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### Phone bill to go up in June

The Associated Press  
WASHINGTON — In an effort to make Americans pay more of the actual cost of their home telephone service, the Federal Communications Commission voted 5-0 on Wednesday to require an additional \$1 a month charge on residential phone bills, starting in June.  
The monthly "access charge," designed to help pay for access to long-distance telephone companies, will go to \$2 in June 1986.  
The \$1 a month fee, estimated by the commission staff to total \$1 billion a year nationwide, will be used to lower long-distance rates, which had been set high to help telephone companies pay for the phone line that runs from a user's home to the central office.  
Albert Halprin, chief of the common carrier bureau of the FCC, said the access charge "in effect reduces the subsidy for use of the wire" from the home to the central office. Long-distance users had been paying that subsidy by paying more for their out-of-state calls.  
Joan Claybrook, president of "Public Citizen," a Ralph Nader consumer organization, said "the very gain we've just seen is being lost."  
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# States hot over waste dumps

## Nuclear Disposal Sites

Three sites were picked Wednesday as standing the greatest chance of getting the nation's permanent gravesite for highly radioactive nuclear wastes

By MATT YANCEY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Some of the best farming in Texas and areas of Nevada and Washington state long accustomed to having large nuclear programs as neighbors were picked Wednesday as the government's top candidates for the nation's first permanent atomic waste burial ground.

A scenic canyonland in southeastern Utah and a small town in southern Mississippi are the two backup choices in massive documents released by the Energy Department comparing nine candidate sites in six states.

The multibillion-dollar underground repository, when completed in 1998, will become the final grave for some 70,000 metric tons of highly radioactive wastes that will not decay to safe levels for at least 10,000 years.

The governors of Nevada and Texas vowed to oppose the selection of sites in their states. And Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox filed a suit in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals challenging the legality of the federal selection process.

"They are ignoring the importance of prime farmland in our panhandle, as well as the danger to the Santa Rosa and Ogallala aquifers and residents of West Texas," Mattox said. The Energy Department's choice of Deaf Smith County about 30 miles west of Amarillo.

While the rankings are not final, Energy Secretary Donald P. Hodel said "the chances are rather good that serious thought will be given to other sites."

That effectively eliminates the two backup choices and another four locations — one each in Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Utah — from the original list of nine candidates.

The Washington state site is on the government-owned Hanford reservation near Richland, where residents have become ac-

customed over the past four decades to atomic weapons research there.

The Nevada site is Yucca Mountain on the western edge of Nellis Air Force Base and the Nuclear Waste Site in the southern part of the state near the California border.

While the three sites were ranked in hundreds of categories, Yucca Mountain was first or second in most. Hanford emerged as the clear second choice over all and Deaf Smith County fell into third place.

Nearly 15,000 pages of environmental assessments formed the basis for the site rankings.

While acknowledging that "none of the sites is supported" now by top officials in the affected states, Hodel said he expects the acceptability to rise once people realize the magnitude of safety precautions.

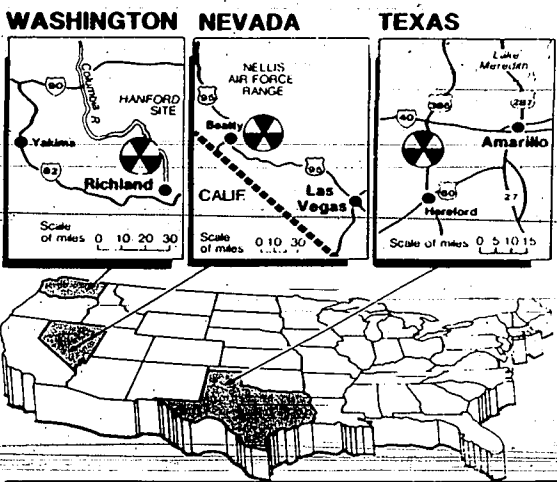
"I don't know of any program in which more money is going to be spent over a long period of time to provide absolute assurance of no risk," he said of the \$20 billion to \$25 billion program, all financed through user fees on nuclear-generated electricity.

The top three sites will be put through four to five years of intensive "characterization" studies costing \$500 million to \$1 billion for each location after they are formally approved by President Reagan.

"We would hope that the president would approve the recommendation this summer," said Ben Rusche, director of the government's civilian radioactive waste program.

Based on the results of the studies, whoever is chosen in 1991 will make the final choice. At that point the law gives the state authority to veto the selection, but that veto can be overridden with a vote by each house of Congress.

Rusche said it is unlikely that construction could begin until 1993 or 1994 because of the two to three years it will take to build a Nuclear Regulatory Commission-licensed facility.  
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# Legislature to look into Blaine County vote irregularities

The Associated Press

IDAHO FALLS — A special state legislative committee will be created next month to investigate claims of voter irregularities in Blaine County that, if valid, could significantly affect the disputed 2nd District congressional race.  
State Rep. J.F. Chadband, R-Idaho Falls, leading a group of eastern Idaho Republicans, announced Wednesday that he had received commitments to form the joint, bipartisan

committee from both House Speaker Tom Silvers, R-Twin Falls, and Senate President Pro Tem James Risch, R-Boise.  
Also on Wednesday, the state filed a response to Hansen's charge that he was unjustly denied a general recount of votes cast in the Nov. 6 election that saw him defeated narrowly by Democrat Richard Stallings. The Idaho Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments in the Hansen appeal today.  
Chadband said alleged irregularities in Blaine County voting "might be intentional."

"We're a little concerned about whether elections might be illegal in Blaine County," Chadband said, adding that such irregularities "might be intentional."  
Chadband's allegations mirror those made Attorney General Jim Jones and Con in a district court suit filed last week in Boise by Lucille Nockley, a long-time supporter of Hansen.  
That suit contends that 44 percent of the votes cast in the congressional race in strong-ly Democratic Blaine County came from people whose voter registration forms contained

inadequate residency information and, therefore, fail to comply with state law.  
The announcement of the special investigating committee came as attorneys for Attorney General Jim Jones and Congresswoman-elect Stallings prepared briefs in opposition to Hansen's request for a state-managed, general recount in the race. The Idaho Supreme Court must rule on the matter by Christmas Eve.  
Chadband said that in addition to concern about possible voter fraud, his group hoped its

announcement would bolster Hansen's chances for a recount.  
"Maybe it'll have some influence on the Supreme Court in their ruling," Chadband said.  
Hansen, fighting for his political life under the cloud of a four-count felony conviction for falsifying voter registration records, also filed suit Friday to formally file a notice of contest, challenging his defeat before the full House of Representatives, another option.  
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# U.S. confirms CIA in clashes with Nicaraguans



By ROBERT PARRY  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — American helicopter crews under contract to the Central Intelligence Agency, exchanged hostile fire with Nicaraguan government forces twice early this year, actions the CIA contends were defensive, according to U.S. government officials.  
Questions have been raised in Congress, however, whether the first clash on Jan. 6 at the northern port city of Pototsi was actually an offensive operation aimed at destroying a Nicaraguan government arms storage facility.

The second clash occurred on March 7 at the southern port of San Juan del Sur during the period of CIA-directed mining of Nicaragua's coastline and attacks on its port facilities, said the officials, who spoke only on condition they not be identified. No Americans were reported injured in either fight.  
In explaining the clashes to congressional oversight committees, the CIA has said the American-manned helicopters intervened to protect specially trained Latin commandos, working for the CIA, who had come under fire from Nicaraguan government forces, the officials said.  
But one official, disputing the CIA's account of the Jan. 6 clash, said the American-manned helicopter joined with a helicopter gunship flown by Nicaraguan rebels to attack an arms storage building at Pototsi on the Gulf of Fonseca.

The attack drew anti-aircraft fire from government forces and ended with the building damaged, although the official said. He said the attack was ordered by a senior CIA paramilitary officer, apparently because earlier raids by Nicaraguan rebels had failed to destroy the facility.  
The attack — if indeed an offensive operation — would have violated agency guidelines permitting direct U.S. participation in Nicaraguan fighting only in emergency situations, the official said. The helicopter crews consisted of American civilians, some with Vietnam War experience, under contract to the CIA, he added.  
CIA spokesman George Lauder declined comment on the attacks.

The officials, interviewed by The Associated Press, said the March 7 clash was a protective action to defend CIA-trained Latin commandos operating on a boat off San Juan del Sur, on Nicaragua's Pacific coast. With the commandos under fire from government forces, an American-manned helicopter intervened to provide covering fire, they said.  
The helicopters normally stationed on a CIA "mother" ship "were available to fly defensive covering fire for (rebel) boats that came under fire," said one official.  
He said some members of Congress questioned how the CIA could describe as "defensive" actions to protect an attacking force being shot at by government defenders, but that the oversight committees lodged no serious objection to such use of American CIA personnel.

# Hard silos nullify MX threat

The Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — The United States' MX missile, designed to destroy Soviet weapons on the ground, is not likely to be any more of a threat to the Soviet Union until Friday to formally file a notice of contest, challenging his defeat before the full House of Representatives, another option.  
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The renewed interest in the clash emerged during the House committee's investigation of a CIA-prepared psychological warfare manual that advised Nicaraguan rebels on the "selective use of violence" to "neutralize" government officials. The panel concluded that the manual showed that "the CIA did not have adequate command and control of the entire Nicaraguan covert action."

# Former bankruptcy trustee surrenders in Boise

By HAL BEHNTON  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Suspended Twin Falls bankruptcy trustee Teresa Kloos voluntarily surrendered to the FBI Wednesday, six days after a federal warrant was issued charging her with fraudulently appropriating more than \$206,000.  
Kloos made a brief afternoon appearance before federal Magistrate Judge Mikel Williams, who released her from federal custody after setting a \$5,000 unsecured bond, said U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Ring.  
As yet, no trial date has been set for Kloos. But the trial is expected to begin within two months' time — the maximum time allowed under the Speedy Trial Act, Ring said.  
Until the trial, Kloos must remain within southwestern Idaho and make weekly reports to a probation officer, Ring said.  
Kloos also faces criminal prosecution on a second front, Twin Falls Police Chief Tim Qualls says that a city warrant has been issued charging her with writing a check for insufficient funds to

purchase a travel trailer from Gateway Trailer Center Inc.  
The check was written for about \$5,000, according to earlier reports from FBI officials.  
If drafted with a fraudulent intent, the check was written for enough money to constitute grounds for a felony charge.  
Qualls said that Kloos would respond to the city arrest warrant Friday morning and be arraigned in Fifth District Magistrate Court.  
Kloos's surrender came in investigation by federal law enforcement officials that was touched off by the issuance of a Dec. 13 arrest warrant.  
The warrant charged Kloos with fraudulently appropriating money raised in the liquidation sales of property belonging to Richfield dairy farmer Rod Erdmore.  
The warrant was triggered by a recently completed audit of more than 150 bankruptcy cases assigned to Kloos by the federal bankruptcy court, according to an affidavit and other bankruptcy court documents. The audit was conducted by L.D. Fitzgerald, a Pocatello trustee who is now responsible for Kloos's bankruptcy case load.

A Nov. 27 letter from Fitzgerald to bankruptcy court officials indicates the audit showed trustee funds well in excess of Erdmore's \$206,000 arrearage. In the letter, Fitzgerald cited financial shortfalls of \$4,167.37 in the bank accounts of five additional bankruptcy cases.  
He further wrote that "There is a severe problem in that we do not have any money. None of the estates that she (Kloos) sent in final accounting on have sufficient funds to make the distribution to creditors."  
Fitzgerald told the Times-News that the audit is now complete and has been turned over to bankruptcy court officials. However, it will remain out of the public record until Kloos's trial, Ring says.  
Ring declines to comment on whether a grand jury will examine Kloos's case.  
As a court-appointed trustee, Kloos was responsible for locating the assets of bankrupt businesses and individuals and then selling them to help pay creditors. She has been paid on a percentage basis, according to the amount of money she raised in the sale of assets.



TERESA KLOOS Appears in court

"The hardness of the silos in which they (Soviet intercontinental missiles) are housed is such that they could not be effectively eliminated, even if caught in their silos by the entire current force of American Minuteman and Titan ICBMs," Taylor said.  
"Nor is Peacekeeper, the erstwhile MX missile, likely to offer much better results," he said.  
The Pentagon said earlier this year that the Soviets had invested heavily in hardening their missile silos against nuclear attacks, and that half the Soviet missiles now are housed in "the world's hardest silos."



**Briefly**

**Kirkpatrick: 'sexism is alive'**

NEW YORK (AP) — Jeane Kirkpatrick said Wednesday she has suffered sexual discrimination from American officials as well as foreign diplomats during her four years as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations.

"I think sexism is alive — it's alive in the United Nations, it's alive in the U.S. government, it's alive in American politics," the ambassador said at a meeting of the Women's Forum, an honorary society of successful women from different fields.

"It's not unconquerable, if one can only avoid getting angry and wasting one's energy on rage."

**Officers shot in Chinatown**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A holdup attempt at a jewelry store Wednesday ended in a shootout in which a policeman and two suspects were killed and three other people, including the slain officer's partner, were wounded, authorities said.

The shooting in Chinatown, north of downtown, occurred shortly after 9 p.m. when members of a police streetfront detail who were responding to a silent alarm confronted four men inside the Jin Hing jewelry store on Bamboo Lane, Officer Rod Bernsen said.

"It was a robbery attempt at a jewelry store," Officer Margie Mastro said. "There was an exchange of gunfire."

Two of the would-be robbers died at the scene, Bernsen said. One of the police officers died later at County-USC Medical Center, while the other officer was taken to White Memorial Hospital, Ms. Mastro said.

**Milwaukee denies pension**

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Common Council on Wednesday rejected a last-minute attempt to grant full pension benefits to the widow of a police officer who died two weeks before Christmas Eve, the date on which his pension would have transferred to his wife.

Sgt. John Fedorenko, 43, died of leukemia Dec. 10, just 14 days short of the date at which his full pension benefits, rather than death benefits, would have gone to his 43-year-old wife, Judy.

"I'm just frustrated with the whole thing," Mrs. Fedorenko said after the council voted 8-7 in special session against a resolution that would have allowed the city labor negotiator to open the current city contract, with the police unions and renegotiate the pension waiting period.

**Steel shipments to be lower**

WASHINGTON (AP) — Seven major steel-producing nations will significantly lower their steel shipments to the United States under voluntary restraint agreements negotiated by U.S. trade officials, the Reagan administration said Wednesday.

Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer said Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Spain, Australia and South Africa have agreed to restraints lasting five years. Japan, the seventh producer, has agreed to more than one year but the exact time span is to be determined.

**Nazi's deportation denied**

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Supreme Court justice refused late Wednesday to prevent the deportation of former Nazi death camp guard Fedor Fedorenko, who has lived in the United States for 35 years.

Justice William J. Brennan turned down a last-minute request by Fedorenko to avoid deportation.

In an emergency plea to Brennan, lawyers for Fedorenko said their client was scheduled to be deported at 4 p.m. MST Wednesday.

Fedorenko, 77, was found to have illegally obtained U.S. citizenship in 1970 because he lied to immigration officials when entering the country in 1949.

A long-time factory worker in Waterbury, Conn., Fedorenko retired to Miami Beach, Fla., in 1976.

**U.S. formally pulls out of UNESCO**

By JOANNE OMANG  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The United States formally ended 38 years of association with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Wednesday.

It announced it will withdraw at the end of the month because the agency has been "politicized, leftward and is financially irresponsible."

However, Gregory J. Newell, assistant secretary of state for international organization affairs, said U.S. membership could be renewed if the 116-nation institution makes certain changes in its operations.

"In the meantime, he said, an "observer panel" will be set up at the State Department to monitor UNESCO's performance, and the United States will assume the formal status of an "observer" at UNESCO headquarters in Paris.

The U.S. withdrawal was promised a year ago and has been debated around the world ever since. Critics have charged it was motivated more by the Reagan administration's conservative ideology than by UNESCO management problems, which all sides — acknowledge — are serious.

Newell noted that UNESCO had made improvements over the past year, but said they had not gone far enough.

"An unacceptable gap clearly remains," Newell said. "When UNESCO returns to its original purposes and principles — the United States would be in a position to return to UNESCO."

Conservatives encouraged the withdrawal as a step toward possibly dropping out of the United Nations, which they see as little more than a forum for anti-American speeches.

Asked if the UNESCO decision would be in a position to return to UNESCO, Newell said:

"The move will deprive UNESCO of \$47 million in U.S. funds for fiscal 1985, or about 25 percent of its \$200 million annual budget. Newell said he would propose continued U.S. spending at that level for other programs to accomplish UNESCO's goals, but that budget requests were still under review.

UNESCO officials in Paris said they will seek voluntary contributions and make budget cuts to cover the loss of U.S. funds, and may call a special governing board session in January.



PETER LAWFORD  
No details on illness

**Peter Lawford slips into deep coma**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Peter Lawford slipped into a coma Wednesday, but a hospital official said that at his wife's request no specifics were being disclosed about his illness.

Lawford, 61, who usually depicted dashing man-about-town in a career that began at age 7, entered Cedars-Sinai Medical Center on Sunday, spokesman Ron Wise said.

"Mr. Lawford has slipped into a coma," Wise said. "He is in critical condition. The prognosis, the outlook, is quite uncertain at this time."

"The doctors said the next 24 hours will determine if he will pull through," the newspaper quoted an unidentified Lawford associate as saying. "In addition to his liver problem, he is also suffering kidney failure."

Wise said the British-born actor's four children from his first marriage to the sister of former President John F. Kennedy, Patricia Kennedy Lawford, were with him, as well as his present wife, also named Patricia, 26.

Lawford was in the hospital several weeks ago, Wise added, as well as in July when he received ulcer treatment. While hospitalized then, he married his present wife.

**Schroeder undergoes blood tests**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — William J. Schroeder, recovering from a series of small strokes, has been injected with radioactive blood cells in hopes of finding out whether blood clots are forming in his artificial heart, a doctor said Wednesday.

Dr. F. David Rollo, senior vice president for medical affairs at Humana Inc., also said the second recipient of a permanent artificial heart could live for "years."

Meanwhile, Schroeder's mental outlook was described as improved Wednesday. He rested well and awoke with a good appetite, said Robert Irvine, public relations director for Humana Inc.

The 62-year-old retired federal worker from Jasper, Ind., watched television and talked to people, and "the doctors feel he is at the point he should be in his recovery," Irvine said.

He said Schroeder would work out with one-pound weights again, continuing physical therapy sessions he started Tuesday for the first time since suffering the small strokes last Thursday.

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### Just throwing money won't help schools

The evidence isn't exactly overwhelming, but the bits and pieces suggest that the quality of education is beginning to improve in America after nearly two decades of decline and neglect.

But while there is cause for cheer nationally, in some of the Idaho statistics the changes are not as much as we would have liked to see. In some categories, Idaho seems to have slipped relative to the improving national averages.

On the whole, test scores are rising. Dropout rates are falling. Teacher pay is going up in many states, including Idaho. Standards are being toughened for both teachers and students.

Outgoing Education Secretary T.H. Bell, who presented some of the new statistics this week, was nonetheless cautious. "We still have a long way to go to recover our losses since the early 1960s," he said.

That seems particularly true in Idaho, where despite considerable expenditures, the state has slipped. It seems like the faster we go, the farther behind we get.

Average state ACT scores, for example, remained at 18.9 in 1984, exactly what it was in 1982. That is still higher than the 18.5 national average. The scores put Idaho 11th best in the country. In 1982, it was tied for 10th.

The state's graduation rate has gone up, from 76.4 percent in 1982 to 77.9 percent in 1984, still well below the national target of 90 percent. But the state's rank fell from 19th to 22nd as the overall U.S. dropout rate increased from 72.8 to 73.9 percent.

In teacher salaries, the Idaho average went from \$15,146 in 1981 to \$17,605 in 1983, but its rank fell from 37 to 39th as the national average rose from \$17,360 to \$20,603. State spending per pupil went up as well, from \$1,996 to \$2,052, but the state's rank fell from 44th to 46th. And spending as a percent of per capita income, dropped from 22.1 percent, ranked 41st, to 21.5 percent, ranked 47th. The U.S. average in 1983 was 25.3 percent.

These numbers suggest that the huge expenditures at the state level have been matched or exceeded in other states. That has left Idaho's position relatively weaker.

Judging from the stable test scores and modest gains in getting kids to stay in school, Idahoans can legitimately ask how the increased spending is showing. That is not easy to answer.

An often-overlooked fact is that stable home environments with traditional "nuclear" families, crime-free communities, and middle-class standards of living contribute as much to academic achievement as many other factors.

It is obviously important to have warm schools, adequate libraries and qualified, well paid teachers. These things contribute to the total educational climate of the community.

But if the statistics Bell released this week are any indication, we can not expect huge increases in test scores or achievement levels merely by throwing more money into the educational pot. It has to be allocated selectively.

The Legislature, in our view, should consider these statistics carefully in its educational funding this winter. Scarce tax dollars will need to be stretched.

But we believe the state should expand its commitment to educational quality through examining both what we're spending educational money on, and what we can realistically expect in return.

WIDENER



### Letters

#### Generic terms are unfortunate

I enjoyed some of David Nelvert's article on Humanism until I came to the word "humanist" which he misused. "Humanist" is a noun, a person who practices some form of humanism, or is involved in the academic disciplines of the Humanities. "Humanistic" education would be proper usage, although I believe, with an improper connotation.

I am concerned that any form of humanism not be singularly identified with the humanities, as if the humanities are a distinct philosophy, when in fact, humanism (by the fact of the "ism") comes under the larger heading of philosophy, a humanistic endeavor, a branch of the humanities. Because of the confusion surrounding the word "humanist" — when referring to teachers and practitioners in this group of academic disciplines, liberal arts, or those studies which are differentiated from the social sciences and sciences, I prefer to use the words "scholar in the humanities."

I find it very unfortunate that singular philosophies have adopted these generic terms (humanist, humanistic, etc.), or that people have forgotten the existence of such good clear words as

"scholar" or "philosopher", or for that matter, where our ability to reason ultimately came from.  
PENELOPE REEDY  
Fairfield

#### She applauds for Carson Wong

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my thanks and appreciation for the chance to hear the wonderful music of Handel's Messiah. I do believe, however, that we in Magic Valley are so very, very lucky to have such a fine and wonderful director and musician as Carson Wong.

The solofists, chorus and chamber orchestra were truly excellent but someone has to be able to put this all together. The credit does certainly belong to Mr. Wong. The performance was so thrilling and it has been a long time since I have heard this masterpiece in its entirety.

Those in this Magic Valley have had the opportunity to hear things directed by Carson Wong and we should all be very grateful to him for his fine ability. I do wish again to thank him for such an excellent performance.  
HARRIET DENTON  
Kimberly

J. WIDENER  
Twin Falls



### Not enough Warnocks to go around

OXFORD, England — Geoffrey Warnock, vice chancellor of Oxford University, explains why politicians so frequently ask his wife, Mary, to comment about moral issues: "They seem to think she knows the difference between right and wrong."

The vice chancellor is not like the vice president of the United States. The vice chancellor is grander. He runs the place — to the limited extent that an ancient institution requires running. The office of chancellor is, with lovely illogic, honorific. The current occupant is Harold Macmillan, who recently wondered aloud whether, now that he is 90, he should step down. He promptly answered himself with a firm "no."

