolific receiver in NFL history, was selected to his 10th Associated Press All-Pro Team on Monday.

Rice, who leads the league in virtually every career receiving category, has been an All-Pro every year except 1985, his rookie season, and 1991. The San Francisco 49ers star earned 77 of a possible 93 votes from a national panel of sports writers.

"It's been a very tough season, but to be respected that way, the feel like you still bring something special to your team," said Rice, who had 103 recep-

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tions for 1,205 yards and eight touchdowns (plus on rushing) entering Monday night's finale against Detroit, whose wideout, Herman Moore, also made the All-Pro squad. "I never take it for granted. It's not something you expect."

The leading vote-getter was Pittsburgh center Dermott Dawson, who received 87 votes. It is the fourth straight All-Pro year for Dawson.

"It's a great honor," Dawson said.

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The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS—Stephon Marbury outplayed John Stockton on Monday night, scoring a career-high 33 points to lead the Minnesota Timberwolves to a 107-98 victory over the Utah Jazz.

Marbury made 11 of 17 shots from the field and had eight assists as the Wolves got their second straight home-court vic-

tory over a Western Conference power. The Wolves beat the Los Angeles Lakers on Saturday.

Porter scored a season-high 20 points as the Wolves shot 54 percent from the field, just the third team to reach 50 percent against the Jazz this season.

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DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?



The Lakers' Shaquille O'Neal sings a Christmas tune before handing out gifts to disadvantaged youths at the Watts Lake Community Center in Los Angeles Monday. Shaq's team was idle Monday, but there was plenty of other NBA action. See roundup, Page D2.

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SPORTS

Lurking in the Year of the Tiger

By Ron Sirkak
The Associated Press
Repeat after me: There was more to golf in 1996 than Tiger Woods. There was more to golf in 1996 than Tiger Woods. There was more to golf in 1996 than Tiger Woods.



shadows by a rookie on the LPGA Tour - Karrie Webb - and Davies was the player of the year. She won four times on the LPGA Tour - including two major championships in five times overseas. She led the European Tour money list and was second to Webb on the LPGA Tour by less than \$75,000 despite playing six fewer tournaments.

the Masters will be appreciated as much as the 78 by Greg Norman is remembered. It was one of the most memorable head-to-head matchups in the history of golf, a study in determination and perseverance by Feldman and a painful-to-watch unraveling by Norman.

Bucks send Houston to 4th straight loss

HOUSTON (AP) - The Milwaukee Bucks needed big help to hold back the Houston Rockets, and Sherman Douglas provided it. Douglas scored 11 of his 20 points in the third quarter as Milwaukee handed Houston its fourth straight loss, 81-76 Monday night.

Pro basketball
Jordan, who finished with 24 points to Kirtles' 19 in the Chicago Bulls' 113-81 victory over the Nets on Monday night. "He impressed me, took me by surprise, shot the ball very well, seemed to be aggressive."

Spurs 90-79 Monday night. Mourning hit seven of his first eight shots for the Heat, who led almost the way.
Knicks 82, Hawks 76
NEW YORK - For three quarters, the Atlanta Hawks' offense was clicking just fine. Then, all of a sudden, everything stopped working.

Senna trial could throw wrench into auto racing

LONDON (AP) - The head of auto racing's governing body worries about the consequences stemming from the Ayrton Senna manslaughter trial, even if all those accused are acquitted. Max Mosley, a lawyer and president of FIA, is concerned that mechanics, team leaders and even drivers might be frightened away from the sport for fear of being prosecuted.

McDaniel made it for the sixth time, including the last five. Zimmerman was an All-Pro in 1987 and '89, but not since. Leading the balloting on defense was Buffalo end Bruce Smith, who made the team for the seventh time. Smith got 84 votes, far ahead of the other defensive end, Alfred Williams of Denver.

cerned about the Williams case," Mosley told The Associated Press on Monday. "They have got a very strong defense and that will get some of the Williams team would charge a manslaughter charge arising from the death of Senna, a world champion driver. "We are not particularly con-

Poll

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Fresno State (6-3), which was ranked as high as 13th this season, dropped out having lost three of its last four. The Bulldogs beat Massachusetts

after losing to Oregon, then lost at Texas and to Texas Tech at Las Vegas.
UCLA (3-3) was ranked fifth in the preseason poll and the Bruins' fall has been steady

under interim coach Steve Lavin since an opening home loss to Tulsa.
UCLA lost to Illinois last week in its first road game of the season.

