

South African leader Nelson Mandela dies at 95

Leaves legacy of racial reconciliation

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JOHANNESBURG - NelsonMandela, who emerged from more than a quarter-century in prison to steer a troubled African nation to its first multiracial democracy, uniting the country and becoming a symbol of racial reconciliation around the world,

died Thursday. He was 95.

South African President Jacob Zuma made the announcement in a somber televised address to the nation Thursday. "Fellow South Africans, Nelson Mandela brought us together, and it is together that we will bid him farewell," Zuma said.

Long before his release in

1990, at age 71, Mandela was an inspiration to millions of blacks seeking to end the oppression of more than four decades of apartheid, and his continued imprisonment spawned international censure of South Africa's white-minority government.

Successive white South African leaders had portrayed him as a dangerous terrorist. But



Mandela

when Mandela was freed after 27 years, he surprised many by saying he bore no ill will toward his white Afrikaner jailers.

Preaching reconciliation, he guided the nation through four years

of on-again, off-again constitutional talks, using his moral authority to address the demands of an impatient black majority while, at the same time, winning over suspicious whites.

Mandela and the man who released him, President Frederik W. de Klerk, shared the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993. A year later, Mandela, the son of a tribal chief, succeeded de Klerk after a historic, peaceful election, the images of which were seared into the memory of a global audience.

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RIGHT: A few groups of horses trotted down Main Street for the annual Snowflake Parade. H&N photos by Steven Silton

To read about the Snowflake Mile, which took place before the parade, and to see more pictures from this year's event, turn to page A3.



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Best bets

for this

weekend

with Doug

Higgs

LEFT: A few members of the Mazama march-

Holiday replay

Did you miss the Snowflake Parade? The Klamath Falls Government Channel will show video of this year's Snowflake

'Commission qualified' **Bellet sees** no need for county administrator

Voters may get to decide on issue on May 2014 ballot

By SAMANTHA TIPLER H&N Staff Reporter

Klamath County Commissioner Jim Bellet believes he could be the county

administrator if the ballot measure establishing a county charter and adding an administrator position were approved by voters.

At the commissioners' weekly meeting on Tuesday, Bellet ran through the list of qualifications for an administrator, and



Bellet

listed the ways he felt he was qualified. He mostly drew from his 40-year career as owner of Bellet Construction and Bullet Rentals and Sales. He called himself and the other commissioners the chief executive officers of the county. "Do I, as CEO that was duly elected in Klamath County to be the CEO, have the qualifications to be an administrator?" Bellet asked. "I think that I do. So, I could actually hire out as the administrator, or you hired me to do that job as the CEO, as one of the three commissioners. We're all CEOs. We have a responsibility to be the CEO." On Monday Kate Marquez and the Citizens for Positive Change submitted a ballot proposal to establish a Klamath County charter which stipulates hiring a county administrator. The roughly \$200,000 position (including benefits) would be paid for by reducing the county commissioner salaries to \$2,000 a month plus benefits and a travel stipend.



It's commonly known

that Santa Claus consumes

cookies and milk during his

gifts for good boys and girls,

So to bring awareness

Christmas Eve delivery of

but it's not as well known

that he eats breakfast.

of this, the 14th annual

Breakfast with Santa will

be offered in the Klamath

County Museum with Santa

ing band decided to dress for the holidays during the Snowflake Parade.

and Mrs. Claus greeting

families from 8 to 10 a.m.

Admission is free with a

The menu includes ham

donation to CASA of Klam-

and pancakes with milk or

orange juice. The museum's

contest will be offered during

the breakfast with prizes for

ath County encouraged.

annual pancake tossing

Saturday.

Parade on Charter channel 15 and online at kfgov.com.



those participating.

Santa will remain in the museum through noon.

■ A comedy, "Every Christmas Story Ever Told (And Then Some!)" will be performed by the Linkville Players at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday in the Linkville Playhouse.

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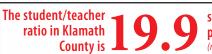
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students per teacher (not a measure of class size







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The student-teacher ratio gives a rough idea of the amount of individualized attention from teachers that is available to each student. Although it is not the same as class size, the student-teacher ratio is often a reasonable alternative on which to base estimates of class size. According to the National Center for Education Statistics, larger schools tend to have higher student-teacher ratios.

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