But splendid though the vice chancellor undoubtedly is in his black suit and white clerical necktie, he is no more splendid than Dame Mary, D.B.E., Britain's savant for all seasons. Thatcher, Warnock... is there no room for men at the top of British life? There should be a national inquiry into this question, but it would be conducted by yet another Warnock committee of inquiry.

Mary is about to become principal of a college at Cambridge, but presumably will continue as a college industry producing solicited advice for the perplexed. When a British government knits its brow about education for the handicapped, or in vitro fertilization, or some other thorny issue, the government eventually exclaims, "It is too deep — send for Warnock!"

Regarding, for example, in vitro fertilization, the most recent Warnock committee sought a criterion by which to limit research on human embryos conceived outside a mother. The committee report emphasized an early stage in the develop-



George Will

ment of the embryo — a stage at which there appears an arrangement of cells called "the primitive streak." It occurs about 15 days after conception and is a stage in the multiplication of cells that marks the last point at which identical twins can occur. Hence it marks the beginning of individual development of the embryo and is, the committee concluded, an appropriate outer limit for research on embryos produced by in vitro fertilization.

Leaving aside all issues relating to such research, the "primitive streak" could be a useful category in the abortion debate. It could point to a policy that would avoid the consequences — including frequent infanticide — of the U.S. policy of unlimited abortion on demand. That policy is a consequence of the idea that it is impossible to identify any point in gestation, prior to birth, at which personhood should be acknowledged.

The Warnocks, both of whom are philosophers by training and inclination, seem to be constantly bumping into public questions that call for philosophic subtlety. Geoffrey was a philosopher before he was elevated to the vice chancellorship, and presumably still is. One can hardly stop being a philosopher once one has got the habit. He shall return to full-time philosophy when he is returned to his position as principal of Hertford College here. Until then, he is at least spared the ordeal of

trying to teach philosophy to the likes of boneheaded me, as he did 20 years ago. But even as vice chancellor, he must grapple with metaphysical disputes of a sort that flourish here. For example, in 1915 this question arose: Can the university confer a degree, especially a master of arts degree, on someone who is dead?

The issue arose because in 1915 many young men were going directly from the University to the trenches. The war ended before the university answered the question, but the question remained technically open and now has been re-raised by a liberal. (A liberal is someone who can not leave well enough alone and who has a disruptive passion for unnatural littleness.) Anyway, the problem is as follows:

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree, a recipient waits for years and then pays a nominal sum and gets a master of arts degree. But strictly speaking (and precise speaking is a skill taught here), when one receives a master of arts degree, one is granted certain rights and powers. One is empowered to lecture, dispute and do all the other things appropriate to that station.

But the deceased can not do those things in this world. And a University clergyman (Anthony Trollope, call your lawyer: Life is imitating your art) wonders about those who have gone to another status. He worries that if he endorses the idea of conferring degrees; and hence powers, on the departed, he may endorse, by inference, various propositions about life beyond the grave, propositions that may be dubious, even heretical.

Only one thing is clear. There are too many questions, and not enough Warnocks to go around.

George Will writes for Newsweek.

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### Clockwork demonstrations tick along outside embassy

WASHINGTON — Here in the capital the demonstrations continue out on Massachusetts Avenue.

A little after 3 o'clock every weekday afternoon, 30 or 40 marchers assemble near the Embassy of South Africa. For an hour they walk in a tidy militancy. At 4:30 the three honorees of the afternoon step politely through the police lines. They approach the embassy's door and symbolically seek entrance. Finally they link arms and accept an escort to waiting police sedans. A few minutes later, after the TV crews have departed, the demonstration dissolves.

These tableaux have all the spontaneity of Dresden clocks. In times past I have covered other demonstrations, by coal miners, school teachers, air traffic controllers and striking utility workers. They exhibited real passion. By contrast, the neatly choreographed performances before the embassy seem not to come from the heart, but from Central Casting.



James Kilpatrick

Indeed, the executive producer of these late afternoon soaps has fallen into the language of show biz. Asked about his list of arrestees, he replied earlier this month that he was "booked through Christmas."

These are demonstrations carefully geared to a society that feeds up fast food. They are as thin as a sheet of newspaper, ephemeral as the image on a TV screen, but they have been marvellously effective. They have caused many Americans to think seriously about South Africa for the first time in their lives; they have prompted the president to speak more forcefully to this issue than he ever has spoken before. The producers and stage managers have much credit coming to them.

So let us think together. I would direct thought toward a couple of old ideas. One old idea is that the mores of any society — the morally binding customs by which a society is identified — tend to evolve slowly. Another old idea is that within such an evolution, certain aspects of human nature remain fixed and constant.

The United States has known precisely such an evolution in its own race relations. I think back 30 years — and 30 years is the merest tick of time's clock — to the mores that characterized Richmond, Mobile and Atlanta in 1954. Every public institution was rigidly segregated: schools, parks, restaurants, theaters, libraries, hospitals, streetcars. But the winds of change, unlet or ignored, had been blowing for at least a hundred years. The evolutionary process was in motion. With a couple of powerful shoves from the Supreme Court and the Congress, the structure of state-sanctioned segregation began to topple. Nothing of the structure now remains.

When I first visited South Africa 20 years ago, I found in Pretoria and Cape Town the mores of Richmond and Mobile greatly magnified. It was the same rigid segregation of the races. But as a "60 Minutes" documentary made clear last Sunday evening, things change and attitudes evolve. It is too much to say that South Africa's structure is toppling, but the slow process of desegregation is in motion.

My second old idea is that persons who hold power seldom surrender power willingly. Men fight for what they have. It is folly to suppose that the power structure in South Africa peacefully will swallow black majority rule. The situation in South Africa is unlike the situation elsewhere in Africa. When Britain yielded on Rhodesia, the white Rhodesians, if they wished, could go home to England. The Portuguese who left Mozambique and Angola could go home to Portugal. The Belgians who abandoned the Congo could go home to Belgium. But South Africa's 5 million whites

already are home. They are no one's colonialists. They will never abandon their political power without a desperate struggle.

If such a struggle is to be avoided — a struggle even bloodier than our own civil war of 1861-65 — the best minds of all South Africa must be encouraged to seek peaceful alternatives. The concept of "homelands" seems to be working poorly, but at least it addressed the reality that the loyalties of most South African blacks are not national, but tribal. "One man, one vote" is not a solution; it is a motto; it is something for ideologies to wear on their sleeves.

Patience. This is the oldest idea of all. Let us keep things in perspective — the perspective of time, the perspective of other oppressions elsewhere — and let us now and then contemplate the beam in our own eye before we castigate the mote in Pretoria's.

James Kilpatrick writes his column, "A Conservative View," from Washington.

# World

## Briefly

### OPEC ministers eye pricing

GENEVA, Switzerland (AP) — OPEC ministers, trying to avert a price war, vowed Wednesday to reassert the cartel's influence in the oil market by fine-tuning its much-flouted pricing system.

As the 13 ministers opened their regular year-end conference, they received a committee proposal to realign prices for all grades of OPEC oil except the benchmark Arabian Light crude, which is to be kept at \$29 a barrel.

"We are going to defend the \$29 price," Mana Saoud Ottebla, oil minister of the United Arab Emirates, said before the meeting started.

After 4½ hours of closed-door talks, the ministers told reporters that no decisions had been reached and that the conference would resume this morning.

### Chemical processing through

BHOPAL, India (AP) — Experts on Wednesday finished processing 16 tons of poisonous chemical stored under the Union Carbide pesticide plant, but said they still had to rid the factory of another ton contained in six steel drums.

Forty tons of the chemical, methyl isocyanate, leaked from an underground storage tank Dec. 3 and killed more than 2,000 people. The plant was immediately shut down but authorities denied the safest way to get rid of the remaining gas was to turn it into pesticides.

N.P. Choubey, a spokesman for the government control room monitoring the processing, said workers had safely processed gas in the underground tank and that "neutralization is expected to end tomorrow."

"Everything is normal," he said.

### Chilean rebels kidnap editor

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Guerrillas kidnaped the government newspaper's managing editor, and an employee of the paper said Wednesday they have demanded safe passage from Chile for three colleagues who took refuge in the Swedish Embassy 12 days ago.

Sebastiano Bertolone, 38, was abducted Tuesday night when he arrived at his home in a residential neighborhood, said Francisco Cuadra, secretary-general of the government. Bertolone's wife and six-year-old daughter also were seized but were released a few blocks away.

### Pakistanis boycott referendum

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Many Pakistanis boycotted a nationwide referendum Wednesday in which Gen. Mohammad Zia ul-Haq was virtually certain to win a mandate for his program extending Islamic law and for another five years as president of Pakistan.

Although Zia's regime tried to stifle opposition calls for a boycott, barely one-third of registered voters had cast ballots by closing time at some polling stations in major cities.

In Lahore, police charged an opposition meeting where speakers accused the government of vote fraud. Fifteen people were injured and 24 arrested. It was the only reported violence linked to the vote.

### UNICEF hopes to save children

LONDON (AP) — The U.N. Children's Fund hopes that by 1990 it will be able to save up to two-thirds of the 15 million youngsters who die in the Third World each year, director-general James P. Grant said Wednesday.

UNICEF's annual report on the state of the world's children, released Wednesday, said half the estimated 40,000 children who die each day in Africa, Asia and Latin America could be saved by focusing on what families can do to improve their own health.

# Hong Kong pact signed

By RICK GLADSTONE  
The Associated Press

PEKING — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and China's premier signed an accord Wednesday that will return Hong Kong to China in 1997 and preserve its capitalist system for 50 years beyond that date.

Both nations called the pact a success for diplomacy.

"The world can draw a lesson from the successful outcome of our joint enterprise — that determined negotiation can succeed where confrontation would surely lead to disaster," Mrs. Thatcher said.

But the 59-year-old Conservative leader reminded her hosts the agreement was preceded by two years of difficult negotiations and the pressure of a deadline set by Peking.

Although she thanked the Chinese for pledges to honor the agreement, she emphasized that Britain and China share responsibility for Hong Kong's future. And while she welcomed friendship between the British and the Chinese, she capped a banquet toast by saying: "We have built well. But there is more to do."

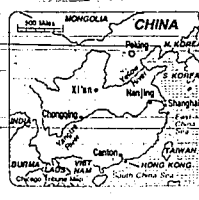
The Chinese regarded Mrs. Thatcher's visit as a major event, praised her as a forthright, bold visionary and broadcast the signing ceremony live on television.

Senior leader Deng Xiaoping, President Li Xiannian and other prominent figures attended the ceremony at Peking's Great Hall of the People, watching solemnly as Mrs. Thatcher and Premier Zhao Ziyang signed two copies of the thick red-covered document.

"We have accomplished a task of historical significance," Zhao said. "In the course of the talks over two years both governments have shown regard for larger interests, taken Hong Kong's history and realities into account, and displayed a spirit of mutual understanding and friendly cooperation."

Taiwan's Chinese Nationalist regime, which still considers itself China's legitimate government 35 years after being driven from the mainland, repudiated the agreement and said Britain had no right to negotiate Hong Kong's future with the Communists.

But Peking is hoping the accord's "one country, two systems" founda-



tion will eventually entice Taiwan to negotiate a similar agreement and bring about China's reunification.

Among those invited to attend the ceremony were 101 guests from among Hong Kong's 5.5 million people who were invited to the signing ceremony.

In Hong Kong, the stock market rose and residents reacted cautiously to the signing, which was broadcast on television.

Jao Yu-Ching, an economics lecturer at the University of Hong Kong, said the agreement will have a "stabilizing effect" initially. He cautioned against too much optimism about its long-term impact, however.

The Hang Seng Index, a key indicator of local share value, closed at 1173.31 Wednesday, up 7.18 points from Tuesday. The stock market has risen more than 50 points in the past six sessions, regaining part of the loss that resulted from anxiety during negotiations on the accord.

Under the pact reached Sept. 26, Britain will cede sovereignty over the colony, which it has ruled since the 19th century opium wars. In 1997 upon expiration of the lease on the New Territories, 92 percent of Hong Kong's land mass.

# Ships head for Cuba

WASHINGTON (AP) — A group of Soviet naval vessels heading toward Cuban waters was about 400 miles east of Bermuda Wednesday en route to what appears to be a routine exercise in the Caribbean, Pentagon sources said.

If the Soviet deployment — the 24th to the Caribbean since 1969 — follows precedent, the ships will likely cruise into the Gulf of Mexico after visiting Cuba and become the objects themselves of extensive American surveillance, said the sources, who spoke on condition they not be identified.

According to an announcement in the Soviet newspaper Pravda on Tuesday, the Soviet "surface action group" includes two frigates, a guided missile destroyer, a diesel-powered submarine and a tanker. The ships will arrive in Havana on Dec. 29 to participate in Cuba's Liberation Day celebrations, Pravda said.

Lt. Cmdr. Craig Quigley of the Navy's Atlantic Command in Norfolk declined comment when asked if the United States had determined whether Pravda had properly described the Soviet force.

### Old cannons found

PEKING (AP) — Nine old cannons and 121 stones once rolled down a hill to crush invading forces have been unearthed from a ditch near the Great Wall of China.

The official news agency Xinhua reported Wednesday that the items, used in wars in the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), were found along a stretch of the ancient stone barrier in Funing County, Hebei Province.

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### Ted Hughes selected as poet laureate

LONDON (AP) — Poet Ted Hughes, whose verse deals with the relationship between man and nature, was chosen Wednesday to succeed the late Sir John Betjeman as Britain's poet laureate.

The 54-year-old Hughes, youngest of the poets regarded as leading candidates for the post, was chosen by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher after consultation with Queen Elizabeth II and major literary societies.

The post, which dates from the 17th century, has been held by such men as John Dryden, Ben Jonson, William Wordsworth and Alfred, Lord Tennyson who commemorated in poetry England's victories, royal visits and occasions such as the queen's birthday.

Hughes' first wife was American author and poet Sylvia Plath, whom he married in 1956. She committed suicide in London in 1963 at the age of 30.

Hughes' raw and often abrasive language is far from the nostalgic, witty and easy-to-read verse of Betjeman, who died May 19 at the age of 77.

Hughes' poetry reflects man's struggle with the natural world he found in his native Yorkshire.

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# Comics

## Frank and Ernest

**AUTOS**

THE STICKER IS ON THE TAILPIPE, SIR -- WE LIKE FOR PEOPLE TO BE LYING DOWN WHEN THEY LOOK AT IT.

NICE 'N' TASTY IN HERE, AIN'T IT, DICK?

ST. JOHN'S IS ONE OF THE FEW CHURCHES IN TOWN THAT'S OPEN TO US. WE COME HERE AFTERNOONS WHILE THE ORGANIST IS PRACTICING.

OUCH! TSK! TSK!

ALLEGRO! ALLEGRO! HOW ABOUT FRANKLY SAYING THAT HE NEEDS COLOR, BUDDY?

## Garfield

WELL, THIS IS JUST GREAT. I'M COLD, I'M HUNGRY, I'M TIRED...

IT'S SNOWING TO BEAT THE BAND, AND I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST IDEA WHERE I AM.

WHILE EVERYONE ELSE IS HAVING A WHITE CHRISTMAS, I'M GOING TO HAVE A WHITE LOT!

## Peanuts

YOU LOOK CLUE IN YOUR SHEEP COSTUME, SIR.

SURE, MARCIE. SURE.

I WAS UP LATE. LAST NIGHT MEMORIZING ALL MY LINES.

ALL YOUR LINES.

WELL, YOU'LL HAVE TO EXCUSE ME, SIR... WE'RE REHEARSING MY FIRST SCENE.

BAAAAA!!

## Blondie

FUBBURY'S WRAPPING DESK TAKE NUMBERS.

## Hagar the Horrible

THEY DIDN'T HAVE TOYS LIKE THIS WHEN I WAS A KID.

AND THEY'RE SO EDUCATIONAL!!

## Andy Capp

I DON'T CARE WHO'S GOT A DISHWASHER. YOU'RE NOT WASHING ONE.

AT LONG LAST I'VE SUCCEEDED IN ASSESSING MYSELF. IT FEELS GREAT.

DON'T GET TOO ELATED. I'M ASKING YOU TO ASK FOR SOMETHING THAT AFFORDS SO THEY CAN COMPROMISE ON WHAT THEY REALLY WANT.

SO MUCH STILL TO LEARN. I'LL HELP YOU, LAD.

## The Born Loser

ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER DOLLAR!

I'M OFF INTO THE RAT RACE!

DON'T BET AGAINST THE RATS.

## Wizard of Id

STAY WITH ME TONIGHT, MILDRED.

...A SHEPHERD GETS LONELY OUT HERE ON THESE COLD NIGHTS...

YOU'RE IN LUCK!... THESE SHEEP ARE POLYESTER.

BUT I'M ALLERGIC TO WOOL.

## Beetle Bailey

WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU?

FIGHT. GOT A COUPLE OF STEAKS?

I'M OUT OF STEAK, LET'S TRY SALAMI!

I'LL LEAD YOU TO YOUR ROOM.

DIG THOSE CRAZY SHADES!

## Broom-Hilda

WHAT A MISERABLE DAY! EVERYTHING HAS GONE WRONG!!

I DEMAND A REPLAY OF YESTERDAY!!!

## Gasoline Alley

I knew you wouldn't find Mr. Boogie!

It's been only a day, Clovia!

Slim, if Boogie does a disappearing act like Rover's mother did...

just don't get any stupid ideas!

The thought of our taking Hoogy to raise hasn't crossed my mind!

## Hi and Lois

MOTHER NATURE ISN'T TAKING VERY GOOD CARE OF YOU, OLD TREE.

WHAT YOU NEED IS SOME OF THAT GOOKY STUFF MY MOMMY USES FOR ROUGH, DRY SKIN.

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- Mastermind
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- Manipulate
- Actor Wallace
- "Lips" family
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- Jokes
- "Lake"
- Central
- Barrel rib
- Next to
- Car
- Cold-shoulder
- Sufficient, old style
- Tiny pet
- Virilo
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- School jacket
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- Curtsy joint

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**L.M. Boyd**  
What's what

Geese, too, gaze into each other's eyes for signs of sex appeal. At least, I presume they do. Male geese have blue eyes, female geese brown eyes.

University researchers undertook an elaborate study of well-educated middle-aged business people to learn more of them had a better grasp of Einstein's Theory of Relativity than of a typical insurance policy.

**IGNORANCE**

Q. Who first said, "Ignorance is bliss?"

A. The English poet Thomas Gray said something like that. But not quite.

Brief news note out of Ottawa: When a man tripped over his seeing-eye dog, injuring his head in the fall, he regained his eyesight.

Q. Does "tortoiseshell" actually come from tortises?

A. It real, it does. Or used to. From one species, the Hawksbill. When sliced into thin sheets and heated, it can be molded in a marvelous manner.

Man on Stool: "Gin," bartender: "What?" Man: "If I wanted lemonade, I'd ask for it."

Q. What's the difference between a snowstorm and a blizzard?

A. It's just a snowstorm until the temperature drops below 20 degrees F, and the wind goes past 35 mph. Then, sir, it's a blizzard.

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You want to start a riot? Under the law, you need at least three persons.

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## Daily Horoscope

**GENERAL TENDENCIES:** This is a good day to consider what changes you wish to make at the end of the present year, and differences in your standpoints that can aid your progress. State your views.

**ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)** A good day to concentrate on how best to expand your interests so that you can have greater success and happiness in the future.

**TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20)** Thinking about how to improve relations with others in business can result in getting excellent ideas.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** If you are more direct with allies, you can come to a far better understanding with them now.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** You had better handle neglected monetary duties now and get all of your affairs in far better order.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** You can express yourself very well now even though feeling a little nervous, so go after personal aims and gain them easily.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20)** Get at the motivations behind certain interests and improve your perspective. You must be more direct in stating your love.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19)** Contact as many friends as you can and plan to see them during the holiday. Then go after your personal aims.

**PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20)** Analyze your outside affairs and make any needed improvements. Express your good ideas for bettering conditions all around.

**IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY...** he or she will have much interest in both local and worldly news and should have as much general language as well since much travel is denoted here during the lifetime. Teach early, not to be so overly indulgent since the greatest success comes from being cooperative with others.

that, "Where ignorance is bliss, 'tis folly to be wise." He wasn't endorsing ignorance. It was like that old Navy wall plaque: "When the Captain is wrong, it don't pay to be right."

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# Specialty decorated Christmas trees raise charity funds

NEW YORK (AP) — Christmas trees decorated with everything from Broadway tickets to diamonds brought thousands of dollars at a charity auction attended by some of the celebrity tree trimmers, including actress Brooke Shields.

Miss Shields contributed a tree adorned in a space motif, with dozens of tiny toy spaceships and creatures from sci-fi movies nestled in the white, cottony tinsel. "I always liked toys," the actress said.

Her tree brought \$1,700 during the Tuesday-night auction party to benefit the New York Special Olympics for the handicapped.

A creation by actress Elizabeth Taylor — white branches hung with shell jewelry — went for \$1,000.

## Bernstein, firm mogul will receive honors

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — Conductor-composer Leonard Bernstein and record player pioneer Eldridge



**BROOKE SHIELDS**  
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Johnson will be cited for their contributions to the record industry at the 1985 Grammy ceremonies, the

National Academy of Recording Arts & Sciences announced.

Bernstein, whose 300 record albums have won nine Grammys and gathered 48 nominations, was named recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award by the academy's national trustees.

## Ex-star of 'Sky King' lands briefly in jail

SANFORD, Fla. (AP) — Kirby Grant, flying star of the once-popular television series "Sky King," found himself in jail briefly over an unpaid \$1,450 small-claims judgment, authorities say.

The Winter Springs actor, whose children's show aired in the 1960s, was held for about an hour Tuesday morning pending a contempt hearing before Seminole County Judge Harold Johnson. The judge later ruled there was no evidence to show contempt.

Grant was jailed over a 1975 judgment in favor of John Larry Hanks,

who said he loaned the money to Grant and was never repaid.

## Liz may have wedding amid celebrities

GSTAAD, Switzerland (AP) — The annual invasion of the rich and famous has begun in this luxury resort, amid rumors that actress Elizabeth Taylor may hold her eighth wedding here.

No date has been announced for Miss Taylor's marriage to Dennis Stein, a 52-year-old film executive, but the Zurich tabloid Blick said Wednesday that the wedding might take place during their upcoming Swiss holiday.

Miss Taylor plans to arrive sometime this weekend and stay in her chalet two weeks, said Hans-Ruedi Scherrer, a friend of the actress.

Actor Roger Moore has already arrived at the village, said Hedi Döntzli, manager of the Olden hotel,

who added others expected during the winter include David Bowie and actresses Joan Collins and Victoria Principal.

## Jamie Lee Curtis weds Emmy winner

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — Actress Jamie Lee Curtis and Emmy Award-winner Christopher Guest were married in a small ceremony at the home of her friend, actor Rob Reiner, spokesman said.

The wedding was held Tuesday afternoon, said publicists for both. Miss Curtis, 25, is known for her role as a teen-age baby sitter in the horror films, "Halloween" and "Halloween II," and more recently for



# Altruistic youth conceals illness, dies

DALLAS (AP) — Sixteen-year-old Padwel Sitarz knew his immigrant parents depended on him and had no money for a doctor, so he hid his illness as long as he could.