All-Pro

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"You never know ... but it is a great honor to be the leading vote-getter. You just do your job, and whatever happens, happens. But you never expect anything like that. "There's a lot of good centers in the league. I just think it's more of what I do. I do a lot more than most (centers). I recognized a little bit more because of the schemes here, and I get to showcase my talent a little more.

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All four special teams players were chosen for the first time: Indianapolis kicker Cary Blalock, Carolina return man Michael Bates, and punters Chris Gardocki of Indianapolis and Matt Turk of Washington, who tie.

Topple

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Karl Malone had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Stockton had 13 assists for the Jazz, who lost for the fourth time in seven games and ended their five-game road trip with a 2-3 record. Marbury scored six points in a 15:2 run early in the third quarter with 8:05 to play, but a 14-6 run capped by two free throws by Porter made it 103-93 with 1:33 left.



Minnesota forward Sam Mitchell (42) and Utah center Greg Ostertag battle for a rebound in the second quarter Monday.

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By Steve Moore
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NEW YORK Yankees - Signed C. R. Heston to a minor-league contract.

Seahawks' future rides on Paul Allen

KIRKLAND, Wash. (AP) — The future of the Seahawks in Seattle may depend on billionaire Paul Allen.

If Allen exercises his option to buy the NFL franchise from Ken Behring, the Seahawks figure to stay. If not, the Seahawks may wind up becoming the next Cleveland Browns. Literally.

If Allen walks away from his \$20 million down payment to Behring to buy the Seahawks, Behring will file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy and could move the team to Cleveland.



Seattle backup quarterback Gino Torretta lets one fly during Sunday's game against the Oakland Raiders. The quarterback position was a major problem for the Seahawks this season.

Allen, co-founder of Microsoft, wants a new stadium to replace the Kingdom, the Seahawks' home since their inception in 1976. Allen has until July to decide whether to buy the team from Behring, the club's owner since 1988.

On the field, it was another disappointing year for the Seahawks. Only Michael Schaub, a victory in the season finale in Oakland. With a 7-9 record, they missed the playoffs for the eighth consecutive season.

In his two seasons, coach Dennis Erickson has a 15-17 record. That's a far cry from the two national championships he won at the University of Miami.

The Seahawks will be hard-pressed to keep all the players they want if Behring is making the economic decisions. Defensive end Michael McCrary, linebacker Terry Woodsen and strong safety Robert Blackmon, key players in the defense, are on restricted free-agency and can sign with any team beginning Feb. 13.

McCrary, an undersized 267-pounder, had three sacks against the Raiders, giving him 11 1/2 for the season. Only Michael Schaub, the Seahawks' Pro Bowl defensive end, had more sacks on the

team, 13.

McCrary provided the biggest play of the Seahawks' season. On Nov. 3 in Seattle, he blocked Al Del Greco's attempt at a game-winning field goal. Then he picked up the bouncing ball and lateraled to Blackmon, who ran 61 yards for a touchdown and a 23-16 victory.

The emergence of Sinclair and McCrary along with the improved

play of defensive tackle Sam Adams to take pressure off Cortez Kennedy finally gives the Seahawks a dominating front four on defense.

Two keepers on offense are backup running back Lamar Smith and center Kevin Mawae. With Chris Warren out of Sunday's game, Smith gained 67 yards on 25 carries. For the season, Warren had 855 yards and five touchdowns on 203 carries, while Smith rushed for 680 yards and eight TDs on 153 carries.

Both Mawae, who had a solid season after being moved to center in his third year in Seattle, and Smith are restricted free agents.

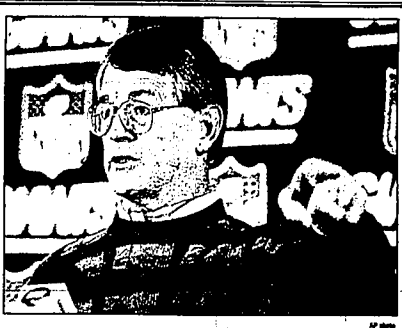
Todd Peterson set club records with 111 points and 28 club goals, and linebacker Dean Wells led the team with 107 tackles.

Two players who won't be back are quarterback Matt Miller and cornerback Carlton Gray, who didn't have an interception this season. Gray is an unrestricted free agent.

The Seahawks are expected to trade Miller for giving John Fries a two-year contract for \$4.5 million to be the quarterback. With Mirer starting this season, the Seahawks were 2-7. Mirer had the league's worst quarterback rating at 56.5, with a dozen interceptions and only five touchdowns.

Fries finished the season with a broken leg after separating a shoulder in 1995 in a game with Seattle. He missed the entire 1992 season in San Diego because of a knee injury.

Because of Fries's health problems, the Seahawks need a proven veteran quarterback to back him up next season.



Dan Reeves was pointed in a different direction Monday.

Giants close chapter, unload Dan Reeves

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — In a move that had as much to do with differences with the front office as it did with three straight seasons out of the playoffs, Dan Reeves was fired as coach of the New York Giants on Monday.

"I'm not apologizing for anything," general manager George Young said in making the widely anticipated dismissal following Reeves' second straight losing season. "It's a hard decision and I want to go in a different direction."

"I'm in the different direction," Reeves insisted about 15 minutes later, speaking from the same podium Young had used in the Giants' locker room. "They want someone who is agreeable not only with the way they do things, but how they do things."

Reeves, who posted a 31-33 record and one playoff appearance in four seasons, had serious concerns with how the Giants conducted the NFL draft, particularly their use of a psychological test to evaluate potential choices. He said talented players were taken off the board because of test results.

"The psychological tests are great, but it's only a tool," he said. "You can't use them as gospel. When a psychologist has

more to do with the draft than you as a head coach then I have a problem with that."

Young, who has come under more scrutiny as the Giants two Super Bowl wins fade into history, refused to address his differences with Reeves.

Giants owner Wellington Mara, who did not attend Young's news conference, defended the team's draft procedure and personnel director Tom Boeslure. He insisted only a small number of potential draft choices were ever eliminated and he maintained Reeves probably had more choice in personnel matters than did his predecessors, Ray Handley and Bill Parcells.

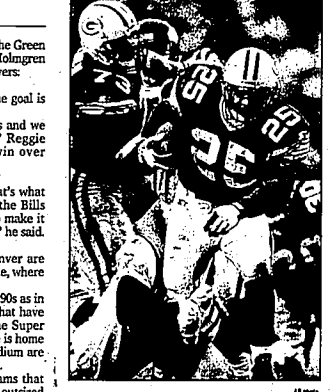
"I thought a psychologist had more input in the draft than the coach, then I would get rid of both of them," Mara said.

Reeves' firing was the fourth NFL coaching change in four days. June Jones was fired Monday by the Atlanta Falcons, Rich Brooks was fired Sunday by the St. Louis Rams and Rich Kotite resigned Friday as coach of the New York Jets.

Reeves, 52, is the winningest active coach in NFL history, having coached the Denver Broncos to three Super Bowl appearances in 12 years.

Denver, Green Bay lead Super Bowl derby

By Dave Goldberg
The Associated Press



Dorsey Levens (25) and his fellow Green Bay Packers have Super Bowl fever.

Super Bowl talk was so prevalent in the Green Bay locker room last July that Mike Holmgren finally had to utter two words to his players: "Shut up!"

Prevalent again, and this time the goal is in sight.

"We get three more under our belts and we can celebrate the rest of our lives," Reggie White said after Sunday's 38-10 win over Minnesota wrapped up a 13-3 season.