And by the time Padwel found he could no longer conceal the prostate cancer that spread to his stomach and lungs, he was just a few days from death.

Padwel's parents, classmates and teachers were stunned when he became violently ill at Hillcrest High School last Wednesday, and began coughing up blood. But the youth, known to his American friends as "Paul," appeared less concerned about his welfare than the trouble his illness might cause others.

"He apologized for taking up my time," said school nurse Jean Anstey. "He apologized for messing up the sink in the clinic. He was apologizing for everything."

"And as he was leaving for the hospital, his main concern was how much the emergency room would cost," Ms. Anstey said.

By Saturday, he was dead. Padwel, the son of an exiled Polish Solidarity leader, had impressed his family and peers with his strength, modesty and fine manners as he helped his parents build a new life in the country they adopted two years ago.

"He was beautiful in every way," said Margareta Coge, his reading improvement teacher. His parents relied on him, their only child and the only member of the family who spoke English.

Friends say it was Padwel who opened bank accounts, filled out insurance forms, wrote checks, bought groceries, and spent the summer working alongside his mother at a luxury hotel.

"He carried the whole family during the relocation," said Diane Warren, who supervises his mother, Stanislaw, a housekeeper at the Westin Hotel. "They struggled a great deal. They did it all to give their son a better life."

Padwel's father, Longin Sitarz, was a leader of the outlawed Solidarity Union in Poland who was imprisoned in 1981 when martial law was declared.

Family members say he was freed in June 1982 after agreeing to leave Poland. Sitarz, an electrician, has had a hard time finding steady work, friends said.

Padwel was in Mrs. Coge's class Wednesday when he began to cough violently. "My understanding is that he'd been coughing like this for some time, but he wouldn't say anything," she

said. "He knew they didn't have any money for a doctor, so he wouldn't say anything."



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## Infant mortality rises in Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Infant mortality here rose 35 percent in 1984 with some areas of the city approaching Third World levels, city officials said. The city's infant death rate, already twice the national average last year, climbed from 19.8 per thousand in 1983 to 26.8 per thousand this year, Mayor Coleman Young said Tuesday.

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# Briefly

## Ernst dropped from fire suit

BOISE (AP) — A store that sold space heaters to a man whose wife and six children died in a mobile-home fire two years ago has been dropped from a lawsuit over the fire.

Ernst Home Center was dropped from the \$15 million suit filed on behalf of Frank Ng, whose family died of smoke inhalation after a fire in a Garden City mobile home on Dec. 14, 1982. Ng, an immigrant from China, was at work when the fire occurred.

Ernst's request to be dismissed from the suit was granted on Tuesday. Intermountain Gas Co., which disconnected the Ng's utility service, was removed from the suit last year.

Defendants remaining in the first District Court case filed by widely known San Francisco attorney Melvin Bell include manufacturers of the heaters, an extension cord and the mobile home.

Bell's office has said an August trial will be sought.

## Woman sues in illegal search

BOISE (AP) — A woman charging Boise police searched her home without a warrant and seized her belongings is seeking \$200,000 in punitive damages plus other compensation.

Adele Garrow of Kuna said in a U.S. District Court complaint that officers conducted the search, restricted her movement in her own home and seized \$1,100 worth of her belongings.

Ms. Garrow said the home was searched after police detained her ex-conviat roommate at the Ada County law-enforcement building. There was a conspiracy to punish her for living with a former convict, Ms. Garrow said in the complaint filed on Tuesday.

Ms. Garrow, who said she was not formally charged with a crime, claims action by police caused her to lose her job and made her feel so degraded she had to move out of Boise.

## Man guilty of impersonation

BOISE (AP) — A Melba man, convicted of impersonating federal officers, will be sentenced Jan. 22 by U.S. District Judge Harold Rryan.

Frank Cram, 43, was convicted by a jury of impersonating officials from both the Internal Revenue Service and the Social Security Administration in a scheme to avoid a levy for back taxes against his wages at Amalgamated Sugar Co. in Nampa.

According to federal prosecutors, Cram forged a letter from the IRS saying his tax liability had been satisfied and also one from the Social Security Administration saying he had been given a new name and social security number.

## River threatens Howe homes

HOWE (AP) — Local residents have started digging an emergency diversion channel from the Little Lost River in an effort to siphon off rising water that threatens to inundate two churches, a school and the homes of a score of residents.

"My husband's been here 56 years and this is more water than he's ever seen," said Cleo Amy.

The threat, caused by unseasonably cold temperatures that have plagued the river with ice, prompted Gov. John Evans on Wednesday to declare an extreme emergency in the small Butte County community.

"There's imminent danger to life and the potential of hundreds of thousands of dollars of property damage," the governor said in a statement.

## County eyes 2 landfill sites

COBUR D'ALENE (AP) — Two potential landfill sites remain under consideration by Kootenai County officials eager to find a new long-term method of garbage disposal.

Site investigations continue at the Rimrock site, a 120-acre parcel five miles north of Hayden, and at the Mica Flats site, just west of Lake Coeur d'Alene's Kidd Island Bay.

# Conservation rules pondered

BOISE (AP) — A policy analyst for the Oregon State Housing Council says more study needs to be done on the cost of implementing model conservation standards in the region.

Debbie Wood, testifying before the Northwest Power Planning Council Wednesday, said staff who prepared the power council's policy paper on the cost of delaying model conservation standards seriously underestimated the price of implementing the plan.

The estimated cost of implementing the standards will add up to \$3,000 to the cost of a new home, she said. An estimated 9 percent of people considering buying a home in the state of Oregon would be priced out of the market by the additional costs, she said.

That would force many people to buy pre-fabricated homes which are less energy efficient, thereby creating the need for additional energy in the area, Ms. Wood said.

The goal of implementing model conservation standards developed by the Northwest Power Planning Council is to make homes energy efficient so power can be saved in the region. The plan is being administered by the Bonneville Power Administration.

Council member Gerald Mueller questioned the value of looking only at the initial cost of implementing the standards rather than considering the long-term impact. "I don't just pay my home home payments the first year. I pay them every year," said Mueller, adding that the long-term cost of energy savings would offset the price of model conservation standards.

Mueller said Japan is now producing pre-

fabricated homes which are as energy efficient as non-fabricated homes being built by contractors in the United States.

Implementing energy-efficient standards "could prevent us with ending up with Toyota and Datsun homes," he said.

Ms. Wood said the number of people who would be priced out of the housing market could cost the Oregon building industry up to \$30 million a year.

Mueller said the revenue builders would get for implementing the conservation standards would offset those losses.

Ms. Wood also contended that adopting model conservation standards could lead to adjustment of building codes to reflect those standards. Gas companies would be hesitant to build in areas with those standards because they couldn't sell enough of the product to remain profitable.

The BPA is expected to have a firm proposal for model conservation standards this spring.

In other business, the power planning council heard testimony that was generally favorable to a proposal to offer discount rates to companies that agree to interrupted service.

These rates would apply to direct service industries — companies that buy power directly from the Bonneville Power Administration because they use so much electricity. Aluminum producers comprise 95 percent of direct service industries, said Duley Mahar, council public information officer.

Because direct service industries need for power fluctuates dramatically, the council is trying to find alternatives to meeting that need without

building a new generating plant in the region.

Jack Mayson, spokesman for the Arco aluminum plant in Columbia Falls, Mont., said he wants the council to work swiftly on developing a plan. Arco wants to sell the Columbia Falls plant, he said, and "the chances of us selling are substantially increased if we can solve the rate problem."

"I have concern we're going to diagnose the patient to death," Mayson said. "You can drag this on. It's complicated. But at least for one of us it has to be done quickly."

Brett Wilcox, executive director for the Direct Services Industries organization, said cost-of-power is a major factor in producing aluminum. Rates for aluminum producers in this region is 50 percent more than aluminum producers in other regions pay, he said.

Aluminum producers in this region "need to become competitive again to survive."

Wilcox suggested tying rates for interrupted service to the market rate of aluminum.

John Brocker, spokesman for Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corporation, recommended a procedure that combines utilizing interruptible power with conservation methods.

Kaiser would like a plan that would give the company \$40 million in billing credits in return for upgrading its plants at Mead and Tacoma, Washington, officials said.

"The power that would be turned back to BPA for use elsewhere as a result of the conservation would be much less costly than if it had to be obtained through construction of new generating facilities, company officials said.

## In Appaloosa Horse Club scandal

# Secretary describes club election fraud

MOSCOW (AP) — No one ever conspired to take control of the Appaloosa Horse Club, according to Barbara Jean Baker, former administrative assistant to the club's executive secretary.

But perhaps half a dozen individuals, including herself, participated in rigging club elections, said Mrs. Baker.

"There wasn't any conspiracy. Nobody sat down and said we're going to take control," said Mrs. Baker, who pleaded guilty in Second District Court here Friday to falsification of corporate books.

According to the criminal complaint, Baker committed the felony at the "direction of corporate officials and directors."

The election fraud, she said, was orchestrated for ego reasons and to strengthen a power bloc within the club's hierarchy.

"There's one individual who, very frankly, has admitted it was his idea," Mrs. Baker said during an interview while accompanied by her at-

torney, Clark E. Myers of Moscow.

Once the election manipulation began, she said, "it was something that got out of hand."

What's more, Mrs. Baker said "purchasing club memberships" and questionable election tactics have pervaded the club for several years.

The club, with corporate headquarters located here, has bylaws written to protect against membership and election fraud. But she and others broke the rules, said Mrs. Baker, who currently resides in Los Angeles.

As for her own involvement, Mrs. Baker said she was simply "a secretary doing what I was asked to do." She conceded that she eventually considered her actions "unethical," but not illegal.

At this point, she said she thinks she's taking the rap for other guilty people.

A 16-member grand jury is currently hearing evidence stemming from a year-long criminal investigation into the club.

Despite the widespread election fraud, Mrs. Baker said, most of those involved had the club's and the breed's best interests in mind.

Appaloosas are a breed of spotted horses said by some to be the historical war horse of the Nez Perce Indians. The Appaloosa Horse Club, with some 20,000 members, is the third largest horse breeding registry in the world. The club has grossed more than \$4 million annually and is among the top five private employers in the Moscow-Pullman area.

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## California man hangs self in county prison

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A 22-year-old California resident, arrested Tuesday on a charge of possession of cocaine, hanged himself in the Twin Falls County jail holding cell Wednesday just minutes before he was scheduled to appear in court.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Kay Baxter identified the victim as Timothy Earl Courtney and termed his death "an apparent suicide." She said the Twin Falls City Police Department is conducting an investigation into the death.

Courtney was found hanging by a bed sheet in the cell on the first floor of the courthouse at 12:50 p.m. Wednesday. Lt. James Hopkins, the Twin Falls County deputy in charge of the county jail program, discovered the victim.

Courtney was scheduled to appear in 11th

District Magistrate Court for arraignment at 1 p.m. and was held in the holding cell adjacent to the sheriff's office under a special 24-hour watch, imposed at the time of his arrest. He had been housed alone in the single holding cell overnight with continuous supervision.

Baxter said it was agreed by Hopkins and Sheriff James Munn that the watch could be lifted at noon Wednesday. However, a deputy was in the portion of the sheriff's office that includes the holding cell and spoke with Courtney at 12:25 p.m.

Baxter said Munn and Hopkins were polling all deputies and sheriff's personnel late Wednesday to determine if anyone had observed Courtney between 12:25 and 12:50 p.m. when he was found by Hopkins.

Courtney's death is the second in the Twin Falls County jail this year. On June 20, convicted rapist Richard Ray Bradley, 35, hanged himself in a cell in the fourth floor jail area

of the courthouse, shortly after he was found guilty by a district court jury of the rape of a Twin Falls woman.

Baxter said when Hopkins discovered Courtney he immediately summoned help and jail personnel began coronary-pulmonary resuscitation in an effort to revive the prisoner. An ambulance was called and ambulance crews also attempted to revive him and then transported him to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center where emergency room doctors pronounced him dead at 1:35 p.m.

An autopsy has been requested in the death, Baxter said. She added that efforts were still being made late Wednesday to locate the man's next of kin in California. When arrested he gave his address as Central Valley, Calif.

Courtney was arrested by Idaho State Police Cpl. Gene Bolton at about 10:30 a.m.

Tuesday. Bolton stopped Courtney for driving 74 miles per hour in a 55-mile-an-hour speed zone. The cocaine charge resulted from evidence found after the arrest. It was also learned that California authorities held a warrant for Courtney on auto theft charges. Courtney was traveling six miles east of Twin Falls on Addison Avenue when stopped Tuesday morning by the state officer.

He was brought to the sheriff's office by Bolton and taken to the fourth floor jail booking area. After booking, he was returned to the first floor and placed in the single holding cell and was never confined to the main jail area.

Baxter said Wednesday it was not known why the 24-hour watch was ordered for the prisoner.

"There are lots of rumors floating around. I haven't had time to read all of the statements that are being taken, but this is something

that will probably be determined later on in the investigation," the process he said. Baxter released information about the death, said he concurs with the statements made by Baxter. He said additional information will probably be available as the investigation progresses.

City police said investigation of the death Wednesday involved photographs, examination of the cell and numerous statements from witnesses.

The Bradley death last June occurred under different circumstances and in an entirely different part of the jail. Officers declined to say Wednesday if the earlier death prompted the special precautions being taken to keep Courtney under 24-hour watch.

A week-long investigation in the Bradley death last summer resulted in absolving county jailers of any negligence in the incident.

## Hanging up a badge after 22 years

### Collins Helms to retire from city's force

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Sgt. Collins Helms has completed 22 years and 11 months as a law enforcement officer, all of it with the Twin Falls Police Department.

Helms will be honored Friday afternoon in a retirement party at the police department.

Helms said he will not be wanting for something to do. He plans a long trip next spring as soon as school closes. His wife, Shirley, and son, Travis, will mount their motorcycles for a trip across the United States to visit relatives and see the country from Idaho to North Carolina, New York and Maine.

His other plans include finishing the remodeling of his home and then maybe he will think about some part-time work or maybe custom carpentry in his home shop.

"Last year we traveled 2,100 miles on our motor bikes around the Northwest. This year we won't have to hurry and we plan a leisurely trip with lots of stops and exploring," he said.

Helms joined the Twin Falls police force Feb. 1, 1962, as a patrolman. He has been a man of few jobs, having stayed six years with American Oil Co., and eight with Willis Motor Co., before going into police work.

His only wish now is that he had continued a police career.

"Some of the things I tell the young officers starting out are that they need to know as much about the laws as they can and that they must remember to treat everyone they contact as they would like to be treated under similar circumstances," Helms said.

Helms said this goes for the traffic offender, hardened criminal and the



Helms, who's been with the Twin Falls Police for nearly 23 years, plans on enjoying his hard-earned retirement

businessman one meets on the street. He said the law-enforcement training programs are good and many young officers coming into the field from colleges are well trained, but he added there is no training equal to actual experience.

He said the officer can spend a lot of time in the classroom, but once

he's out there in the field, a lot depends on his common sense and experience.

"You can read it in a book but once you are there it's a lot different. An officer has to have a lot of common sense and be able to evaluate each situation on the condi-

tions at hand," he said.

Helms can recall being involved in many of the area's major crimes and investigations over the past 23 years and said if he had a chance, he would do it over again. "A law enforcement career can be very satisfying if not the most profitable."

"I have thoroughly enjoyed working at the police department and I'd recommend it to any young person interested in this kind of work. As a police officer, you are not only correcting problems for people, but you have a chance to meet a lot of people and to help those who need help," Helms said.

## County jail plans proceed smoothly

By PAT MARCANTONIO  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The planning of a new Twin Falls County Jail is proceeding steadily so that by mid-January the cost estimates and the date of a bond election to finance the facility will be announced.

The architects already have begun pre-design planning and work on the cost estimates that will be used in preparing for the bond election, says one of the contracted architects, Richard Helndel of Twin Falls.

A meeting of the Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners, Sheriff Jim Munn and the architects is tentatively scheduled Jan. 8. Immediately after the meeting, the date of the bond election and cost estimates may be released, Helndel says.

He predicts the election will be held in the early spring or late winter of 1985 with construction beginning later that year. If approved by the public, the project will take a year and a half to complete.

To ease the financial burden on the taxpayers building the jail, the architects and the county are planning to obtain funds from the federal government's department of civil defense.

The jail already is a designated center for the evacuation of people from Mountain Home in the event of an emergency, Munn says. If a new facility is built, then certain areas of the jail would be used in emergency situations, such as the communications sector and kitchen. For exam-

ple, the federal funds would be used in the cost of a generator, which is required for the jail, but also would be used in emergency preparations.

The county is planning to obtain federal money to help build the sections of the parts of the jail that would be used in any emergencies, Helndel says.

"This (federal) commitment will ease some of the cost for the county to bear," Helndel says.

The county has to complete the design work, however, before the federal government will commit to a specific amount of funds, Helndel says.

Although the federal funding is not new, this was the county's first opportunity to take advantage of it, the architect adds.

"We're trying to look at every possibility to relieve the burden and cost to the county," Helndel says. "The emergency services would be of assistance to the total community."

Similar federal funds that could have been used to help finance the proposed new jail have been cut, Helndel says. "After studying all the alternatives, the county decided that a bond issue was the most feasible method, he adds.

In their planning work, the architects are using scenarios prepared by the jail staff which detail the kind of work that takes place in the jail, such as the booking area, food service and laundry. From the scenarios, the architects have gained a good understanding of the space required for the proposed facility, he says.

## Contract language disputed

### Teachers threaten suit after board adopts last offer anyway

By DEAN S. MILLER  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Teacher contract language became the major issue in Twin Falls contract talks even as those talks ended when the board voted Tuesday night to adopt its own last offer to the teachers.

Teachers union negotiators offered Tuesday afternoon to take the board's offer of a \$13,500 salary base with the recently adopted insurance benefits package.

The board rejected the offer and has adopted new contract language along with the salary schedule and insurance plan.

Teacher negotiator Jana Roy said Wednesday the union's attorney, Byron Johnson of Boise, soon will file suit against the district for bad faith bargaining.

"The contract language concerns the district's grievance procedure, access of the union to district financial information, maintenance of teacher privileges, protection of teachers and administrators involved in the 1976 teachers strike, and separation of the annual contract from the procedural agreement under which bargaining proceeds."

Board and union negotiators agree one of the chief areas of con-

trastion was the section of last year's master agreement concerning the definition of the grievance procedure.

District negotiator Doyt Simcoe says the district wanted to remove some language from the definition to limit grievances to subjects covered by the master agreement.

"The contract previously defined a grievance as 'a claim based upon alleged violation, misinterpretation, or a misapplication of any existing law, rule, regulation, policy, or agreement—or that a teacher has been treated inequitably.'"

The language adopted by the board defines a grievance as "a claim based upon alleged violation, misinterpretation, or a misapplication of a specific article or section of this agreement."

The board is allowed to make a contractual grievance against the union based on alleged violations or variance from the provisions of the contract. Simcoe says the board wanted to bring the grievable items of the union into line with those of the board.

"It's a silly thing," Roy says.

"The grievance procedure leads to a decision by the board," Roy says the board would and up ruling on its own grievances if they ever filed a grievance.

A second section of the contract still on the table when the negotia-

## All quiet in union lawsuit

By DEAN S. MILLER  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — With no hearing date set for the lawsuit filed by the Twin Falls teachers union against the school board, most of the battling is quiet and on paper.

Boise attorney Byron Johnson is handling the case for the union and the board has three lawyers working on the case. Locally, Walt Sinclair of Benoit Alexander & Sinclair, is keeping tabs on the case. The district's insurance company, The Saint Paul's Insurance Co., has retained Boise attorney Phil Oberrecht of Moffatt, Thomas, Barrett & Blanton. Oberrecht has filed all the

district's legal papers to date.

The latest addition to the district's team is Boise attorney Cumer Green. Green is the State School Board Association's attorney.

Association attorney Alan Smith says Green is offering the district advice that it will have a state-wide effect on the public's right to run the district through their elected board.

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In negotiations.

"It appears Doyt doesn't understand what the clause says," union president Dick Chilcote said Wednesday night. "If something is stated in the contract, the teacher has no grounds for a grievance," Chilcote said.

The maintenance of standards clause was the negotiators' point of contention in the contract, says Chilcote. The board and

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## Cannon's departure puts arts center in bind

By DAVE LEWIS  
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — Hal Cannon, who joined the Sun Valley Center for the Arts and Humanities last February to start a folk-arts program, will leave the center one year after he came.

Cannon, 36, will leave following a cowboy poetry program he is conducting for Elkton, Nev., in late January and will return to his position as the state folklorist for Utah at the Utah Folklore Center in Salt Lake City.

"I just decided I wanted to go back to Utah," says Cannon, who says personal reasons played a significant role in his decision to leave Sun Valley.

Along with Cannon, the center will lose a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts, that was meant to help form a regional folk arts program for the Western United States as part of the Sun Valley Center.

Cannon was to have headed that program

through the Institute of the American West, the humanities division of the center.

His departure, however, probably will not affect the status of the Northern Rockies Folk Festival, an annual folk music program the Institute sponsors in Hailey and that Cannon organized this past summer.

"It will continue," Cannon says. "There are too many people interested in seeing it continue."

Cannon says he may continue to help organize the festival as he has several times during the seven-year history of the event.

Aside from his personal reasons, Cannon says other considerations entered into his decision to return to Utah.

He says his optimism about the success of the regional folk arts program in Sun Valley has waned. Cannon says he is uncertain whether or not the small population in the area can generate the financial support and audiences needed to make the program successful.

He says he asked the National Endowment if he could transfer the regional program to Utah, but the request was turned down.

The National Endowment awarded the Sun Valley Center an \$85,000 advancement grant over three years as seed money to start the regional program. The center was to provide an additional \$225,000 during the same period to get it going.

Center Director Greer Markle says he decided to drop the grant and abandon the regional program when Cannon decided to leave for three reasons:

First, there was not enough time to find a new director and develop a management plan for the program the grant requires in its first year.

Second, Cannon's departure would jeopardize the success of the program and deny the center its chance to receive another "advancement" grant, which an institution can receive only once.

Third, Markle says Cannon was the only

man he wanted to run the new program.

Bess Hawes, director of the Folk Arts Program for the National Endowment, says she is disappointed the center withdrew from the grant.

"We had hoped this would work. We had hoped to develop a regional program in folk life in Sun Valley," she says.

Hawes says the advancement grant is a special grant the National Endowment awards only on a very limited basis for institutional development rather than for specific programs.

She characterized an advancement grant as "heavy-duty money" and says an application must gain the approval of three panels before it is awarded. On the other hand, the more common program grants must be approved by only one board, she says.

"Perhaps this was too big of a grant for them to take on in the first place," Hawes says.

The Sun Valley Center has gone through

many changes in the last year. One has been a redirecting of the Institute of the American West of which Cannon is a part.

Cannon says those changes have contributed to his decision to leave, although he says they are "crucial" to the success of the center. However, he says he does not have the enthusiasm the center needs to make the changes work.

"I think when an organization is into a rebuilding mode, the whole staff has to be behind that. And, I guess I'm not into it," he says.