Look at the 1996 playoff two ways:

1. Through rose-colored glasses. That's what Chris Spielman of Buffalo did after the Bills struggled by Kansas City on Sunday to make it an AFC wild card. "Everybody's 0-0," he said. "There's no dominant team."

2. Realistically. Green Bay and Denver are both 13-3 and spend the playoffs at home, where each has 90 this season.

Home field hasn't been as big in the '90s as in the '80s — only seven of the 12 teams that have had it throughout have made it to the Super Bowl. But there is home field and there is home field, and Lambeau and Mile High Stadium are not where visitors want to be in January.

Enough. Here's a look at the 12 teams that will compete for the right to brave the outsize hoopla of New Orleans.

1. Green Bay (13-3): Except for a two-game slump in the middle of the season when Brett Favre was without wide receivers, the Packers have clearly been the NFL's best team.

The return of Antonio Freeman and Mark Chmura and the signing of Andre Kison have given Favre his target back; the defense is solid and will have a bye week to rest and there's Lambeau, where Green Bay has won 26 of its last 27.

One reservation: Under Holmgren, the Packers are 0-7 against Dallas, all at Texas Stadium. If they play the Cowboys this time, it will be at home, but that 0-7 may still work in their heads.

One footnote: Next year, finally, Dallas and Green Bay meet in the regular season at Lambeau Field.

2. Dallas (10-6): Until Sunday, when the JV played in Washington, the defense was carrying the Cowboys. Minnesota is a tougher first-round opponent than Philadelphia, but if the Cowboys get by the Vikings, they could win in Carolina and make it to Lambeau. Then, who knows?

3. New England (11-5): Parcells has been there and he knows how to get back. A good bet to

make it to Denver for the AFC title game. Maybe Parcells, the great motivator, can use the Broncos' 34th regular-season win in Foxboro as a springboard to the Super Bowl.

6. Pittsburgh (10-6): Another team with a coach who knows how to win. Mike Gettleman anchors at home, but can Shake Tomczak take them further?

Maybe Cowher should go with Kordell Stewart — "I kept hoping they'd bring in a quarterback who didn't run so much," Carolina's Sam Mills said after Stewart nearly upset the Panthers Sunday with a record 80-yard TD scramble and other heroics.

7. Carolina (12-4): Great coach. Good defense. Great story — a second-year expansion team winning the NFC West from the 49ers. But can an offense with a second-year quarterback, and no real threats beyond tight end Wesley Walls get there very far in the playoffs?

8. Buffalo (10-6): Probably the last run for Marv Levy and his Fab Five: Kelly, Thomas, Reed, Bruce Smith and Kent Hull. Add Steve Tasker and you've got a great catch chugging on west past its prime. Can they beat the Broncos on memory cells? Maybe, but probably not.

9. Minnesota (9-7): Brad Johnson has taken away Warren Moon's job and maybe his routine and Chris Carter, Jake Reed and John Randle can be impact players. The Vikings have a chance for an upset in Dallas, where the Cowboys have lost twice but probably not two others.

10. Philadelphia (10-6): Ray Rhodes has gotten two 10-6 seasons out of 8-8 players and could spring a trap against San Francisco, a team with whom he spent most of his coaching career. But Ty Detmer's no Super Bowl quarterback.

11. Indianapolis (9-7): Too many injuries to get to within a Hall Mary of the Super Bowl, as they did last year. Backed in, just glad to be in the playoffs. See you next year.

12. Jacksonville (6-7): Another expansion team. Anyone who makes the playoffs because Morten Andersen misses a 30-yard field goal, the fates are on your side. Playoff wins make more than fate. A contender for the future.

On to New Orleans.

John Elway is marching the Broncos on his 1,421st winning drive. From the Green Bay 12 with 22 seconds left, he throws a ball to the end zone that hits Shannon Sharpe in the helmet, Craig Newsum in the back, bounces off Ed McCaffrey's shoulder, and is intercepted an inch off the ground by Bruce Allen.