The "Cowboy Poetry Gathering" in Elko was to be the first program sponsored by the regional folk arts program. It will be held Jan. 31 through Feb. 3, and will bring participants from throughout the west.

The idea for the regional program was originated to develop programs that crossed state boundaries and that individual states could not fully develop.

## Superintendent of Wendell schools to end 25 years' work

By FERRELL WILLIAMS  
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Wendell School Superintendent Glenn Gilbertson has announced his retirement, effective the end of this school year.

The Wendell School Board accepted the resignation with regrets Monday.

"It's been a lot of fun," Gilbertson told the board. "I've enjoyed being here. I've been treated well."

With his resignation, Gilbertson ends a 25-year career as a school superintendent, serving the last five in Wendell. He also worked 11 years in Illinois and nine years in Wyoming.

Reflecting on his career, Gilbertson says it is helpful for a superintendent to be compassionate, patient, have a good sense of humor and have a good working relationship with the school board.

The Wendell School Board has had nine members during the last five years, and Gilbertson said he considers each of them to be a personal friend.

"The fact that is the reason my wife and I chose Wendell over a couple of other opportunities when we came here for," he recalls. "We were so impressed... with their honesty and their friendly attitude. And that situation has never changed."

Gilbertson says he tries to avoid being too dictatorial and authoritative. He pictures himself as a coordinator of policies and programs rather than being the one who establishes them.

"... Individuals, I think, do their best work when they can meet their goals and objectives in the way that is

best for them," he says, adding that final results are often the same anyway.

So, for survival of the school, Gilbertson says he has concentrated more on financial matters and let his principals have more control over their buildings. Proper financial management is imperative for a school's survival, he notes.

"If you don't have the money to operate your school, to buy supplies, textbooks, pay reasonable salaries and all the other expenses in a school budget, the school is in trouble and the moral is... law. It affects everybody," he says.

One problem the superintendent has worked on is lack of a cash flow in the district. Through investment and re-investment, the school now has a \$170,000 cash flow. Of that, he notes, about \$45,000 was raised through investment of the cash flow itself.

As for the future of Wendell schools, Gilbertson foresees a need for a new high school in about 10 years.

The increased demands of credits that the State Board of Education has imposed, on school districts will probably require, within a few years, more space, more teachers, more offerings," he comments. "And at the present time, our high school facility is not available for any expansion in these areas. We're using every room now just about every period."

The school presently has a bond issue which will be paid off in 1993, a good year, says Gilbertson, to build a new high school because tax levies probably would not increase.

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Comin' round the bend

Two members of the Junior Nordic racing team at the Sun Valley Ski Foundation just north of Ketchum take off on a practice heat Wednesday afternoon. Team members, who are between 8 and 18

years old, compete in 12 to 18 races a year in the region. One goal is to qualify for the Junior Olympics, and two of the top skiers on the team will go to Lake Placid this winter for the world junior trials.

## Jerome airport funding switched

By CAROLYN MILLER  
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Despite opposition, the Jerome County Board of Commissioners transferred \$30,000 from the airport fund to the fairboard fund Monday.

Gail Gunning, a local businessman and pilot, says "the commissioners have invented a new two-step, the airport fund shuffle."

Gunning and county residents Dick Critser and Ron Stullberg requested to be heard by commissioners Monday concerning the transfer, but the board refused to let them speak. The board told the men they "had a tight schedule," and couldn't fit them in.

Nearly 20 citizens attended the earliest Dec. 10 meeting and voiced objections to the transfer of the airport funds at that time.

Some of the objections were based on the premise that the commissioners transferred the funds from what they called the "general fund."

Gunning says the airport budget has been drawn from the airport fund for the past few years, and that would constitute an every fund.

Commissioner Pam Smith says the commissioners were also concerned about the legality of transferring the funds and therefore contacted the attorney general's office for an opinion.

"We received confirmation from both the attorney general's office and from Jerome County Prosecutor Dan Adamson, that the transfer is legal," she said.

"The transfer was made," she said, "and I feel it was a very bad policy. I was against it and abstained from voting, rather than vote no, because I felt I had to assume responsibility for having signed the budget that authorized the transfer."

Smith added, "I can tell you this, no more funds will be transferred."

Greg Fuller, a Jerome attorney, says the Jerome County employees fear that the money that could have been used for salaries instead of going to a special interest.

"I am involved," says Fuller, "and I am attempting to do something about it." Fuller is representing county employees in action to increase their salaries.

Jerry James, Jerome County Fair Board president, says he feels the fair board is getting "labeled" money. "I wasn't aware there was such a problem," says James.

"The fairboard has asked the county for money for capital outlay for the last several years. We need a multi-purpose building that can be heated properly and other improvements as well, but if the airport needs the runway seed-corn, the airport is going to need money, too," James says.

Frank Becker, fair board member and county commissioner elect, says "we have problems at the fairgrounds, that could turn into a liability."

## Prison water grant request is denied

By JANENE BUCKWAY  
Times-News correspondent

GOODING — The Gooding City Council has been told the \$670,000 grant, needed to install water and sewer lines to a proposed private prison site at the former tuberculosis hospital, will not be funded this year.

City officials were notified by the Economic Development Administration, Seattle office, that Gooding's grant request is fourth on the list of Idaho projects, behind Lewiston, Payette and Burley, and will not be funded in the coming year.

The council, Monday, agreed to go ahead with a state community block grant, two-year extended request, and set Jan. 7 for a public hearing on the matter.

Mayor Gene Heller said the EDA grant was to be used for extension of sewer and water lines to the prison site and to upgrade the city's water system, including fire protection and making water available for projected future development in the northeast industrial area of the town.

The block grant will ask for \$350,000 to take care of the prison water project and requires matching funds from the city.

Heller said prison developers, Buckingham Security of Lewisburg, Pa., have agreed to participate, as have some Gooding area businessmen.

"The matching funds can be in the form of 'in kind labor, or supplies'" Heller said.

The council will meet with project engineers this week to determine what the minimum requirements of the prison project will be and how much the city's participation will be before submitting the grant application.

Heller also told the council that Joe and Charlie Fenton of Buckingham Security will be in Gooding the end of January to complete purchase negotiations for the city owned hospital property.

"I'll fall goes as expected we should be able to finalize the negotiations and (prison) construction planning in February," Heller said.

## Kimberly absences drop off

By CAROLYN MILLER  
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY — Absences in the Kimberly School District have decreased 25 percent. Superintendent Richard Bauscher told the Kimberly School Board recently.

He credited the 90 percent attendance ruling as the reason.

He also noted that never before had the district counted absences for all school activities during the day. "So in reality, the percentage of decrease

in absences would be even higher," he noted.

Bauscher said he felt it important to hold students accountable for what they learn in school and that other times can be made available for children to attend school related activities or to attend to personal commitments.

Bauscher commended the trustees for their interpretation of the 90 percent rule, but also indicated he was aware the rule had affected some school activities, such as drama and F.F.A.

Jim Sorensen, agriculture instructor, told the 90 Percent Rule had definitely affected participation in F.F.A., and that he would like to see some relaxed time for its activities.

Trustee Carole White said she supported the F.F.A. program and that a policy needed to be formed to accommodate that type of activity.

The trustees authorized Bauscher to compose a letter to be sent to the State Board of Education as to the effect the 90 percent rule has had on absences, and also the impact on extracurricular activities.

## Why don't men enjoy Christmas as much as the rest of us?

Why don't men like Christmas?  
Kids like Christmas; Grandmas like Christmas. Moms like Christmas. Store owners like Christmas. But men don't like Christmas.

How did I find this out? I asked one. Dale told me he liked Christmas. But he lied. I know he lied because he gritted his teeth when he bought the Christmas tree, he turned the tree down on my Christmas record, my holiday eggs made him squawk and he started twitching nervously when he bought the kids' Christmas gifts.

"I said, 'Where's your holiday spirit?'" he said. "It's there, but it's still celebrating Father's Day. Where's my slippers and easy chair?"

**Diana Hooley  
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This particular Christmas photo from the main calendar is not new. It's at least as old as Frodo in Charles Dickens's Christmas Carol. Notice to all men: Scrooge was not meant to be a role model.

I know, some will defend our male counterparts by citing years and years of their selfless suffering through episodes of glaucy and rheumaty, study and suits sandbagged with pillows and other morbidities all for the

sake of Christmas merry-making.

These St. Nicks aren't so salty. Behind every great Santa Claus is a Mrs. Claus. She is really lovely to her husband on the floor in a half nelson if he doesn't play a proper Santa.

I just don't understand the tyrannical male attitude about Christmas. They should be happy. After all, they're showered with presents. I think six bottles of floral-scented after-shave, monogrammed underwear, and nose muffs are truly distinctive and thoughtful gifts.

Christmas is such a joyous time of year. There are so many parties to go to. Why don't men like Christmas parties? Buffets, brunches and holiday fashion shows can be such fun.

Legions of children have enjoyed the party fare of cookies and punch, why can't men? I've never attended a Christmas party where the pianist wouldn't be more than willing to lower the key of "Jingle Bells" and "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" for the basses and baritone in the crowd.

I think I've given more than enough reasons why men should like Christmas. Now I want to know why they don't like it. I can only think of one reason. Drug dealers, the Mafia and Christmas haters (you're in good company, men) all operate from one basic principle—the love of money.

Money can be the villain of many good intentions, including Christmas. The worry about it, the wish for it, and the lack of it have

squeezed more healthy Christmas cheer than a chomch of pah-humburgers. Who am I to blame the eggheads who came in the family for being less than enthusiastic about such an expensive holiday as Christmas?

I can't blame you, men. I can only encourage you to look beyond the green in your wallet to the green of the Christmas tree. There's nothing wrong with a cheap but cheerful tree. I'd say that to my husband the other day, the best things in life, money can't buy.

Unfortunately, he agreed. Next year we might have a meaningful Christmas without the tree, the toys and the decorations. Move over, Tiny Tim and Bob Cratchit—make room for the Hooleys.

# Sun Valley to continue services at previous levels despite losses

By DAVE LEWIS  
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — Although it stands to lose about 50 percent of its local option tax revenues, the city of Sun Valley will continue through the winter residential and tourist services at last year's levels.

The City Council voted Tuesday to accept budget cuts of about \$260,000, but the amended budget will allow the city to continue a high level of winter services, including the bus system it operates with Ketchum.

By keeping the winter services, residents and tourists should see very little drop in the city's activities from a year ago, Mayor Ruth Lieder said.

And, she said, keeping winter services would be in line with the decision made Friday by Fifth District Judge George Granata Jr., who ruled the city could continue collecting the tax through Feb. 28 in order to provide services during its critical winter months.

However, come spring, the effects of Granata's decision that the tax is unconstitutional and the city must stop collecting will be felt if the city does not win an appeal of the decision, she said.

The loss of \$260,000 will force the city to cut one full-time employee. To make the cut, the city will not replace a position in its police department when an officer leaves voluntarily in January, said Jack Brown, the city administrator.

However, a part-time secretary will be cut and the full-time fire chief's position will drop to part-time. Much of the savings will come from miscellaneous

cuts in all departments and the abandonment of almost \$100,000 in capital improvements and land acquisitions.

"We've tried to spread (the 21 percent reduction) out throughout the entire budget," said Connie Thompson, the city treasurer.

Other major cuts will be all of the city's \$50,000 support to city-owned Moritz Community Hospital, \$25,000 (48 percent) of its support to the Ketchum ambulance department, \$40,000 (35 percent) of its support to the bus system and \$23,500 (98 percent) of its contract with the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce to provide visitor information.

The adjustment also includes an addition of \$75,000 in legal fees for fighting the local option tax lawsuit, brought against the city by the Sun Valley Co., and for appealing it to the Idaho Supreme Court.

If Granata had not allowed the collection of the tax until Feb. 28 and Sun Valley was faced with an immediate loss in its revenue, the city would have had to cut about \$463,000, which included the loss of six employees.

The city has collected the 5 percent tax on rented rooms and lounge drinks for six years, since the state Legislature created the tax for Idaho's resort cities in 1978.

However, the tax came under fire from the Sun Valley Co. and from lodge and bar owners in Ketchum, which has a similar tax, after the state raised its sales tax and also created a 2 percent bed tax for the promotion of tourism. The combined tax was just too high, she said.

# In the service

**PAUL** — Army National Guard Pvt. Elmo W. Hunter, son of Ray and Pat Hunter of Paul, has completed basic training at Fort Knox in Kentucky.

**MINIDOKA** — Marine Pfc. Johnnie N. Perez, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lupe Cells of Minidoka, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 3rd Force Service Support Group in Okinawa, Ferrel, a 1981 graduate of Minico High School, joined the Marine Corps in March 1984.

**KIMBERLY** — Marine Pfc. Jeffrey D. Livingston, son of Robert and Nancy Livingston of Kimberly, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 3rd Force Service Support Group in Okinawa. Livingston is a 1983 graduate of Kimberly High School.

**RUPERT** — Marine Pvt. Charles D. Stone, son of Donivan C. and Charlotte Stone of Rupert, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego.

Stone is a 1983 graduate of Minico High School.

**FILER** — Marine Lance Cpl. Daniel R. Martinec, son of Arlene Reed of Filer, has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Helicopter Air Station in Tustin, Calif.

**HEYBURN** — Army National Guard Pvt. Calvin J. Latta, son of Rodney N. and Bonnie L. Latta of Heyburn, has completed a tank turret mechanic course at Fort Knox in Kentucky.

**HAILEY** — Air Force Senior Airman Michael M. Brockman, son of Loretta Malloca of Hailey and Leo M. Brockman of Plymouth, Utah, has arrived for duty at RAF Lakenheath, England. Brockman is an avionics electronic warfare specialist with the 48th Component Repair Squadron and was previously assigned to Mountain Home Air Force Base.

**TWIN FALLS** — Tech. Sgt. Robert E. Seele, son of Eugene and Maxine Seele of Twin Falls, has been decorated with the Air Force Commendation Medal at Ellsworth Air Force Base in South Dakota. The medal is awarded to those who demonstrate outstanding achievement, or meritorious service in the performance of their duties. Seele, a 1965 graduate of Twin Falls High School, is a satellite communications maintenance supervisor with the 2148 Information Systems Squadron.

**GOODING** — Marine Cpl. Donald W. Hall, son of Edy Byrd of Gooding, has been promoted to his present rank while serving at the Marine Corps Air Station in El Toro, Calif. Hall is a 1979 graduate of Gooding High School.

**EDEN** — Staff Sgt. Karl E. Ull, son of Edith M. Ull of Eden, has enlisted for six years in the Air Force at Mather Air Force Base in California. Ull is an internal medicine clinic supervisor.

# Superintendent

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Overall, the retiring superintendent sees his years in Wendell as successful. Student respect for education has improved, he notes.

In addition to highly praising the school board and faculty, Gilbertson says the school district "has

something very special going for it" with Elementary Principal Robert Kesler, High School Principal Douglas Skinner and Director of Special Services Blake Walsh.

The superintendent says he has strived to maintain good relations with the community and parents of

students.

"I deal with the public a lot, I surely do," Gilbertson says. "My phone rings a lot and I make every effort to give out the information as candidly and pleasantly as I possibly can because I think they deserve it. After all, this is their school."

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# Coal-fired plant set for schools

By SARAH MURPHY  
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The Minidoka County School Board passed a resolution to install a new, \$148,800 coal-fired heating plant at Minico High School. The project is one of the construction projects mandated by district voters in September's \$5.9 million bond issue election.

Don Wisdom, architectural engineer with the firm of Cline, Small, Hamill and Quinter Associates of Boise, told the Minidoka trustees at their Monday meeting that the coal-fired plant would be more cost effective over a 15-year period, although a new gas-fired plant would initially be less expensive to install.

"Coal is cheaper fuel and will remain cheaper in the future," said Wisdom.

Architect Doyle Price said a coal-fired system is also more flexible than a gas-fired system. He said a coal system could easily be converted to accommodate other fuels in the future, while a gas-fired system could not.

The board also discussed other construction projects which will be initiated in the near future.

Superintendent Gene Snapp said plans for the projected new multipurpose room, which will be added to the present Minico High School building, will be finalized after the first of the year.

At that time, the architects will begin designing the new addition, said Snapp.

Snapp told the trustees a 10-acre square piece of property owned by Pete Doris of Rupert has been chosen as the site of a new 22-room elementary school, which will be built to replace Lincoln and Washington Elementary Schools in Rupert.

The property, which is preferred by the school district's architects, is located at the corner of Meridian and 18th Streets in Rupert.

Assistant Superintendent Floyd Merrill said the property would be easily accessible because of its central location to the area which it will serve.

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# Library's special programs spark kids' reading interest

By JOAN BEAN  
Times-news correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Annie-Laurie Burton and her staff in the children's section of the Twin Falls Public Library bring subjects to life for their little patrons. They create programs that not only entertain and inform, but spark interest in books as well.

During the Thanksgiving season, with the help of Virginia Tickets of the Historical Society, the staff came up with the idea for a program called "Grandpa's Tank." Senior citizens of the area came to the library on Saturdays during November, and told stories of earlier years.

The kids were shown replicas of early machinery and cooking implements, and were told about entertainment during the early days. They were shown how to make "scratch" biscuits and butter, and also had sawdust.

"I, as an adult, learned so much, and I think the kids enjoyed it, and maybe learned a little something about their cultural history," Burton says.

Integrated into this program were books, such as Helen Markey Miller's "Julie," which is about a young girl coming to the Twin Falls tract. The staff made up scrolls for the children with the legends of the origin of the name of the Twin Falls and how the Snake River was formed.

"Of all the programming we've done, I think I worked the hardest, but enjoyed that one the most, because I learned so much from it; it was really exciting," Burton says.

On Theodore Roosevelt's birthday the children's library had a "birthday" party in honor of the teddy bear's namesake. The children learned the history of Teddy Roosevelt, brought a bear.

Assistant programmer Lana Hoskins presented the annual

Christmas program Wednesday. Hoskins will also provide a program on Dec. 29 for grades 1-4, and will run from 2:30-3 p.m.

The children will bring with them their favorite gift or a picture or drawing of it. And they will be asked to explain what they like about this present.

"I want them to also think about the most special gift they gave, and why that it was so special, and why they thought the person appreciated it so much," Hoskins says.

More programs are in the planning stage, and as for the children who have not yet discovered the library, Burton says, "They don't realize that there's a world down here that could easily be opened to them. And there's a wonderful staff."

## Robbery suspects charged

TWIN FALLS — Several people accused of stealing were charged recently in Fifth District Magistrate Court.

Ronald Eugene Scaife, 18, of 157 Maurice St. N. in Twin Falls was arrested and charged with burglarizing a garage Monday. The building, owned by Gary Bratt, was located south of Addison Avenue East. Scaife was accused of stealing a truck that same day from the residence of Lawrence Andrus.

According to a complaint filed with the court, Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies found the truck abandoned at a parking lot and followed footprints to the Maurice residence.

Scaife was granted a public defender at a Monday hearing. He was being held in Twin Falls County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond on each charge.

In a separate case, 46-year-old Ray Owens Beaumont of 321 Adams St. in Twin Falls was charged with stealing a computer printer from Payless Drug Store in Twin Falls on Sunday.

Beaumont allegedly walked out the door with the device, which was valued at \$250.

The suspect was released on his own recognizance. A preliminary hearing will be held on the grand theft charge Jan. 7.

Last week, 25-year-old Debbie Mitchell of 213 Monroe St. in Kimberly and 36-year-old Jerry J. Biggers, no address available, were charged with grand theft for allegedly stealing two stereos, a purse, records, food and other items from the residence of Anna Martinez on Dec. 11.

Mitchell and Biggers were released on their own recognizance pending further court action.

Also last week, Dewayne Richard Jones, 22, of Jackpot, was charged with burglarizing a residence at 361 Seventh Ave. N. in Twin Falls on Dec. 4.

Jones, who also is known as Michael Richard Johnson, already has been charged with two other burglaries in Twin Falls and is suspected of more thefts.

Jones was being held in the Twin Falls County Jail.

## Hydro-power developers fight PUC

BOISE — Hydro-power developers George and Bonnie Arkoosh tangled with Idaho Power lawyers Tuesday at a hearing before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

The Arkooshs claim that Idaho Power has failed to bargain in good faith during contract negotiations over the sale of power from a proposed 927 kilowatt power plant on the Little Wood River near Shoshone.

The negotiations have been stalled over several issues, including the cost of an intertie system with Idaho Power, the language in engineering standards required for the power plant, and a power cut-off provision requested by Idaho Power when the Arkoosh plant interferes with power delivery to utility customers.

Idaho Power also claims that the Arkooshs do not have the licensing required by the Federal Power Act. The Arkooshs claim an exemption to that licensing requirement.

The hearing began Tuesday morning and continued into the afternoon, said PUC spokeswoman Dana Howard.

The PUC is expected to rule on the complaint within the next few days, she said.

## Magic Valley

### Chambers' group to woo state legislators

TWIN FALLS — With a state Department of Commerce still prominent on its lawmaking agenda, the Idaho Association of Chambers of Commerce plans once again to lobby legislators on mass.

The organization — headed by Mike Dolton, executive director of the Twin Falls chamber — will hold its Fourth Annual Business Day at the Legislature Jan. 15, asking members of the 48th Idaho Legislature for business legislation.


In addition to its support for the proposed Department of Commerce — a proposal which received a sound drubbing in the Idaho Senate's Republican Caucus in 1984 — the organization is asking lawmakers for:

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- "Continued support of the Idaho Travel Committee and its tourism programs."
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John Stone, president of the National Federation of Independent Businessmen, will be the guest speaker at the business day dinner — a \$30-a-plate affair at the Red Lion Riverside in Garden City.

Reservations for the event should be made to Roma-Suber, Boise Chamber of Commerce, 344-5515.



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# Kimberly schools receive honor for helping disadvantaged kids

By CAROLYN MILLER  
Times-News correspondent

**KIMBERLY** — The Kimberly School District has been selected by the Idaho State Department of Education as one of five districts throughout Idaho that is outstanding in meeting the needs of disadvantaged children.

Chris Charlton, principal of the Kimberly Elementary School, says "various nominations are being made in compliance with a new program established by Secretary of Education T.H. Bell, called the Chapter 1 National Identification Program, where usually successful Chapter 1 projects are being selected from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico."

Secretary Bell has said, "those projects nominated for recognition from each state exemplify the level of achievement we are striving for throughout the Chapter 1 program."

"I am thrilled for Leigh Ann Perkins," says Charlton, "she has worked hard to make our Chapter 1 program successful."

"Even though the Chapter 1 state guidelines do not require individual profiles on each student," says Charlton, "Perkins has established a system of testing and record keeping that has been extremely beneficial in creating a reading program to meet the specific needs of each individual student."

"By diagnosing each student's individual problem," says Perkins, "we can attack it specifically, and set goals accordingly."

Perkins says she feels the Kimberly Chapter 1 program is successful because of the support given to her efforts by the teachers themselves.

"The teachers are responsible for the initial screening and referring of students to me," says Perkins,

"and then, the co-operation and willingness of each teacher to work with the student, and myself; is a key factor in the success of each student. A student's progress is greatly enhanced by how a teacher approaches each child in terms of the material in his or her classroom."

"The challenge, is to find the right key to each child's particular need," says Perkins. "It's like being a detective."

Following testing at the beginning of the year, materials are ordered to fit each child's needs, says Perkins. She says learning styles are identified, as to whether a child is an auditory or visual learner, and then she proceeds from there.

Perkins says each child is only in the reading room for 30 minutes a day. She says the purpose of Chapter 1 reading is not to replace the regular reading curriculum, but to raise the reading achievement level of those students who need reading assistance.

"We monitor and evaluate each student in both the fall and spring," says Perkins, "and I am always thrilled when parents tell me their child is reading at home during their leisure time."

Perkins says indicators of a child's successful progress are better grades and an improved attitude.

"Everyone shares in the success of a child," says Perkins, "the parents, the principal and the teachers."

Perkins says all nominations made by the various state board's of education are requested to fill out an application that will be mailed to the United States Department of Education for review.

She says several panels of experts will review the nominations and recommend a final group of projects to receive national recognition. She says Secretary Bell will announce the selected projects in February of 1985.

# Schools file asbestos claim

**HANSEN** — The Hansen School Board at its meeting this week decided to file a claim for \$703 property damage in a class-action suit with Creditors Committee for Asbestos-Related Property Damage, School Claimants.

The claim, which must be filed prior to Jan. 31, 1985 to be valid, in-

cludes expenses for testing the heating system and materials and labor for repairs.

Hansen School Superintendent Richard Smith said that about 20 feet of asbestos were removed from the heating system; and much of the remaining asbestos was encapsulated. The asbestos is located in the

Hansen High School furnace room and a heating pipe under the gym.

Although Smith says the heating system is now free from asbestos-related problems, he admits there is no certainty about the future. "It is possible, he says, that later repairs will be necessary."

# Cassia board opposes power policy

By CATHERINE JENSEN  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — The Cassia County Board of Commissioners again expressed strong opposition to policy of the Northwest Power Planning Council during its meeting this week.

Board members stated that they will put pressure on Sen. James McClure, chairman of the Senate Energy Committee, to convey county views to Bob Saxvik, Idaho member of the

Northwest Power Planning Council appointed by Gov. John Evans.

Commissioner Norman Dayley said none of the utilities and commissioners from Idaho and Montana want a proposed 10 percent surcharge and that if the Northwest Power Planning Council can't listen to the people, it should be ended.

"The Bonneville Power Administration is trying to blackmail us," said Dayley, explaining that anyone using BPA power anywhere these using private power indirectly will be charged the 10 percent surcharge unless they adopt the council's model conservation standard. Dayley said the energy measures

outlined by the council would possible add \$10,000 to the cost of a new home and that, as he understood it, older buildings would also need to be altered in order to conform.

The proposed policy involving the surcharge will go into effect Jan. 1, 1985.

Commissioners said the county would have to administer the surcharge policy and this could make it necessary for the county to hire an additional inspector.

In related business, the commissioners discussed a recent letter from BPA regarding hydro options, and decided to write BPA back for further information.

# Minidoka schools get new rule info

**RUPERT** — The Mindoka County School Board about this week was presented updated information on the district's 90 percent attendance policy, which has caused concern to be expressed by some district residents.

Superintendent Gene Snapp told the board Monday that said some of the concern might be the result of incorrect information, even though correct information has been available everyone since the policy's inception at the beginning of the year.

He said his office was "open and available to any who are concerned about this policy and would like to discuss it with me." He also said all local districts didn't have a policy which adheres as closely to the state plans as does the Mindoka district.

"We want people to understand this policy is not set up to punish students who have no control over the cause of their absences, such as illness," he said. "It only penalizes those students who choose to be absent."

"There is flexibility built into the policy which allows for legitimate extenuating circumstances," said Snapp.

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# Envirosafe manager says problems solved

BOISE (AP)—Envirosafe Services of Idaho has solved its problems, but is having a hard time getting that message across to the public, the manager of the firm's Owyhee County hazardous-waste disposal site says.

Recent charges by Owyhee County officials of ground water contamination are unfounded, according to the evidence collected so far. Larry Haack said during the taping of a public affairs television program in Boise Tuesday.

"There is absolutely no data which would point to contamination under our site," Haack said.

However, experts still have about two more months of groundwater testing and studies to complete at the site, northwest of Grand View. The Environmental Protection Agency plans to conduct public meetings on their findings next spring.

Owyhee County officials have misunderstood or misinterpreted the results from 10 months worth of tests.

He said many Owyhee County residents are uninformed about hazardous waste and that the message from Envirosafe officials that there is no problem at the site has been difficult to communicate.

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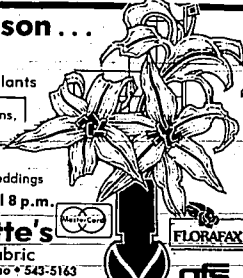
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# Official: Poky doctors resist set Medicare fee

POCATELLO (AP) — Pocatello doctors have resisted signing up with the federal government to accept a set fee on all Medicare claims, a Southeast Idaho District Medical Society official said.

The official, who asked to remain unidentified, only four out of approximately 100 local doctors signed a participating agreement with the government.

The majority of doctors prefers to accept payment for Medicaid patients on a case-by-case basis, he said.

But, the "participating" and "non-participating" categories are confusing a number of elderly Medicare patients, the medical society spokesman said.

Some wrongly assume that doctors who may have been treating them for years under Medicare will no longer do so.

The fears are unjustified, the medical society official said.

Non-participating only means that a doctor will continue to accept payment for Medicare patients on an individual case basis.

## Swisher reappointed to PUC

BOISE (AP) — The governor has reappointed Perry Swisher to the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and Will DeFonbach to the Idaho Industrial Commission. Both appointments are subject to approval by the Idaho Senate.

Swisher, 61, is a former state legislator and Idaho newsmen who taught at Idaho State University. His second term on the three-member commission would run until Jan. 14, 1991.

Gov. John Evans has proposed raising commissioners' annual \$36,500 salaries to \$45,000.

DeFonbach, who has practiced law and also is a former legislator, has served on the Industrial Commission since it was created when state agencies were reorganized in 1973. DeFonbach earns \$34,500. Evans wants to raise the figure to \$40,000.

## Chief for park named

ARCO (AP) — Robert E. Scott has been named superintendent at Craters of the Moon National Monument near here.

Scott moves to his new assignment from 10 years as superintendent at Fort Clatsop National Memorial near Astoria, Ore.

He replaces Robert J. Hontges, who is moving to Mount Rainier National Park in Washington as an assistant to the superintendent in charge of concessions, public information and liaison with the business community.

Scott, 51, is a native of California who served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1954 and then earned a degree from Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif.

## Voters OK tax to save hospital

COUNCIL (AP) — By an overwhelming margin Adams County voters have approved creation of a special hospital district to save the financially-sailing Council Hospital.

The special taxing district was approved by a 630-161 vote on Tuesday. Once the seven directors are selected, the district will encompass about two-thirds of the county's residents.

Officials had said that without the economic infusion, the district would provide, the privately-owned hospital was in danger of closing down.

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## Hughes expecting the going will be tough on Saturday

By CHRIS HAFT  
Times-News writer

SEATTLE — For running back David Hughes of the Seattle Seahawks, Saturday's AFC wild-card playoff game against the Los Angeles Raiders will be just like any other game against that club. Extremely physical.

"It's always a hard-hitting game," the former Boise State standout said Wednesday in a telephone interview. "Their down linemen are unbelievable; they keep on coming at you. They have great defensive backs — three are in the Pro Bowl (Lester Hayes, Mike Haynes, Vann McElroy). Their linebackers are really tough, and Matt Millen's about as easy to move as a house."

"No matter how formidable the Raiders are, Hughes said, the Seahawks will probably stick with the same type of offense — that is, pass-oriented. Quarterback David Krieg, for example, attempted a club-record 50 passes last week against Denver, completing 30 for 334 yards and two touchdowns.

"We may try to run a little more, but we'll go with the same type of things that got us here," Hughes said. With fullback Dan Doornik apparently healthy again, Hughes won't be Seattle's lone able-bodied runner.

### ... Matt Millen's about as easy to move as a house. — David Hughes

On the face of it, Saturday's encounter could appear to be a stonewall. The Raiders defeated Seattle 28-14 in Los Angeles Oct. 7, but on Nov. 12 the Seahawks fought to a 17-14 triumph at the Kingdome.

However, the Seahawks' home-field advantage is more of an edge than it might be for other teams, considering the sustained screaming their noisy fans direct against the opposition. "It makes a big difference," Hughes acknowledged. "The home crowd seems to make it easy. You don't have to go out there when you have the ball and can't hear a thing. There's less to worry about."

Additionally, the Seahawks have a year's playoff experience to their credit. They didn't have that last year, when they ousted Denver at home before falling to the Raiders in Los Angeles.

"You know what to expect," said Hughes, summing up the benefits of being a postseason veteran.

"The tempo of the game is a lot more intense. Everything seems to move a lot faster."

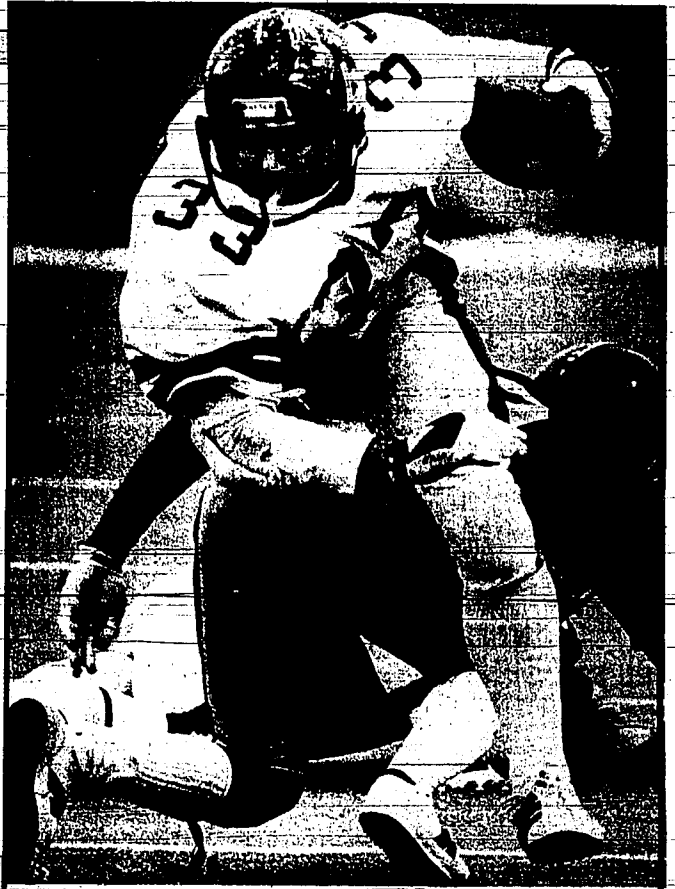
Without Curt Warner, last year's rookie sensation, Seattle's rushing attack didn't amass gaudy statistics. In fact, Hughes was the club's top runner, gaining 327 yards on 64 carries, a 5.5 per-carry average. His 17 kickoff returns for a 20.5-yard average also led the Seahawks. Additionally, he caught 22 passes, fifth on the team, for 121 yards.

"I've got a better feel for the offense, and with the players also," Hughes said.

Hughes credited a player no longer with the team, celebrated running back Franco Harris, for contributing to Seattle's success. "No doubt about it. I think the experience he brought us was just incredible," he said. "You just can't say enough about how much he helped us. He gave us a lift, just from being the legend he is. You can't show on stats what he brought to us."

While the departed Harris brought something positive, skeptics might think losses to Kansas City and Denver in the last two regular-season games had a negative influence on the Seahawks.

But Hughes dismisses that. "We've put (the losses) out of our minds," he said. "It's a totally new season."



David, here in his Boise State days, is Seattle's leading rusher heading into the playoffs

## Bruins host No. 3 Meridian Saturday

By LARRY HOVEY  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A squad that is billed as the team of the future — the Meridian Warriors — will test the Bruins at Twin Falls gymnasium in the final pre-Christmas game Saturday night.

The third-ranked Warriors, coached by Don Haynes who led Twin Falls to its only state championship in 1974, bring a 5-1 record into the contest — losing only to the Bengals at Lewiston last week. The Bruins are 1-2.

Meridian is considered an up-and-comer because it is starting a pair of 6-foot-4 sophomores and that class reputedly has strong support for those stars over the next two years.

Twin Falls Coach John Astorquia said his scouting reports indicate a couple of changes in Haynes' strategy this year.

"They don't seem to be running quite as much. I suspect that is for the benefit of the younger players. They don't seem to look for the aggressive transition game his teams have done in the past. And, I understand, they are playing some man defense. Coach Haynes has used zone predominantly over the past 10 or 12 years.

"They are using the passing game some and a lot of set offense. They bring it out and start over a lot this year

## Northside squares off today in Camas Classic

FAIRFIELD — Five of the seven Northside Conference boys' basketball teams will get together here tonight for the first night of the three-day-Camas County Classic basketball tournament.

Host Camas County along with Bliss, Gooding State, Dietrich and Carey will square off for the tournament — championship — beginning tonight in the Camas County High School gymnasium.

Games will be played at 6:15 p.m. and 8 p.m. all three nights, with the championship to be settled Saturday night at 8 p.m.

Bliss will go into the tournament with a 4-2 record, while Dietrich and Gooding are both 2-2, Carey 1-3 and Camas is 1-4.

The Jerome Junior varsity won last year's event, defeating the host. Mustangs 55-47 in the championship

game. North Gem beat Mountain Home's JV, 72-67 in overtime for third-place honors, while Carey beat Dietrich 70-60 for the consolation trophy.

The Magic Valley pre-season tournament schedule will wind up Dec. 28-29 with the four-team Cassia County tournament in Burley, involving Burley, Declo, Oakley and Raft River.

and that hasn't been a Haynes hallmark," Astorquia said. "Of course, they still will take the transition if it is there but I don't feel they're running as hard as they did before."

"They start a 6-6 center and the two sophomores are 6-4 and 6-5," he continued. "So they have good height." The other two usual starters are 5-11 and 6-1. So they will be taller than we

"As far as we are concerned, I think you'll see (senior) Todd (Jones), out there with a football injury? get some limited playing time. The rest of the team seems healthy right now."

Astorquia said. Astorquia added that the goals of the team remain the same — the Meridian clash brings them within one of opening defense of the Gem State Conference title.

"We've dropped our turnovers from 22 to 16 in the three games and we'll try to keep plugging in that 10-to-12 range the rest of the year," he said.

"We didn't shoot well at Nampa and we haven't been shooting as well as I think this team can," Astorquia noted. "But our shot selection was better last week. Even in that two-point third quarter," we were getting

the shots I'd let these guys take all night.

"Rebounding is still a concern," he added. "Our positioning is okay and we're getting a little better at blocking out. Now we have to go after the ball harder, get more aggressive from our positioning. Still, over the three games we're only three or four rebounds behind our opponents so we're right there."

The one element that draws a smile from Astorquia is the Bruin defense. "For this time of year I think it is good. The players are working hard and our position is great. With this bunch it is going to be a gut-wrencher

season. Defense will have to hold us in the games and thus far it has made them all tight," he said.

Keeping the defense improving means we should be in most games and then if our offense improves a little more we can win the close ones. We're shooting a little better each day but not as well as I know this bunch can."

Tip-off time is 8 p.m. Elsewhere in the Magic Valley this weekend, Minico (2-1) pending the outcome of Wednesday's game at Burley will host No. 2 Boise at 8 p.m. Saturday in Rupert.

Buhl (2-5) will test Gooding (2-2) in a non-conference matchup at 8 o'clock tonight in Gooding, while Burley — at 2-2 as of Wednesday night and the No. 3 team in Class A-2 — will travel to Pocatello Friday night for an 8 p.m. rematch with the Indians.

Foxy beat Burley in the season opener for both teams earlier this month. Other A-3 games will have unbeaten Shoshone at home tonight at 8 against Murkuth (2-2) in a non-league matchup, while Declo (3-1) will entertain the Minico junior varsity tonight at 8.

The weekend's only A-4 encounter will have Hagerman (2-3) at Raft River (1-4) at 8 p.m. for the Magic Valley Conference opener for both teams.

## SCIC faceoff looms today in Buhl

By CHRIS HAFT  
Times-News writer

BUHL — The first key regular-season A-2 girls basketball battle will be waged tonight at 8 when the Buhl Indians entertain the Jerome Tigers.

The Indians have won 11 consecutive games after losing their first three, while Jerome stands 6-6. Yet in a most significant way, the teams are dead even, for both own 2-0 records against Fourth District foes. Tonight's victor will have the early advantage in earning the No. 1 seed for the district tournament.

"It'll be a tough ballgame. I'm certain," Buhl Coach Janet Smutny said. "I know they play a very tight zone defense. They hustle very well, and they have good shooters. We've done as much as we could to get ready for them."

Though the Indians outlasted Jerome in last season's district • See BUHL on Page C2

## Clear, cold weather greets Valley's skiers

Sun Valley — Cold, clear weather prevails on the slopes of Sun Valley, with temperatures dipping to 5 degrees at times Wednesday on Bald Mountain under clear skies. There is a 46-inch base at the top of Baldy, with packed powder on all runs — All Lifts on Baldy and Dollar will be in operation today. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pomerelle — There is 51 inches of snow at the lodge, with 67 inches at the top of the mountain. Ski runs have packed powder. Hours today: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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the slopes. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., daily through Jan. 6. Magic Mountain — Closed today, reopens Friday.

## Road to get rougher for Big Sky teams

By The Associated Press

Big Sky Conference teams take to the road this week in a quest to improve on a 500 winning percentage against competing NCAA Division I schools.

Only three league schools play at home through the week that boasts a dozen games before the Christmas holiday. Only two of those opponents are not Division I schools. The Big Sky is 29-20 in the division, 19-2 outside it.

Montana State, winless on the road so far this season and 3-4 overall, will travel to Cheney, Wash., where the Bobcats look to even their record with a win over Eastern Washington.

But the big matchup pits the 4-2 Boise State Broncos against unbeaten and seventh-ranked Washington on the Huskies' home court in Seattle tonight.

It's the first outing for Marv Harshman's Huskies since Dec. 6 when they defeated St. Mary's for their fourth win of the season. But Bronco head coach Bobby Dye, a loser last weekend to Washington's Pac-10 rival Oregon State, is expecting nothing but trouble from the Huskies' big front line.

"They will be ready to play," Dye predicted. "Oregon State was a very good, but Washington is a veteran team with great size, speed and depth."

While possibly questionable at the guard positions, Washington has a powerful front court anchored by West German — Olympian Detlef Schrempf, a senior forward averaging 15.8 points a game and expected to go high in next spring's pro draft.

"He can do anything and usually does," Dye admitted. At center is Schrempf's Olympic

teammate, seven-foot sophomore Christian Welp, the Pac-10 Rookie of the Year last season, and Junior Paul Porter holds down the other forward spot, averaging 14.8 points per game.

The Bronco defense, the best in the conference so far this year, will have to be at its best to rein in the Huskie front line while the offense, the least productive in the Big Sky, will need another good performance from transfer Boland Smith, who came off the bench Monday to score 20 points in a home-court win over the College of Notre Dame.

Tonight sees three other league teams on the road as Weber State puts its 6-2 record on the line against New Mexico State, Nevada-Reno at 4-3 meets Utah with hopes of rebounding from Tuesday's loss to Nevada-Las Vegas and Montana looks for its eighth win against two losses at California State-Fullerton.

"Fullerton might be the quickest team, in terms of all five starters, that we've played to date," said Grizzlies' head coach Mike Montgomery. "We've played well in spurts, . . . but we still need to gain some confidence from some of our perimeter people."

The Northern Arizona Lumberjacks out-to-to a quick 6-2 start — draw one of the non-Division I teams and a home game as they meet Western State Friday while Idaho State at 5-3 this season hosts a 6-1 Utah State squad.

Boise State is back on the road Saturday against Wyoming while Montana travels to Eastern Washington, Montana State is in Southern California against Cal Berkeley and Weer State heads to the Lone Star State to meet Lamar. Nevada-Reno gets a break with a home game against Southern Utah, another team outside Division I.



# After seven seasons, Lions give up on Clark

By TIM BOVVE  
The Associated Press

**DETROIT** — Monte Clark was fired as coach of the Detroit Lions Wednesday, less than a week after the National Football League completed its second-worst season under his command.

"It is with great regret and personal sadness that I have asked that Monte Clark be relieved of his duties as director of football operations and head coach of the Detroit Lions," owner William Clay Ford said in a statement "from" the team's headquarters at Pontiac.

"Monte is a fine person and has contributed greatly to the Lions' organization, but I feel a change is necessary in order to pursue our goal of a championship," Ford said. After winning the National Conference Central Division last year, the Lions fell to a 4-11-1 record this season.

"The self-satisfaction of knowing that you have done your best is worth something, too, so I'm going to try to



MONTE CLARK  
Second-worst season

reent now with as much class and dignity as I've had during my tenure here — no parting shots or anything," Clark said in a telephone interview.

with The Associated Press. In seven seasons as the Lions' coach, Clark had a record of 43-61-1. All eight assistant coaches also were fired, said Brian Muir, spokesman for the Lions.

"The only thing I feel worse about is just the coaches, and I'm sorry we weren't able to finish the job," Clark said. "Mr. Ford has been very good to me. I wish him well."

Clark had requested a meeting with the team's owner "to clarify his standing" as coach of the Lions.

At Wednesday's meeting, "Mr. Ford said his decision was to relieve

him," Muir said. Clark captained the University of Southern California football team and lettered three years, playing both offense and defense. He was a fourth-round draft choice of the San Francisco 49ers before the 1959 season and played three seasons before being traded to the Dallas Cowboys. At Dallas, he moved to offensive tackle and following one season was traded to the Cleveland Browns, where he spent seven seasons as starting offensive tackle.

He retired as a player after the 1969 season and joined the Miami Dolphins

as offensive coach. He spent the 1976 season as head coach of the 49ers and took over the Lions in 1978. "I don't really have any plans yet — just to spend Christmas with my family right now," Clark said. "I have three years remaining on the contract, so from that standpoint it's not a big concern."

Asked what went wrong with the Lions this season, Clark said, "You have your statement," and hung up the phone.

Clark had signed a five-year contract extension in 1982.

The 1984 season was the worst for the Lions under Clark since 1979, when the team finished at 2-14-0.

## Plunkett will start for L.A. Saturday

By JOHN NADEL  
The Associated Press

**MANHATTAN BEACH, Calif.** — Jim Plunkett, who has played less than three quarters of a game since being injured Oct. 7, will start at quarterback for the Los Angeles Raiders in the American Football Conference wild-card playoff game at Seattle Saturday.

"I feel Jim's experience is vital," coach Tom Flores of the Raiders said Wednesday. "I just feel, at this stage, he would be the best to go with even though he is still a little rusty."

Plunkett suffered a torn abdominal muscle in the first quarter of the Raiders' 28-14 victory over Seattle at the Los Angeles Coliseum and was replaced by Marc Wilson, who started the team's final 10 games of the National Football League season.

Los Angeles won six of its 17-14 setback at Seattle Nov. 12.