Final Packers 24, Broncos 20.
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3. San Francisco (11-4 going into Monday night): There's still a little gas in the tank. If Terrell Owens keeps developing as an alternative threat to Jerry Rice; if Brent Jones and the offensive line heal a bit, the 49ers have a shot. They should have won in Green Bay two months ago, but that was Oct. 14, not Jan. 4, when the California offense meets the Wisconsin winter.

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Both end their seasons at home and both went out in style. The Giants blew a 22-0 lead and lost to New England 23-22. The Jets led 14-0 at the start and trailed 31-28 at the end against Miami.

• Perfect symmetry.

The losses left the Jets 1-15 and the Giants 6-10, both buried in the debris of another sorry season. And now they don't even have coaches.

Rich Kotite left the Jets last Friday and Dan Reeves was dismissed by the Giants on Monday. Both had one year left on their contracts. Both were dispatched on merit.

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Falcons send June Jones packing after 3-13 season

SUWANEE, Ga. (AP) — The Atlanta Falcons started over again Monday, firing coach June Jones after a 3-13 season that kept alive the team's hopes of never having back-to-back winning records.

Team president Taylor Smith, whose family has owned the franchise since it was founded 31 years ago, vowed to hire a proven winner as coach or general manager and give that person total control of the franchise.

"I would like to see somebody come in here who is a strong, football-oriented guy — whether he be a coach or whatever — and have him make the decisions that will make us a good football team," said Smith, whose family has received much of the blame for the Falcons being one of the league's worst franchises.

Jones, who had a 19-29 record in three seasons as coach, met with his players for less than five minutes after being told by Smith that he was being fired with two years left on his contract.

The ex-coach was equally terse with the media, refusing to answer questions in a brief news conference outside the team's headquarters in suburban Atlanta.

"I'm thankful for the opportunity the Smiths gave me," said Jones, who was in his first head coaching job. "I had a good time while I was here, but it just didn't work out. That's the nature of this business. Hopefully, the next guy will have better luck."

The players were hardly surprised by the decision, which came less than 24 hours after the Falcons lost their season finale at Jacksonville, 19-17, when Morten Andersen missed a 30-yard field goal with four seconds left.

"It was kind of an expected thing," guard Robbie Tobeck said. "In this league, it comes down to winning and losing right now. If



June Jones, left, lost his job as head coach of the floundering Atlanta Falcons on Monday.

you don't get the job done, for whatever reason, that's the way it goes."

Atlanta has a 175-284-5 record in the regular season since it entered the league in 1966. The 377 winning percentage is better than only one team, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, and the fans looked enviously at two-year-old franchises in nearby Carolina and Jacksonville. Both teams made the playoffs this season.

Jones, who guided the Falcons to only their fifth playoff berth in 1995, endured a tumultuous season that included an ugly sideline argument with quarterback Jeff George in the third game.

George was suspended after that incident and eventually released, which meant the Falcons got nothing in return for a player who cost them two No. 1 draft picks.

Meadowlands misery: Jets, Giants had seasons to forget

NEW YORK (AP) — Finally, the agony is over. The schedule, which required the Jets and Giants to play just 16 games before permitting them to stop.

Stop? They never started.

The Jets and Giants are like the Tropicana and the midgets. They should be sent to their rooms without dinner, made to stand in the corner and practice audibles over and over.

That is too bad. The Jets, they should be made to stand out there in the Meadowlands parking lots all winter, throwing around Nerf footballs like their poor fans do before and after games.

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Jefferson invented hideaway bed

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

In English, a simoleon is a simoleon, but numerous words in Yiddish simplify by degree. Exactly how simple? There's a word for it. Those creatures that people like most, in descending order, are dogs, cats, horses, swans, robins, butterflies and trout. Those disliked most are cockroaches, mosquitoes, rats, wasps, rattlesnakes and bats. The Interior Department's Fish and Wildlife Service found that out in a survey of more than 3,000 people.

Q. How big is a typical farm in China?
A. About the size of a football field.

It may be no surprise to historians with insider information to learn that Thomas Jefferson invented the hideaway bed.