Plunkett returned to action Dec. 10, playing the final 10 minutes of the Raiders' 24-3 victory over Detroit, completing three of four passes for 102 yards and one touchdown. After Wilson hit on only five of 13 throws for 45 yards in the first half against Pittsburgh last Sunday, Plunkett came in and connected on nine of 20 passes for 123 yards and the only Los Angeles touchdown in a 13-7 loss.

Plunkett guided the Raiders to a 38-9 triumph over the Washington Redskins in Super Bowl XVIII last Jan. 22 and a 27-10 victory over the Philadelphia Eagles in Super Bowl XV Jan. 25, 1981.

The Seahawks have beaten the Raiders in three of their last five meetings, but Los Angeles won 30-14 in the AFC championship game at the Coliseum last Jan. 8.

"There are no injuries involved," Flores said. "We've played them twice this year and three times last year. We know what they do, they know what we do. In a short week, that helps."

"They haven't changed since we played them in Seattle. They're excellent on special teams. Their defense thrives on turnovers. They get more than their share. A lot of their turnovers don't happen by accident."

The Seahawks won eight straight games before being trounced by Kansas City 34-7 and Denver 31-14 in their final two games to finish at 12-4.

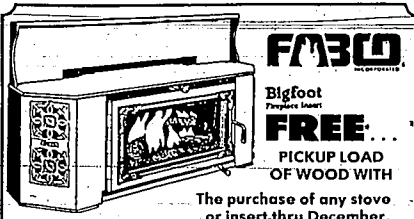
Saturday's game will be played at the Kingdome where, Flores acknowledged, crowd noise can be a factor.

"The best way to quiet the crowd in Seattle is to beat them," said Flores. "We've had some problems with the noise there, but you can't go in there

worrying about the noise. You have to go in there and handle it.

"We might have some (ear plugs), but I doubt that we'll use them."

Flores had a simple assessment of his team's performance against the Steelers.



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## Hogeboom: Trade me or White

**DALLAS (AP)** — Gary Hogeboom said that Dallas Cowboys Coach Tom Landry should trade him or veteran quarterback rival Danny White during the off-season. Hogeboom and White took turns at being the starter for the Cowboys during the 1984 National Football League season.

"It was a hard season and I don't think Danny or myself would want to see another season like it," Hogeboom told the Dallas Times Herald. "Neither of us enjoyed it very much."

Landry said he wants to talk with both quarterbacks before making a decision on a trade. He said White was more marketable and might land two first-round draft choices in a trade.

"If I thought I could get into the playoffs by trading a quarterback, I would trade that quarterback," Landry said.

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# Edwards: A coach folks hate to love

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO (AP) — "I love LaVell Edwards. He's a great guy and he's one of the best coaches I've ever seen."

Those words were spoken two weeks ago by Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer, of all people, and they are typical of lots of folks these days. Many love LaVell Edwards but not all are wild about his top-ranked 12-0 football team.

Edwards, who is trying to finish first, is the perfect sequel to the "nice guys finish last" mentality. This blockily-built former Utah State center from Orem, Utah, with a craggy face that might have been carved out of the Wasatch Mountains which overlook the Brigham Young University campus is close enough to think the unthinkable — a possible national championship for BYU if the Cougars beat Michigan in the Holiday Bowl on Friday night.

"Three years ago, if somebody had told me that BYU would be playing for the national championship, I'd have thought they were crazy," said

wide receiver Glen Kozlowski. "One of the factors in my going to BYU was the great skiing."

Football, however, wasn't anything to brag about — 171-235-232-24-wards became head coach in 1972. Since then, BYU is 117-37-1, including nine Western Athletic Conference championships in a row and 10 in the last 11 years.

Not far from someone who was hired away from a coaching job at Salt Lake City's Granite High School in 1962 — where he had a losing record, by the way — because he was familiar

with the single-wing formation which BYU employed then. He was once introduced at a National Football Foundation banquet as "Laddell Andersen, maker of quarterback." Andersen is BYU's basketball coach and once coached the pro Utah Stars.

While unaccustomed controversy — triggered mainly by the Orange Bowl, NBC-TV (which televises the Orange Bowl) and Switzer — swirls around his team, the low-key Edwards remains serene in the Mikecay-Rivers philosophy that "there ain't no sense worrying about things you ain't got no control over because if you ain't got no control over them ain't no sense worrying about them." Only the 54-year-old Edwards phrases it differently.

"I don't think about things that aren't in the cards or aren't meant to be," he says. "The controversy has probably been the best possible thing in the world for us coming as we have from right out of nowhere. It's been a positive thing for our football program. Not one person has come in — and we've had writers from all the major cities — who hasn't written a positive article about BYU. Everyone

High praise for a coach who was so

little known outside the Rocky Mountains until recently that he was once introduced at a National Football Foundation banquet as "Laddell Andersen, maker of quarterback."

And how! "BYU has as good an offensive concept as anyone — college or pro — in football," says Gil Brandt, the Dallas Cowboys' personnel chief. "BYU never holds, never breaks down. They are the best-coached team in America," Sark Arslanian said a few years ago when he was coaching Colorado State.

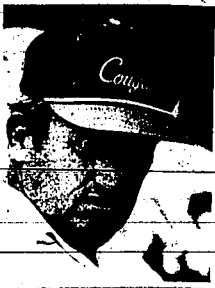
High praise for a coach who was so

has talked about BYU, the team, the church (Mormon), the missions, the standards (no alcohol, tobacco, premarital sex, etc.). From that standpoint, it's been a positive thing. The negatives are all from people who've never been there.

The positives have been accomplished with Edwards' high-production, low-risk passing game and a recruiting area that consists basically of Utah, California, Hawaii and the Rocky Mountain states.

"It's a ball-control passing attack, if you were to put a label on it," Edwards said. "It's similar to the San Francisco 49ers (Bill Walsh) or San Diego Chargers (Don Coryell), as far as pro football is concerned. We have multiple formations, a lot of men in motion, we throw a lot underneath the coverage and we run a lot of option routes. The key to its success is when the quarterbacks, receivers and running backs get on the same wavelength."

"One of the reasons we're able to do this is the amount of time we spend on it in practice. We try to balance it (with running plays) in games. We've doubled our running plays; we've got



LaVELL EDWARDS  
Unpresumptuous

six-in-for Michigan." This last was said with a grin.

"But we spend 75-80 percent of our practice time on the passing game, including pass protection. The whole key is the pass protection."

When Edwards became BYU's head coach, he "looked back on 18 years of coaching — eight in high school and 10 at BYU — and the realization struck me that I'd been associated with only four winning teams.

# Baylor coach leans toward BYU, but Pitt's Fazio still mum

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON  
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — The Brigham Young-Oklahoma brouhaha over who deserves to be No. 1 won't be set head to head. Instead, we have a couple of expert opinions from Coaches Fazio of Pitt and Grant Teaff of Baylor, both of whom opened with BYU and played Oklahoma second.

"I'd like to see an Oklahoma-Brigham Young game," said Fazio, whose Pitt team lost to BYU 20-14 on Sept. 1 and to Oklahoma 42-10 two weeks later. "It would be a heck of a game and I think there'd be a lot of points scored."

Baylor started out the same way Pitt did — 0-2 after losing 42-14 to BYU in its Sept. 9 opener and 34-15 to Oklahoma two weeks after that.

"I don't think it's fair to compare them at the end of the year," said Teaff. "Our only knowledge of them was at the beginning of the year. Both have probably improved a good bit since that time."

Like Fazio, Teaff thinks there is "no question that Brigham Young can stay on the field with anybody. It's an absurd question. Michigan might beat their brains out (in Friday night's Holiday Bowl), but they've proven they're a quality football team."

Fazio said he thought Pitt could beat BYU because the Cougars had a new quarterback in Robbie Bosco. "But as the game went on he got better and better, and so did the team."

"Brigham Young controls the ball well with their passing and their defense is a heck of a lot better than

people give them credit for. I think people are selling Brigham Young short."

"The only similarity they (BYU and Oklahoma) have is that they both rely heavily on their quarterbacks. I'd rate them No. 1 and 1-A, but I'm not saying who's No. 1. I'm not getting into that because we play them both again down the road."

Teaff didn't hesitate in naming BYU No. 1 — if the Cougars beat Michigan, Baylor, by the way, was the last team to beat BYU. The score was 40-36 in the 1983 opener and the Cougars have won 23 games in a row since then.

"I feel like Oklahoma has improved immensely since we played them," Teaff said. "I think Barry (Switzer) did a great job of coaching this year because of the adversity — losing to Kansas and then losing two starting defensive backs (in an automobile accident)."

"LaVell has done a great job for several years. Brigham Young has a very, very good offense — better than Oklahoma when we played them. But in defense of Oklahoma, they didn't have (halfback Spencer) Tillman and he's an added dimension. At that stage, we had a better defense against the run than the pass and we probably played Oklahoma a little tougher."

"The thing about Brigham Young is that their defense is much improved over a year ago. They have a quality defense, though I might not be as good as Oklahoma's. Oklahoma might have a little more team speed."

Teaff also has some food for

thought for those who criticize BYU's schedule as being weak.

"In modern-day football — and all people have to do is look at their own schedules — people who win national championships have three, four, five games that aren't so tough," he said.

"There are three or four teams on

BYU's schedule that would beat Kansas."

"The whole thing has been blown out of proportion — either we have a system or we don't. The question is are they (BYU) deserving under the system we have. The 'best' team doesn't have anything to do with it. I

think probably the best teams in the country right now are Florida and the Miami Dolphins. But that's not what we're voting on. The truth of the matter is that Oklahoma isn't unbeaten

and untied and neither is anybody else except Brigham Young."

Fazio and Teaff agree on another thing. They'd both like to play either one of them again.

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## Salmon benefit in new U.S.-Canada treaty

SEATTLE (AP) — Chinook salmon probably got the best deal in a tentative West Coast fisheries treaty between Canada and the United States, negotiators say.

"Everyone should be very pleased that we managed to save the chinook salmon from extinction," said Jerry Pavletich, a U.S. negotiator representing Northwest Seafood and Salmon Council of Trout Unlimited.

"It's an overall the United States got a fantastic deal, and overall so did the Canadians.

"Where you'll see the complaints coming, I suppose, will be from Canadian fishermen who make their living catching American fish and vice versa," Pavletich said.

Negotiations have failed to produce a comprehensive salmon treaty between the two countries for two decades. The complex agreement announced Saturday calls for changes in regulations for ocean fisheries off Alaska, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon.

Generally, the treaty is designed to reduce interception of salmon spawned in one nation by fishing boats from the other.

Women cross international boundaries as they migrate from the streams of their origin through the Pacific Ocean. After a few years at sea, they return to spawn and die in the same streams where they were hatched.

"In the future, you'll see Canadian fishermen fishing on Canadian stocks and American fishermen fishing on American stocks," Pavletich said.

Nonetheless, some cross-national interceptions are inevitable, he said.

"It's hard to tell a Canadian fish from an American fish when it's swimming in the ocean," Pavletich said.

Earl Krygier of the Alaska Trollers Association said he didn't see anyone smiling at the close of the negotiations. "Everyone had to give some," he said.

"Alaska made very major concessions and reductions of our fishery to assure, basically, that the Lower 48 (states) got a treaty," Krygier said. "We basically are giving up more than we are going to get back."

Still, he said, "If we can solve the problems in the long term, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Fishermen want to be assured of a future."

Fishing is one-third of the economic base in southeastern Alaska, and the treaty is "immensely important for our weak stocks, basically because Canada has the ability to intercept large portions of our salmon," Krygier said. "What it means is the stock of fish will be the ultimate winners."

The Alaska delegation will "go out and sell the treaty to our fishermen," Krygier said.

Meanwhile, Alaska delegates will push for representation on a commission that would be formed to implement the treaty after it is approved by both federal governments.

Alaskans "just don't want to see two bites of the apple — making major concessions to get a treaty and then having it manipulated through the commission by the Lower 48 or have treaty tribes as for more fish

later on," he said.

"We really have to have some sort of guarantee that we're not going to keep having people try to manipulate our fishery ... Hopefully, in the long run, the commission will be fairly configured ... and if it works the way we hope it does, everyone will benefit," Krygier said.

A similar draft treaty in 1982 was scrapped when Alaska officials claimed the 49th state got short shrift in proposed allocations. This time, however, Alaska Gov. Bill Sheffield said he was "heartened" by the agreement.

"This is a far better treaty than those negotiations two years ago that Alaska declined to accept," he said Saturday.

The treaty has two hurdles to clear, approval by the two governments and then the drafting of legislation to implement it, Pavletich explained. It all goes smoothly, the treaty could be in place in May, in time for the main salmon season next year, he said.

Among those representing Indians in the talks was Timothy Wapato, director of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission.

"We have a real opportunity to halt the interception of Columbia River and coastal stocks," Wapato said. "By lessening the interception, we can trigger a whole lot of enhancement."

The negotiations were described as emotional and intense, culminating in a 24-hour marathon.

"It looked pretty scary there at times," Pavletich said. All of the issues were problematic, he added,

saying he could not single out the toughest problems.

The closed-door talks began Dec. 3 in Vancouver, and negotiators refused to discuss the draft treaty.

With some details still to be worked out in January, here are the highlights announced:

— Fraser River catches by U.S. fishermen will be limited to an average 1.75 million fish a year, with Canada taking the remainder. In 1985, one of the big run years, the total allowable catch is expected to be about 13 million.

Over the past four years, U.S. fishermen have taken about 33 percent of the runs. In future years, with the proposed limit and increased runs expected, because of enhancement programs, U.S. fishermen will get about 27 percent, said Rob Morley, a Canadian Fisheries and Oceans negotiator.

When and if Canada will get an advantage in this area depends on enhancement programs, Morley said.

— In the area of Noyes Island off southeastern Alaska, where U.S. fishermen were taking 200,000 to 650,000 Canadian salmon a year, a limit of 480,000 salmon total for the next four years would be imposed.

— Severe limits will be placed on chinook and, to a lesser extent, coho catches in the short run as both countries work to rebuild depleted stocks.

"This is the best deal possible for all sides given the state of the industry and the resources," said Garnet Jones, Canada's chief negotiator. "This gives us the ability to truly manage stocks on a coastwide basis."



U.S. spokesman Ted Kronmiller listens as Canadian negotiator Garnet Jones explains the new ocean salmon fishery pact.

## Call of Mt. Everest beckons Swigert

By CRAIG LINCOLN  
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Two years ago, Kevin Swigert wasn't sure he wanted to go through the preparations that a climbing expedition to Mount Everest would require.

But Swigert, a Sawtooth Valley resident and active climber for 17 years, couldn't pass up the opportunity when the invitation came about a year ago to tackle the world's highest mountain.

"It's one of those things where, until you've been invited, you always say it's too big a deal, it's too expensive, and it's too much time. But when somebody calls you up on the phone and asks 'Do you want to go to Everest?' you say 'Of course I do. You just put up with all the hassles that go along with it.'"

There are 20 climbers involved in the expedition, which will embark in February. They're going to attempt the West Ridge Direct Route up the 29,228-foot peak, a variation of the West Ridge Route first covered by Willie Unsoeld and Tom Hornbein in 1963. This variation has only been climbed twice — first by four Yugoslavians in 1979 and last year by a Bulgarian who died in the descent.

They expect the expedition to take about three months with 65 to 70 days of climbing, mostly in March and April.

But before they leave the United States, there is a great deal of work to do. They are faced with organizing transportation and equipment for 20 climbers, about half of whom are chosen for their support capabilities, and 20 to 25 other personnel — mostly Nepalese citizens — required by the permit under which the climbers will make the ascent.

All this will cost about \$300,000.

"That's a pretty outrageous sum of money to go climbing on," says Swigert. "Everest is probably the only peak in the world that costs that much, and it's primarily because of the quantity of equipment you need."

Most of the fund-raising was divided out among the climbers. Each one of the 20 participants, to show his commitment, must raise \$10,000.

Swigert is working on his fund-raising by sending out letters and brochures to "everyone I think of who might contribute. It's a real hard process raising that kind of money for what a lot of people assume to be a vacation. I would like to see any of those people go on one of these things and see if they think it is a vacation because it is nothing but a lot of hard work."

About half the expedition's members live around Denver, and they have done some fund-raising. They put on a \$125-a-plate dinner and raised about \$40,000.

Most of the other climbers are raising money the same way as Swigert is doing it. So far, the expedition has come up with about half the money it needs.

"I'm sure that I can raise another \$75,000 by cutting a lot of corners, and Swigert is confident the group will scrape up enough to go on.

Much of Swigert's time has been spent working with outdoors and mountaineering equipment companies to get the necessary gear for the ascent. In order to support the 40 people at the mountain, about 15 tons of equipment must be air-freighted to Nepal and then carried from the cap-



Ketchum's Kevin Swigert has reached a lot of goals but nothing like his next one — Mt. Everest

ital of Katmandu by backpack for 2½ weeks to the base of Everest, which sits astride the Nepalese-Chinese border.

All of the equipment must leave the United States around the first of the year, almost two months before the expedition. Then 300 porters must be hired in Nepal to carry the gear to the mountain.

Even though this will be Swigert's first trip to the Himalayas, climbing is not a new sport for him — even though much of his climbing has been geared toward a different aspect of the sport — pure rock climbing.

Adherents of rock climbing put more emphasis on the difficulty of the climb, rather than the size of the mountain. Much of their time is spent doing more and more difficult routes on short climbs.

That was once Swigert's passion, but recently he switched to alpine climbing — more attuned to climbing the Himalayas.

"I got to the point where, in pure rock climbing, you have to keep pushing your limits to stay in an active part of the sport," he says. "I've taken some big rock climbing falls — 40-foot falls — and it isn't any fun. It kind of takes the spice out of climbing for me.

"Alpine climbing is not as intense as rock climbing," he says. "It takes a little more time, but it's a little more enjoyable. It's like a severe backpacking experience."

His "severe backpacking experiences" have included two climbs up 20,320-foot Mount McKinley in Alaska, a solo ascent of 12,976-foot Mount Robson on the Alberta-British Columbia border and an trek up a previously unclimbed route of 11,877-foot Mount Alberta in the Canadian province that bears his name.

In addition, he has been a serious cross-country skier and racer, and a consistent winner of NBC's *Survival of the Fittest* competition.

Swigert feels his physical background is solid enough so that he won't have to do any special conditioning for the trip.

"I don't think it's smart to show up in premier physical condition, because a month down the way you will have dropped off," he says. "I prefer to show up a little fat, if I can get that way, and very rested. Over the period of 60 days, you'll get in pretty good shape."

"Most of the climbing of Everest is mental," he says. "You're there for a long time, you're there with the same people, and you've got things like the

cold, the loneliness and the wind to put up with, and all these things are there all the time. It wears on you mentally. Instead of showing up ready to go for the summit, you spend a lot of time gaining that momentum and staying mentally healthy through the whole thing."

"Once you have a good, solid physical background it's very easy to top out," he says.

New 30 years old, Swigert has been coaching the Junior Nordic racing team for the Sun Valley Ski Foundation for the last five years. He will have to miss his team's last performance this season, and will also be leaving his wife, Di, behind.

"She isn't as excited as Kevin is about the trip."

"I have mixed emotions about it," she says. "But it's something he's always wanted to do, and has committed himself to. I don't think it's fair for me to take something this important away from him."

But while climbing Everest is an opportunity Swigert couldn't pass up, large-scale expeditions aren't going to become a part of his life after this spring. "I'm sure this is the last big expedition that I'm over-going to be involved with. There is so much hassle and work that is unrelated to climbing to go through."

## Livestock resolutions deny wildlife tradition

I was stunned after reading through the resolutions passed at the Idaho Cattle Association convention last month.



Mike Harrop  
Outdoors

It was a little like hearing about the antics of your friends at a party when you'd gone home before everyone became drunk and started dancing around naked with lampshades on their heads.

I'm convinced that most Idaho outdoorsmen will view the resolutions as evidence that a major Idaho pressure group has come out against wildlife.

And I'm even more dismayed that it was the cattle association that expressed such damaging opinions as those that found their way into resolutions and ultimately, into the minds of the association's lobbyists.

- Cattlemen passed resolutions which include the following requests:
- That stock killed or injured by grizzlies be paid for out of the state fish and game department budget;
  - That elk be kept out of the Jarbidge Mountains;
  - That ranchers and other public land users be entitled to limit the number of big game animals on public ranges;
  - That streamside fencing to protect fisheries be delayed for more studies and
  - Called for the protection of no more Idaho wilderness for any reason.

If anyone gives an award to the authors of stupid resolutions, we should send them a copy of the one which calls for Idaho's hunters to pay ranchers for the depredations of stock-killing grizzly bears.

I'm a cattleman myself, and our ranch belongs to the association. But I'm somewhat taken back by the fact that the resolution's authors didn't seek damages from the federal government. Instead of the state game department.

The game department is funded entirely by the sale of licenses to hunters and by the voluntary contributions of other wildlife lovers.

Asking an Idaho pleasant hunter to pay for grizzly depredations is like asking the cattle association to pay for the trip in a hunter's blue jeans caused by a barbed wire fence protecting a wheat field from sheep.

Idaho's hunters don't hunt grizzly bears and have been pretty well locked out of any management of the rare animals because the federal government has taken that option for itself.

But that's really a side issue to the main concern here: that a group which collectively controls the management of a large percentage of Idaho's wildlife habitat appears to be opposed to wildlife in general.

Things should not have ever come to this condition. Living close to wildlife should be one of the things that makes ranching worthwhile. The fault lies with the state game department's failure to make wildlife valuable to major landowners.

Consider wildlife issues from a rancher's standpoint. At present, he isn't making any money raising livestock, unless he's extremely fortunate.

Yet he must feed all the wild game the state wants to turn loose on him, which adds to his overhead.

Add to that the possibility the rancher may not even be able to hunt the animals he is forced to feed if his ranch is located in a special hunt area.

The facts are that wildlife has no economic value to ranchers, and are an economic burden that few can afford to support.

That may explain the resolution which opposes the introduction of elk into the Jarbidge Mountains.

According to the resolution, Nevada game officials are planning to introduce elk into the region.

Idaho ranchers fear the elk will winter in their haystacks, causing thousands of dollars in damages every winter.

The association also elected in opposition escalating numbers of big game at the expense of livestock in Idaho.

They recommended local advisory committees made up of public land users to "set the upper limits" on game numbers.

In one stroke, the cattlemen's association would thus bypass the legislature, the governor and the game commission.

Such moves are really little more than wishful thinking among cattlemen.

In truth, there are a lot more hunters and fishermen who vote than there are cattlemen, and legislators are likely to remember that fact.

But all the same, such drastic moves are born of economic desperation on the cattlemen's part and the state should listen carefully to their discontent, if not their ideas.

A good deal of trouble could be avoided if the game commission would make wildlife an economic asset to landowners.

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# Outdoors in brief

## Montana vetoes bison hunt

**BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP)** — The Montana Wildlife Federation has withdrawn support for a hunting season for bison wandering out of Yellowstone National Park, the group's executive director says.

Emily Swanson of Bozeman said Tuesday the federation board members for a bison hunting season would not solve current bison management problems north of the park.

"We feel the Park Service isn't doing its share of the job and is dumping its problem on the state," Swanson said.

The sportsman's group joined its annual convention last spring to support legislation reclassifying the bison as a big-game animal, allowing it to be hunted. But last weekend in Helena, the federation's board of directors decided not to push the legislation, Swanson said.

Swanson said having state Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks workers shoot bison that leave the park or chasing the animals back into the park by helicopter are not permanent solutions and are "a waste of taxpayers' dollars."

Some board members also said the hunt would not be a sport hunt, because the bison act "just like cows" in the park.

However, the board may not be able to overturn a decision of the federation members, she said.

If the federation by-laws prohibit the board's action, Rep. Red Menahua, D-Anaconda, has expressed interest in introducing the bill, Swanson said.

Jack Taylor, president of the Bozeman-based Gallatin Wildlife Association, said Monday his group still supports a bison hunt.

## Wyoming elk harvest up

**CODY, Wyo. (AP)** — An elk management plan for hunting areas along the North and South Forks of the Shoshone River resulted in a banner season for bull hunters, according to the Wyoming Game and Fish Department.

Figures from the department's Cody check station show 980 animals were taken, the biggest harvest of the decade. More than three times as many bulls as cows were harvested in elk areas west of Cody before the season ended Nov. 30.

Game and Fish Coordinator Jim Yorganson said the high number of bulls taken may have resulted because the department granted extra licenses for areas west of Cody. Hunters try to shoot a bull first and settle for a cow only if they have to.

"We have taken a good harvest of elk the last three years. It is a good system," he said.

But he cautioned that the department still must analyze the effects of the high bull harvest.

The district will then make recommendations for managing next year's hunt. The study will include an analysis of the ratio of bulls to cows, determining whether there are enough of each for the herd to breed properly.

The elk management plan currently calls for a split in the season to encourage elk migration. The hunting season, which began in October, was halted from Nov. 1 to Nov. 11. The hunt allowed elk come down from areas around Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, Yorganson said.

"We were able to hunt the entire herd, including parts which were not hunted before," he said.

The total harvest has increased significantly since the Game and Fish department installed its new management plan three years ago. In 1980 and 1981, the total elk harvests were 567 and 624. In 1982 it increased to 772 and last year it was 834.

## Eight landmarks registered

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Eight new areas have been added to the National Registry of Natural Landmarks by Secretary of the Interior William Clark.

These include Burney Falls and San Ridge Wildflower Preserves in California; Marengo Cave in Indiana; Forcupine Mountains in Michigan; Nechawsil San Hills; Lawrence Memorial Grassland Preserve in Oregon; Rose Creek Preserve in Washington, and Sand Creek in Wyoming and Colorado.

The action brings to 559 the number of natural landmarks designated since inception of the National Natural Landmark Program in 1962. Sites added to the registry must meet scientific criteria qualifying them as nationally significant examples of the best of America's natural heritage.

"The identification and designation of these landmarks are only the first steps in the conservation process. I know the owners of these remarkable natural areas will protect them for the enjoyment and edification of future generations of Americans," Clark said.

He stated that this designation is an example of the Region administration's commitment to the conservation ethic in America. Clark noted "this designation does not affect ownership, rights or land disposition in any way. It further solidifies the federal, state and private partnership without expending federal funds for land acquisition."

National Natural Landmark designation is non-regulatory but the owners — private citizens, organizations or governments — are encouraged to protect their properties. Each owner is invited by the National Park Service to enter into a voluntary agreement to protect the area.

Magie Valley's most centrally located example of the designation is the catastrophic flood landmark between Shoshone and Shoshone falls on the Snake River.

## Idaho gets conservation grant

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** — Idaho will receive \$710,521 as its share of the 1985 apportionment from the land and water conservation fund.

Interior Secretary William Clark said Congress appropriated \$71,853,000 for the fund that provides matching grants on a 50-50 basis to state and local governments for the acquisition and development of public outdoor recreation areas and facilities.

The major share of the fund is derived from revenues produced by outer-continental shelf oil and gas leasing.

Since its inception in 1966, the LWCF has funded more than 31,000 projects. During the last two decades, some \$2.9 billion have been appropriated to the fund.

## Egypt protects crocodiles

**CAIRO, Egypt (DPA)** — Egyptian authorities have prohibited the capture and sale of Nile River crocodiles and have created a sanctuary of their habitat. It was reported Saturday.

The weekly newspaper October quoted the head of the Egyptian zoo administration, Saad el-Badravi, as saying that trading in crocodile skins and meat had increased to the extent that the reptiles were threatened with extinction.

The authorities plan to set up nature reserves around the Nasser Reservoir whose crocodile population had increased during recent years, the report said.

Many of the 200 victims of the sinking of a ferry in the reservoir last year were killed by crocodiles.



This mature elm tree in Twin Falls city park is marked for eradication due to age and disease.

# Trees make great memorial

Christmas, 1984.

— Let us re-focus this month. Let's get out of our routines, out of ourselves and once more put first things first.

The sad thing is that we have to re-focus. We were guided back to the proper course last December — remember? Why did we get off?

Darn hard to realize nowadays but Jesus was not born in a penthouse.

Finest thanks I ever had — a teenage daughter opening her gift and exclaiming "O-oh, Daddy! Wow!"

"Myrrh," my granddaughter told me "is what our mommy cat gives her kittens when she licks them."

That is correct.

Now read on and perhaps you can give new meaning to Christmas with one thing only God can make — a tree.

Why do we wait till a person's gone before we tell of his worth?

Why do we wait, why not tell him now?

He's the finest man on earth? Why do we wait till a person's gone to send them flowers galore?

When a single tree would have meant so much more.

Ah, I just ain't no poet, but you get the drift.

All our city and county parks are in need of trees and the cities and counties have come up with a means whereby you can leave a tree in your memory — or better still you can get together with your group and give a tree to your city or county park in memory of someone you love or want to honor.

You visit our parks you will notice that many of our best trees that were planted in the 1920s and 30s are



Swen.

I can see how many of you should donate trees to our parks. The softball association for one has enjoyed the use of the parks for, lo, these many years, could honor any team member who died. Or how about a living honor to an organizer of the league. Or that umpire who spent his nights trying to keep the peace among the hit-and-runners.

Or how about a new twist to the "living will," "leave a tree to the parks."

Or a donation to the tree fund at the city or county parks offices.

We all want our parks to have plenty of shade now. How about coming up with the funds that are needed to keep the shade?

With reduced budgets in our governments at all levels, the parks will be the first to suffer from cuts. Only the public can assure the continued beauty of our over-used parks.

Give your city or county parks department a call and arrange for this memorial for spring planting.

And let me know about it. I love to watch tree plantings.

## Duck movement heavy on river

**HAGERMAN** — Magie Valley's duck population came up with a bit of a pleasant surprise for area hunters over the weekend.

"For some reason the birds' pretty much left the usual concentration area at the Hagerman Wildlife Management area and spread out along the river."

"There was a lot of activity along the river both Saturday and Sunday," says Stu Murrah, Region 4 conservation educator for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

The action of the birds caused some early concern among Hagerman supervisors who at one point saw the number of birds landing on the various impoundments drop to about 10,000. More than 100,000 were estimated there a week ago.

"But as the birds returned from feeding and reports of unusual heavy activity along the river filtered back, it was assumed at least the majority had remained in the area."

## Harrop

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A special tag should be issued to every rancher or farmer who winters 100 head of deer or 50 head of elk.

Not only could the rancher then stand for the issue of hunting the game he supports during the winter, but he'd be allowed to sell the tags to the highest bidder, perhaps realizing some economic benefit from deer that have become no more valuable than grasshoppers and elk whose presence is sometimes no more welcome than that of wolves.

"As I now stands, it makes more economic sense for ranchers to eradicate rangeland plants and political conditions that promote winter rather than to put up with big game depredations."

Hunters may have the political power to prevent the conversion of convention resolutions into law, but they have no power to affect the management and conditions, particularly on private property.

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# Bennett Hills deer composition count reveals reproductive and healthy herd

By LARRY HOVEY  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Bright days and cold weather have combined to give the Idaho Fish and Game Department some excellent conditions for obtaining herd composition censusing of Region 4 populations.

With the snow congregating the animals at lower elevations and the cold, clear air providing excellent viewing through spotting scopes, the department will take all of this week to put together the fawn-do, buck-do ratios that are important to herd management.

Stu Murrell participated in Monday's count in Unit 45, along the Bennett Hills. That survey showed some very encouraging results from a hunter's standpoint. From the view of landowners who are trying to keep the animals out of their haystacks, perhaps the findings were too good, Murrell pointed out.

The area has spawned several deprecation complaints from landowners since before the first snow and the department has paneled and deer-proofed dozens of haystacks in response.

Usually the department conducts its counts by air but the lack of funds for renting aircraft has forced it to turn to ground counts this year, requiring more manpower and time.

"We were able to get well back into all the canyons although at times we were pushing four-foot snow drifts ahead of us," Murrell said of Monday's outing. "When we ran into the created stuff we had to stay out but we did have remarkably good access to all the major areas."

While ground counts often are confused by poor visibility conditions, that was not the case Monday.

"We were using 60-power scopes and there was no mirage so counting conditions were excellent," Murrell said. "We are able to take our time and count thoroughly from five to six hundred yards. We were able to establish good ratios and not disturb the animals at all."

In Unit 45, the final results pinpointed 960 deer into age and sex categories. It revealed 91 fawns per 100 does and 30 bucks per 100 does.

"Those are excellent numbers," Murrell said. "They indicate a very thriving and healthy population. We were very surprised considering last winter. We thought we'd see a decline in the fawns-to-doe ratio. But 91 to 100 is very, very good."

The department is continuing

through Magic Valley's deer wintering areas, concentrating on the South Hills units the last part of the week. The crews are working from east to west.

"We won't have the counts on Unit 54 (Cassia) until Friday and then it will take a while to compile all the statistics that we pick up in the field. Since we found such good success on Unit 45, we're very interested in seeing the 54 and 55 results," Murrell said.

"We were able to accomplish some other things during the count," he continued. "Our conservation officers checked out the trappers in the area

and we were able to document some sage grouse winter cover."

Establishing winter grounds for any species is important to wildlife interests since such knowledge can become an important adjunct to any future land management plans or uses.

On a less happy note, Murrell said a wild fire on Bennett Creek had reduced deer winter carrying capacity to zero.

"Several years ago we counted a good number of deer in that area. Today the land is bald, nothing but snow showing and there are no deer. These wild fires have hurt us badly in the

last few years."

Murrell said haystack protection parties continue to respond to complaints almost daily. He noted an unusual situation has arisen north of Jerome where a concentration of about 200 antelope has invaded agricultural land and is hitting haystacks.

"We've issued some cracker shells and guns to some landowners to spook them away if we can. But it is very unusual in this area to see an antelope herd that large. And even more unusual to have them hitting haystacks this early in the year," Murrell said.

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Large selection of beveled, plain edge & oak frame mirrors.

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Fills cracks, joints and crevices quickly and easily. For indoor or outdoor use. Reg. \$5.99.

**215 horses available for adoption**

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Veterinarian Dr. Roloff reacted in a matter of minutes to the metal chute. Inside was a wild horse, ready to lunge, kick or bite at anything or anyone that came near.

Roloff's task was to take a blood sample from the horse, help check its age by looking at its teeth, and make sure it got a proper dose of worm medicine.

It doesn't sound like an easy chore, but with the help of several Bureau of Land Management employees, Roloff's job was made a lot easier.

Freeze-branding is a painless process using liquid nitrogen that allows a horse to have a permanent identification number placed on its neck.

Roloff and the eight BLM employees were at the agency's holding pens south of Boise preparing 215 wild horses for adoption. They were collected from public lands, and are available for adoption beginning Dec. 22.

Complete ownership of the horses isn't granted until after they've been in possession for a year, with proper care.

The fee is \$125 for one horse or for a mare and her foal.

The chill morning air didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the men charged with processing the horses. They loaded good-natured jobs with one another as the morning progressed.

The past month instead of being filled with hours of tedious desk work, has been like an extended field trip for Fred Schley, BLM's range and wild horse and burro program leader.

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If Christ were born today, would any wise men follow a star? Would any shepherds heed the angels? Would anyone notice?

Swensen's join with the ancient wise men & shepherds and Christians through the centuries in joyously celebrating the Birth of the Son of God and giving Thanks for his mission and love.

That this Christmas holiday will be a happy one for you is the wish of all of us at Swensen's.

<b>Christmas ORANGES</b> California Choice <b>NAVELS</b> Sweet & Juicy <b>15 ORANGES \$1</b> Box of 138 ..... <b>8.99</b>	<b>ALMOND BARK</b> 24 oz. Pkg. <b>\$1.69</b>	Ghirardelli's Bay Bridge <b>DIPPING CHOCOLATE</b> <b>\$1.99</b> lb. Random Weight Pieces
	Keebler <b>PRETZELS</b> <b>69¢</b> pkg.	Raw <b>SPANISH PEANUTS</b> Also Spanish - 1-lb. Pkg. <b>89¢</b>

<b>CAULIFLOWER</b> Gigantic Heads <b>99¢</b> ea.	Fresh <b>CRANBERRIES</b> 12 oz. Pkg. <b>77¢</b>
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Jumbo <b>YAMS</b> 4 lbs. <b>\$1</b> for	LETTUCE Large Iceberg Heads 3 heads for <b>\$1</b>
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<b>BANANAS</b> 5 lbs. <b>\$1.16</b> for	<b>RADISHES &amp; GREEN ONIONS.</b> 6 Bunches <b>\$1</b> for
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Western Family  
**ICE CREAM**  
 Half Gallon **\$1.49**

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<b>COOL WHIP</b> Big 12 oz. Tub Regular or Extra Creamy <b>99¢</b>	Triangle Young's <b>WHIPPING CREAM</b> 1/2 Pint <b>2.00</b> For	Triangle Young's <b>SOUR CREAM</b> Pint <b>88¢</b>	Western Family <b>CREAM CHEESE</b> 12 oz. Pkg. <b>79¢</b>	Nestle's <b>MORSELS</b> Semi-Sweet or Milk Chocolate 12 oz. Pkg. <b>\$1.77</b> Also Butter-Scotch <b>\$1.59</b>
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# Legals-Legal

## LEGAL NOTICE

**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
 GIVEN THAT HEREBY THE FOURTH DAY OF JANUARY, 1985, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. of said day, at the offices of Titlecraft, Inc., 163 Fourth Avenue North in Twin Falls, Idaho, the following real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, Idaho, as described as follows, to-wit:

Lot 2 in Block 64 of Bulls Township, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.

Said sale will be made, without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances, to satisfy the debt secured by RHODES and PENNY J. RHODES, husband and wife, as Grantors, to TITLE AND TRUST COMPANY, as initial trustee of the TRUST COMPANY, as successor Trustee, for the benefit and security of STONE MOUNTAIN TRACT CORPORATION, Formerly known as Stone Mountain Tracts, Inc., a Washington Corporation, as Beneficiary; said Deed of Trust having been filed for record on September 22, 1978 as Instrument No. 74497, Official Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The default for which the sale is to be made is the failure of the Grantors to make monthly installment payments under a deed of trust note dated August 15, 1978 for the amount of Two Hundred Fifty-Four and Five/100ths Dollars per month for December 1984 through February 1985, plus principal and interest, including both principal and interest, for March 1984 and thereafter until paid, together with accruing late charges, in the amount of Eight and Ninety-One Hundredths Dollars per month thereafter until paid.

The balance owing as of the date hereof on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is the sum of Two Thousand Three Hundred and Thirty-Four and 1/100ths Dollars per month plus interest at the rate of nine and one-half (9 1/2%) per cent per annum from November 1, 1984, plus late charges, late charges, and any other costs or charges, together with the principal and interest provided by the Deed of Trust or deed of trust note dated August 15, 1978, and DATED this 20th day of November, 1984.

**TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO**  
 By: William R. Snyder, Attorney at Law, Attorney for Trustee  
 PUBLISH: Thursday, December 6, 13, and 20, 1984.

**NOTICE HEARING ON APPEAL**  
 Notice is hereby given by the City Council for Twin Falls, Idaho, that a Public Hearing will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. on January 7, 1985, in the City Chambers, City Hall, located at 321 S. Second Avenue in Twin Falls, Idaho, upon the APPEAL of Doris Impard from her decision of the Planning and Zoning Commission for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, as to the application of Doctors Park, Inc. for a SPECIAL USE PERMIT which would allow the above named applicant to construct additional parking on property located at 290-57th Ave. W., Twin Falls, and legally described as follows:

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Plaintiff vs. Plaintiff

Under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of the above-entitled Court, in the above-entitled action, dated the 12th day of DECEMBER, 1984, the plaintiff obtained a judgment against the defendants herein, on the 11th day of AUGUST, 1983, for the sum of \$754.38, plus interest, in and to the defendant (Owner, or assignee) REAL PROPERTY, to-wit:

BICKLE ADDITION, Lot 4, Block 1 of Twin Falls, Idaho.

Public Notice is hereby given that on the 11th day of December, 1984, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock P.M. Mountain Time, the Sheriff of Twin Falls County, Idaho, will, in obedience to said Order of Sale, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, lawful money of the United States, all right, title, interest and claim of the above-named plaintiff, in and to the above-described REAL PROPERTY, to satisfy said costs that have accrued or may accrue.

Dated at Twin Falls, Idaho, on this 17th day of December, 1984.  
 James R. Winn  
 Sheriff of Twin Falls County, Idaho

PUBLISH: Thursdays, December 13, 20, 1984, and January 3, 1985.

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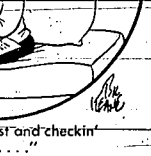
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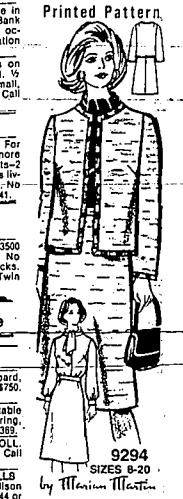
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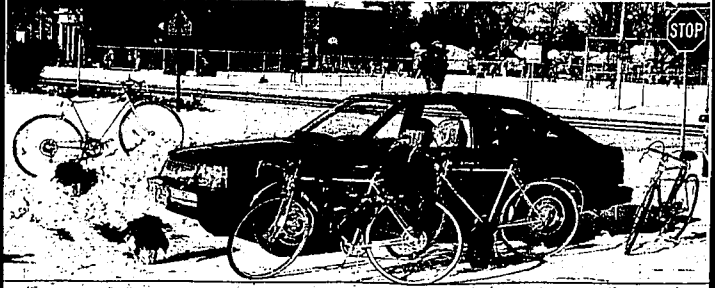
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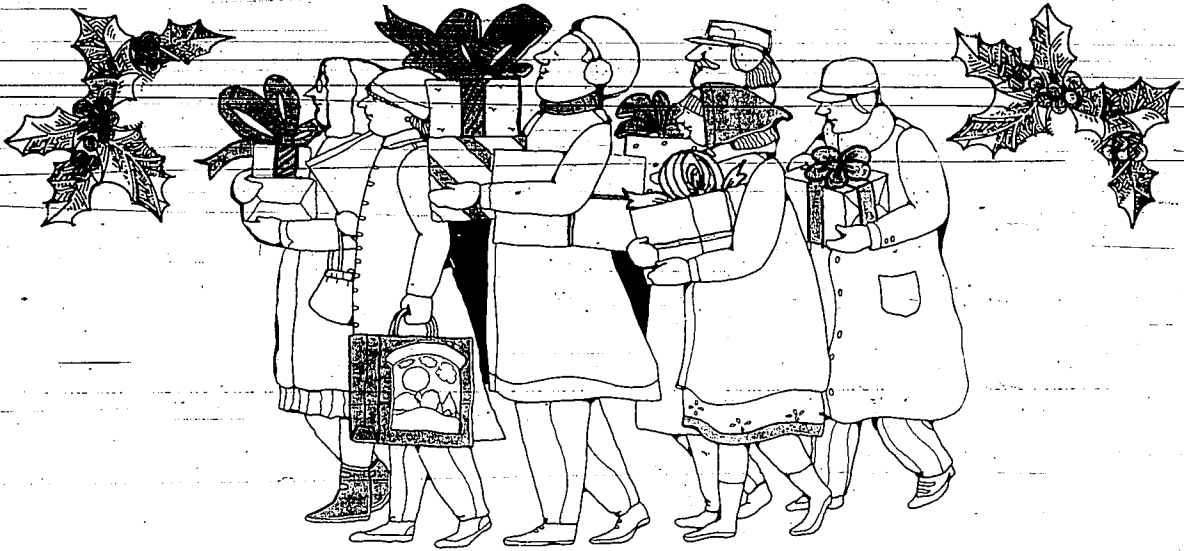
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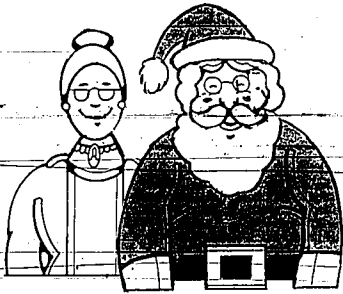


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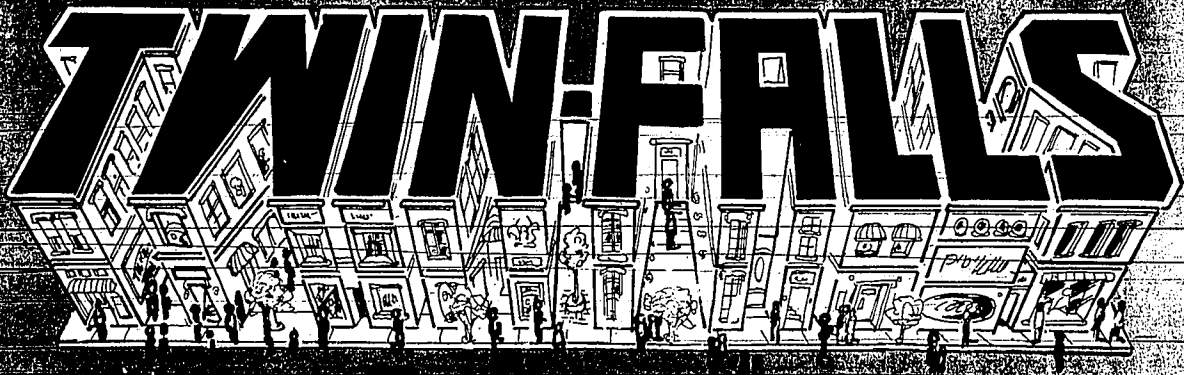
## MOVIES FOR THE KIDS

Every Saturday at 11:00, 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. at the Mall Cinema. Movie tickets available at any participating Downtown merchant. Admission is on a first come, first served basis, so be early! This weeks movie will be "The Magic Christmas Tree."



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# Battered women get aid from Burley group

By CATHERINE JENSEN  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — A support group to aid battered women in the Mini-Cassia area was organized recently in Burley.

Major support for the group has come from the Burley Sororptomist Club, which will provide funds for a hot line for abuse and rape victims.

Betty Case of the Sororptomists says 10 volunteers recently received training on the cycle of violence and on communication techniques effective in working with abused individuals. Carol Hosler, who serves on the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence, taught the training session.