ACROSS

- Shed
- Wastebasket
- Storehouse
- Legal tender
- Beard's hair
- Hippodrome
- 16 Lost
- 17 Patriotic name
- 18 Dressed to the nines
- 19 Fruit
- 20 Goes back over
- 22 Amounts to
- 24 -less
- 25 Scizable sandwich
- 26 Ruler's lever
- 29 Lawyer for the accused
- 34 Anticancer drug
- 35 Country letters
- 36 Lake
- 37 "Black" composer
- 38 Opposing one
- 39 Holiday feast
- 40 A fabric
- 41 Cubed
- 42 Hoisted, as a lark blade
- 44 Kitchen gadget
- 45 Arab VIP
- 46 Swimmer
- 47 Jazz neighbor
- 50 Miscellaneous
- 54 Molecule
- 55 Approaches
- 57 Carpenter's item
- 58 Instruction
- 59 Come to mind
- 61 Vegetarian
- 62 Bowling alley
- 63 Integers

DOWN

- 1 Turkish compound
- 2 British composer
- 3 One of three
- 4 Friend
- 5 Performer in a tub
- 6 Americans
- 7 Stationery items
- 8 Unfolded
- 9 Elegant
- 10 Shipping
- 11 -less
- 12 Vowel
- 13 Halfbook and lute
- 21 Raw materials
- 23 -of Troy
- 25 Makes a sound
- 27 "a" particle
- 28 Standstill one
- 29 Godlet's sayer
- 30 Blackhead
- 31 Orange compound
- 32 Foamy
- 34 Snow by
- 46 Pucker
- 62 Ship of 1492
- 63 Toboggan
- 49 Breathing sound
- 50 Weather outlook
- 51 Ruler in
- 52 Swastika
- 62 Ship of 1492
- 63 Toboggan
- 56 Time

Horoscope
Sydney Omarr

IF DECEMBER 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Combine birthday and Christmas Eve celebration. Your talents extend to design, color coordination, music. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play exciting roles in your life. Emotional needs are met. Family members are healed. Get second wind, be ready for powerful upcoming year - will focus on business, change in major investments, moving home. February and September will be your most dynamic, exciting, profitable months.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Family dispute concerning money, gift will be settled - accept apologies, let bygones be bygones. Cancer, Capricorn play memorable roles. Get priorities lined up.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Gift wrapping part of scenario along with communication from long lost relative. Focus on trips, visits, humor, conversation opinions concerning family values. Libra plays role.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You'll be inebriated with spirit of holiday. Young person expresses joy, brings joy to your heart - take from heart, be open to love without being gullible. Leo figures in scenario.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Everything turns out just right despite early mishap. Intuitive intellect works overtime. Family member making headlong purchase and this saves the day. Aquarius in top role.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Fun, frolic blend with spiritual values. Sagittarian, long away from home, communicates joyous news. Glendine arrangement leads spice, makes holiday memorable. Gemini involved.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Challenge issued by Taurus, Scorpio individuals. What begins as opposition will lead to healthy relationship. Not working process under way. Make known your desires. Handwriting analysis beneficial.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): People talk about you. You'll be consulted on art, color coordination, gift wrapping. Written marital import. Books feature prominently. Cancer-born family member will express love.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Holiday spirit prevails at home - gifts relate to music, composers, instruments. You'll be embraced by receiving copious luxury item. Don't be - you deserve it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Merry, wonderful Christmas provides listen to stories, ask questions, strive for spiritual foundation. Individual you respect will make dramatic reappreciation. Fantastic.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Ride with news. Battered, weary, unbreakable durable goods, gifts of lasting value. Focus on special privileges, partnership agreement. Family member, Cancer native plays dramatic role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Sword of Damocles removed. Debt repaid - regard all as free and clear. Long-range project blends with holiday preparations. Exchange becomes crystal clear. Aries involved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Words are being said for will be less - amounts to committed relationship. Double celebration this Christmas Eve. Emphasis on children, challenges, aura of sensuality.