Case indicated volunteers were still needed to maintain a hot line, provide local shelter and for fund-raising and public speaking activities.

She said the group's first priority is finding enough committed volunteers to staff the crisis line. Incorporation as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization would be the next step, making it possible to accept donations, Case said.

The Burley group's ultimate goal would be to establish a shelter facility where abused women could go to get away from their situations and consider their options, she said.

Susan D., a former abuse victim now living in the Burley area, expressed support for the new group during a recent meeting.

"During the time I was being abused, I was far from home," she said. "It took several months to plan my escape from my husband. Leaving would have been so much easier if I had had someone there to give me encouragement and help."

She added that a hot line would let abuse

victims know they are not alone.

"You're not thinking straight when you're going through abuse," she said. "You need someone to help you understand the options you have. State aid, schooling grants and counseling may be available."

Susan said she intends to work in the support group.

"Some things you never get over," she said, "but fortunately you get out of the circumstances and can help someone else."

A Mini-Cassia rape line operating several years ago was expanded to include battered women at the request of Larry Broadbent, then Burley police chief.

However, the crisis line was discontinued five months after the battered women calls were added. The reason given for the demise was emotionally burn out of the few volunteers that were then operating the line.

—Lt. Jim Higgs of the present Burley police

force says police concern for battered spouses continues.

"In 1982, we had about 363 calls on domestic disturbances and in 1983, approximately 313 calls," he said.

Higgs said police can only work with an immediate crisis, in calming people down or arresting an offender.

"We would like to see a hot line that we could refer people to for ongoing help," Higgs added, explaining that many of the domestic disturbances police deal with are repetitive. He said he has received as many as three calls a week from one such case.

As public awareness is increased, more incidents will be reported and a snowball effect will develop, he said.

The Sororptomists' interest in establishing a program for battered women began a little over a year ago, Case said. She said the

sororptomists decided to affiliate with the Twin Falls Volunteers against Violence program and agreed to fund a Burley hot line for one year she said.

Case and another Burley woman, Janice Briggs, have received training from the Twin Falls unit, which is well established and offers a 24-hour crisis line, counseling for abusers and victims, and a shelter home.

The Twin Falls program currently receives state funding for an eight-county area. The funding originates from a \$15 surcharge required by the state on marriage licenses and is administered by the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence.

Case said the Twin Falls group has indicated a willingness to work out an agreement to share some of its present funding with the Burley group.

## Sometimes it's not so easy for an abused woman to leave her husband

By CATHERINE JENSEN  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** — "Why doesn't an abused woman just leave her husband?"

Carol Hosler, a member of the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence, explained why this often-asked question is not simply answered during a recent training session for volunteers of a newly organized support group to aid battered women in the Mini-Cassia area.

It is hard for many people to understand how dependent, emotionally and economically, an abused wife depends on her husband Hosler said, pointing out that if a wife leaves, she forfeits necessities of money, transportation and housing.

By the time the wife has been beaten, she also has been convinced she is not capable of

taking care of herself or her children, Hosler added. She said there are similarities between brainwashing techniques and methods used by abusive husbands to belittle and control their wives.

It is important for people to realize that far from enjoying their situation, battered women feel trapped and "want out," she said.

Familiarity with the cycle of violence that occurs in abuse cases is vital in understanding these troubled women, she said, and proceeded to outline the cycle's three stages: tension building, battering, and then loving behavior.

In the first stage, minor battering occurs. The wife senses a blow-up and copes by trying to manipulate the environment to head it off. She rationalizes minor incidents by blaming herself and denying that the situa-

tion will worsen, even though she has been through the cycle before.

In the acute battering incident stage, both husband and wife believe that anger will escalate out of control and it does, usually unpredictably. Sometimes the wife will try to stage an incident to break the tension. The stage ends with the wife being severely injured.

The final cycle stage is the deceptive loving behavior stage also referred to as "bubble bath and bon-bons." In this, stage the husband is contrite and promises to change. He is loving, charming and frequently brings home gifts to his wife.

He works on her guilt and sympathy and enlists others to work on her as well. These strategies reinforce the wife's desire to remain in the relationship and she stays, hoping things will be different this time. After a

while, the cycle returns to the first stage and repeats.

Low self-esteem and acceptance of traditional views about the respective roles of men and women are shared by the battered woman and her abusive husband, said Hosler.

Hosler said the characteristics of the battering man include the belief that his wife deserves to be beaten. He blames her for his actions and does not believe his violent behavior warrants negative consequences, Hosler said.

The abusive husband experiences severe stress reactions, she said, which he copes with through violence and sometimes drinking. His acts of violence enhance his self-esteem by giving him a sense of power, Hosler said.

She said domestic violence occurs in all

levels of society and among people of differing ages, races, and economic and social strata.

While many abusive husbands' experienced or witnessed abuse in their family while growing up, Hosler said the two clues to look for in behavior before marriage are intense jealousy and possessiveness.

"What is most important," she said, "is not to judge why the battered woman is in her situation, but to overcome the natural tendency to want to solve her problems for her."

"Trust in the victim's ability to handle her feelings and problems is probably the most helpful thing a volunteer can provide," Hosler added.

Hosler holds a master's degree in Christian social service from Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, N.Y.

## Weddings



Vicki and Gregory Hine



Connie and Chris Morin



Denise and Ronnie Metcalf

### Owen-Hine

**TWIN FALLS** — Vicki Lyn Owen became the bride of Gregory S. Hine Oct. 20 at the First United Presbyterian Church in Boise.

Rev. Richard Terry officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Owen of Boise and the bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Walter (Bud) Hine of Twin Falls.

Dorene Braun was maid of honor with Ailsa Braun and Sue Rehback as bridesmaids. Erica Shrock, Alaska, niece of the bride, served as flower girl.

Todd Hine was best man for his brother. Tom Haddock and Frank Maguria were groomsmen.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kirpatrick of Wendell, grandparents of the groom, and Mrs. Ena Reed of Hazelton, great-aunt of the groom.

The bride graduated from high school in Boise and was employed by Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Boise State University, is employed for H. K. Ferguson Co. in Apple Valley, Calif., where the couple lives.

### Metcalf-Morin

**EDEN** — Connie Lee Metcalf exchanged wedding vows with Chris Lyman Morin at the Idaho Falls LDS Temple on Aug. 10.

The bride is the daughter of Ronald and Neille Metcalf of Eden and the bridegroom is the son of Art and Rene Morin of Shelley.

Wendy Udy was matron of honor and Tammil Beames, Carolyn Lee and Jolinda Metcalf, sisters of the bride, were bridesmaids.

Charles Morin was best man for his brother with Ronnie Metcalf, twin brother of the bride, as groomsmen.

A reception was held in the Hazelton LDS church. Cherri Christopherson attended the guest book with Shauna Henry, Denise Hardy and Jana Burnett, cousins of the bride, in charge of the gift table.

Serving were Sally Burnett, Beth White and Sheila Kent, aunts of the bride.

The bride, a graduate of Brigham Young University, is employed by the Carnas School District.

The bridegroom is a student at BYU.

### Hardy-Metcalf

**HAZELTON** — Denise Hardy and Ronnie Metcalf were united in marriage Oct. 13 at the LDS Church in Hazelton.

President Don Black officiated. Audrey Hardy, sister of the bride, was pianist. Other music was provided by Christy Davidson, cousin of the bride, and Karin Hardy, aunt of the bride, with Julia Sorensen as accompanist.

The bride is the daughter of Connie Hardy of Eden and the late Dennis Hardy. The bridegroom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Metcalf of Eden.

Jolinda Metcalf, sister of the bridegroom, was maid of honor and John Stewart was best man. Bill and Brian Hardy, brothers of the bride, acted as ushers.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Audrey and Kimberly Hardy, sisters of the bride; Jana Burnett, cousin of the bridegroom; Tammy Andrus and Terri Coulson attended the gift table. Gifts were carried by Jenny and Byron Hardy, Katrina Landreth, all-cousins of the bride, and Miranda and Brannon Beames, niece and nephew of the bridegroom.

Tammy Beames, sister of the bridegroom, was guest book attendant. Luella Hardy, grandmother of the bride, made the heart-shaped wedding cake. Serving were Kay Davidson, Dorothea Hansen, Linda Landreth, all aunts of the bride; Connie Morin, sister of the bridegroom; Sally Burnett, aunt of the bridegroom, and Lynette, Renee and Carol Ann Landreth, all cousins of the bride.

A rehearsal dinner was hosted by the bridegroom's parents.

The bride, a 1983 graduate of Valley High School, attended the College of Southern Idaho. The bridegroom, a 1979 graduate of Valley High School, attended Ricks College and Idaho State University. He is employed by Henry Jones Feedlot in Eden.

### Peterson-Hansen

**TWIN FALLS** — Dana J. Peterson became the bride of Ronald D. Hansen Aug. 24 at the LDS Temple in Jordan River, Utah.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary B. Peterson of Twin Falls and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin B. Hansen of Tetonia.

A reception was held at the 10th ward chapel in Twin Falls. Music was provided by Bonnie Lamborn, Roger Cook and Monica Anderson.

Naell Peterson served as maid of honor for her sister with Teresa Bell, Twin Falls; Cindy Wilson, Idaho Falls, and Laurie Ward, Provo, Utah, as bridesmaids.

Brad Hansen, Tetonia, is best man for his brother. Groomsmen were Brett Romwell, Gary Oswald, Brad Peterson, brother of the bride.

Special guests were Mrs. John Peterson of Filer and Mr. and Mrs. Reinhart-Kowallis of Ogden, grandparents of the bride.

Assisting with the reception were Marie Peterson, Filer, sister-in-law of the bride; Julie Hansen and Lana Hansen, sisters of the bridegroom; Arlene Allred, Jane Eldredge, Shirley Ottensberg, Amy Cole, Gina Cole, Marilee Cole, Eve Cole, Norma Par-



Dana and Ronald Hansen

rott, Jill Parrott, Anna Parrott and Marlene Nielsen.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and the bridegroom graduated from Preston High School.

The couple resides in Provo, Utah, where they both attend school.

## Why not smoke in the house?

**DEAR ABBY:** Please help me make my mother give me permission to smoke at home. I am a 14-year-old boy and I have been smoking since I was 12. My mother knows this, but she still won't give me permission to smoke at home. I can smoke in the homes of my friends but not in my own house. I think that's crazy.

"I have begged my mother to change her mind, but she says, 'No way.' My stepfather says as long as I'm already smoking he doesn't see why my mother won't give permission, but he doesn't count around here - my mother has the whole say.

Abby, please tell me how I can make my mother listen to reason and be realistic. Thank you.

— A BOY IN DULUTH

Your mother is right, and since she is your guardian, and your welfare is in her hands, she should FORBID you to smoke anywhere. Please read this letter I received today:

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God, in heaven, I wish I had never started. It's so hard to quit. Please print this for kids to see.

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**Features**



Pat and Jerry Juliano show the kind of meal for which a customer names the price

## Customers decide the price of a meal at 'honors' eatery

By TARA BRADLEY-STECK  
The Associated Press

WARRENDALE, Pa. — You can pay any price you want, at Juliano's restaurant.

And it's not a gimmick, but an act of faith, says Jerry Juliano, owner of La Casa de Pasta Italian restaurant, where customers decide what a meal is worth on the honor system.

"I don't have to advertise specials or two-for-one dinners," Juliano says. "You come in and make your own special. If you want a dollar off, you get a dollar off. If you don't like it, you don't have to pay."

The small family-run eatery about 25 miles north of Pittsburgh has been open for about 14 months, featuring heaping platters of spaghetti, manicotti and chicken parmigiana. But Juliano just took the prices off the menu two weeks ago.

"Until then, no matter what I did, it wouldn't work," he said of his past year in the restaurant business. "I would be in a state of mind. I wanted the Lord in this, but I wasn't putting Him first. So I said, 'It's yours. If you want it to go, it's yours.'"

So far, he said, he isn't "losing a penny" by the new system.

"It's balancing out. Some people pay under and some pay over," he said. "I may even be doing a little bit better than before. But I don't take each bill and analyze it to see whether it's high or low."

Juliano, 42, offers a regular menu with suggested prices to those customers who are uncomfortable with the price-less system.

"I'd rather not show them that menu because they'll think that's what I really want," he said. "I had a lady who felt uncomfortable about not having prices. She looked at the regular menu and overpaid anyway. She was more worried about cheating me than about cheating herself."

Two recent customers, Don Hoover and his wife, Kate, drove 20 miles to try the restaurant, which is located on an isolated section of highway.

"I just couldn't believe there was a place like this in

the whole country ... that there was anybody who trusted in the Lord that much," said Hoover. "That first sentence at the top of the menu means more than anything."

Juliano's new menus read: "Here at Juliano's, we trust the Lord to meet our needs. For this reason, there are no prices on the menu. You may place your order and when you are finished, you will decide what the cost should be. We ask that you would be fair in your judgment."

Another customer, Arveta Fichter, said she looks upon her meal at the restaurant "as an adventure."

"It's really great that someone has as much faith to do it," she said. "We all need a little more."

Domenic Teny wasn't so sure he liked the idea.

"It's a lot of pressure," he said. "We don't want to cheat them, but we don't want to overpay either."

A former truck driver who tired of the tedium of the highway, Juliano said he always wanted to own a little restaurant but was reluctant to give up the security of a regular job.

"Right there was a step of faith — just quitting our jobs and coming into the restaurant business," he said. His wife, Pat, 43, also quit her job in a discount store, and his two teen-age daughters help out after school by waiting on tables.

When customers finish eating, they receive a bill that lists only what was ordered. Juliano then pencils in what is paid for the meal so he can set aside 6 percent state sales tax. If a tip isn't left on the table, he takes another 10 percent of the check and gives it to the waitress.

Juliano said he's already had a few customers who deliberately underpaid their bills, such as the family of five who ordered large dinners and then left \$15 for the entire meal.

He said they drove away in "a big white Cadillac."

"Sooner or later I'll probably get someone who will do a real job on me," he said. "But I won't worry about it. I'll leave it in the Lord's hands. If a person comes in and hands me only a buck, I'll say, 'God bless you.'"

## Williams uses her stage experience to build performing-arts complex

By P.B. SEYMOUR  
The Associated Press

WALLES, Wis. — Soprano-actress Barbara Williams, who has starred on Broadway and has danced with a president, is enrolled in a long-running engagement with the old family dairy farm — she may once have thought she could leave behind.

"People are needing to get out of the city," the sophisticated New Yorker says of her campaign to convert mammoth barns, milk sheds, bunk houses and pastures into a rural performing arts complex.

An imagination honed by decades of experience with stage settings also envisions the University of Wisconsin re-establishing a portion of the farm's abandoned dairy herd, providing an agricultural backdrop for theaters, craft shops, coffee houses and art studios catering to urban visitors.

She is a country girl's answer to how to keep 'em down on the farm after seeing the big time. Her enthusiasm for the agri-arts project is no less than her own. "I want to save what is worth saving, fighting a little for what is important."

Marketing economics and the cost of hiring a hundred hands to operate the 2,000-acre farm and about eight satellite farms forced her father, Chester Williams, to sell his cattle in 1977.

It was the end-of-Wern Farms, whose bottled milk had been trucked for years 100 miles to Chicago. Subdivisions began nibbling at the fringes of the farm that once boasted 25 buildings and 900 cows.

It is now down to 900 acres, about 30 of which Miss Williams wants to use for her arts project. If history is an incentive, the family's original 40-acre, land-grant charter of 1848 still hangs framed on the wall of the brick farmhouse, bearing the signature of President James K. Polk.

"It isn't like you are buying a chunk of land and saying, 'Let's re-create something.' We have gone one step to build on here," she told an interviewer.

To save it, she chose the weapons she knows best: the arts.

Her idea of a university establishing a dairy operation for students and research reflects the other side of Barbara Williams, who recollects the sprawling barnyards alive with the scent and noise of a major industry.

"When you come back from New York and want to see all the activity, it is like a ghost town," she said.

Miss Williams sang on radio at age 15. She was the understudy and occasionally leading lady for 2½ years in New York in "The Music Man" in the 1950s.

She was enlisted by Noel Coward for one of his musicals in London, soloed with Leonard Bernstein and played Aldonza in "Man of La Mancha" in 1968 and 1969.

She was a subject of nationwide news stories in 1967 for dancing five times with President Lyndon Johnson while performing at a White House

dinner.

She turned to publishing ballads, writing cabaret acts, filling night club engagements, marrying a co-singer, raising a son and writing nostalgic lyrics about the farm.

"My head of course was not in farming," she said. "All I could think of was theater and New York. I am still New York. But I feel a commitment here."

Save a Farm Inc., organized in 1981 as a tax-exempt charity, is applying for a \$30,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to study and promote the potential of the property.

Approval of the grant requires matching it with \$30,000 in local backing, and she has recruited the help of Milwaukee theater organizations despite the fact they, too, compete for NEA funding.

Sara O'Connor of the Milwaukee Repertory Theater said she was sold once she saw the possibilities of establishing theater in the huge, domed barns — one of them an unusual three-story giant which contains a freight elevator for hauling cattle and hay — and maybe tourists.

Collin Cabot, managing director of Milwaukee's Skylight Comic Opera company, signed up as a member of Save a Farm's board of directors after realizing Miss Williams wasn't thinking of just another summer stock affair.

"This would be completely different from a regular theater company," he said. "We are talking about a community of artists, creating a performance basis instead of simply selling a few tickets to a show."

## Horses are library's big topic

By CHARLES HILLINGER  
The Los Angeles Times

NORCO, Calif. — It figures. The Norco Library, which many people ride their horses to, is nicknamed "The Horse Library."

"Horses are our specialty," Barbara Gulde, a librarian, says. "We probably have a greater percentage of books about horses on our shelves than any other public library in California."

She adds that in this rural community (population-22,000) 40 miles east of Los Angeles, there are 6,000 dwellings on half-acre lots and practically every lot has horses.

"There are more horses than people in Norco," allows Mary Ellen Wright, 34, in the library with her daughter, Stefanie, 11, and son, Jeff, 8.

The kids are pulling books with horse-head labels from the shelves in the children's section — labels that indicate a horse figure prominently in the plot.

Folks of Norco Library come from throughout Southern California.

Many come to spend hours poring over stud registries. "So far as we know we're the only public library in the state that has them," the librarian says.

Bibles of the horsey set — the stud books trace bloodlines numbering as many as 45 volumes for one breed.

"If you're about to buy a horse you want to look up that horse's background. What it has done racing, showing, performing," explains Allie Cole, 45, owner of Flip-N-C Ranch. Cole raises quarter horses and quarter ponies on her Norco spread.

"The stud books trace an individual horse's bloodlines. It's like genealogy with people. Like 'Roots.' How many races its ancestors won, how much money. Points won at shows."

Many prominent horse breeders, trainers and retired jockeys live in and near Norco and patronize "The Horse Library."

Eddie Moreno, 65, is one of the ex-jockeys who drops in the library from time to time. Moreno, a widely known quarter horse jockey, won the first quarter-horse race ever run at Los Alamitos.

It is a library frequented by lovers of the sport of kings. Several books with tips on betting techniques and how to play the horses are on the shelves, like:

"A Comprehensive Account of Pari-Mutual Off-Track Betting and Bookmaking," "Betting Thoroughbreds," "History of Thoroughbred Racing in America," "Fred S. Bucks Horse Racing." Books popular in this library and often on a waiting list have titles like "The Lady is a Jock," "The Shoe," "The Longden Legend."

Books by top writers of horse stories such as Marguerite Henry — "Misty of Chincoteague," "White Stallion of Lizza," "Rising Wild Spirit of the West" — and more than 50 other horse books — are in great demand.

There are special sections filled with veterinarian manuals, other sections on how to buy horses, the care of horses, the training of horses, trick and fancy riding, the psychology of horses, even a book entitled "Making

The Horse Laugh." "We have as many miles of horse trails in Norco as we do miles of streets," notes Wright, who like most residents has a horse trail in front of her home.

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# Bangerter's wife stays active

By JENNIFER BRANDLON  
The Associated Press



COLLEEN BANGERTER  
Will be Utah's First Lady

WEST VALLEY CITY — Colleen Bangerter sees her upcoming role as Utah's First Lady as an extension of the one she's held for 31 years: helpmate, teammate and her husband's staunch supporter.

But that doesn't mean she plans to sit idly in the governor's mansion after Norm Bangerter becomes chief executive next month.

Mrs. Bangerter — mother of six, grandmother of seven — has followed her own leadership instincts over the years in raising a large family and becoming involved in community and church affairs.

"My whole life has been involved with my family and just supporting Norm in his leadership roles, because he's had so many leadership roles, all our married life," the 49-year-old Mrs. Bangerter said in an interview at her modest West Valley City home.

"And I've been contented to do that. I've been contented to be home with my family and be in a supportive role. I've just loved it."

But she clearly feels she is part of a team that started to politize with a successful legislative race 10 years ago and last month won the governor's office.

When her husband takes the oath of office next month, she will become Utah's first Republican governor in two decades.

The Bangerter political base has been building almost since childhood. Both were born and raised in the Salt Lake Valley, he in Granger and she in nearby Magna.

Their house is but a mile from the one in which Bangerter grew up, and it's in the same community where his family construction business started.

Those community roots paid off when Bangerter entered public life, running against and upsetting the Democratic state representative in his home district.

"It was a Watergate year," Mrs. Bangerter recalled, and her husband was the only candidate in Utah to unseat an incumbent. "He's lived out his community all his life. The people know Norm, they respected him, and they gave him the vote."

Mrs. Bangerter has never sought public office herself, but she acknowledges that an attraction to politics has been channeled elsewhere.

"When he got into this heavy agenda and last month won the governor's office, I was established his own business, he just decided that his education would have to wait," Mrs. Bangerter said.

Although the governor-elect never received a college degree, he "has had quite an education just through the experiences," his wife said.

Their children are Garret, 29; Ann, 27; Jordan, 25; Blair, 22; Alyne, 20; and Adam, 15.

The Bangerters also have an Indian foster son, Erdman Jake, now 23.

The close-knit family still gathers for holiday drives to see outdoor Christmas lights and has an annual Christmas Eve party.

"I love Christmas. I love the Christmas music and I love everything about Christmas, the spirit of giving, the way people are," Mrs. Bangerter said.

She also enjoys music and sports, especially bowling and tennis, and camping.

When the Bangerters move into the governor's mansion next month, Mrs. Bangerter will miss the snug familiarity of the family home, which Bangerter built.

But she said she will follow in Norma Matheron's footsteps by being active in community affairs.

"Norma has been really helpful in this transition period," Mrs. Bangerter said.

"I was concerned because I know Norma has been so active and has done so many things for the state and I hope to do that, too," she said. "And I want to be as active and be involved as she was in a lot of different things."

"Actually I haven't zeroed in on one thing yet. The advice I received ... is don't be in a hurry to pick out a project. Just take your time in the next few months and decide what it is you really want to do and the areas you want to focus on."

# Christmas celebrations have less history than you may think

By PETER COY  
The Associated Press

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Celebrating Christmas in Massachusetts three centuries ago was risky? Anyone who took the day off from work could be fined 5 shillings.

When George Washington crossed the Delaware River the night of Dec. 25, 1776, he could count on catching the Hessian soldiers drunk and sound asleep after a day of carousing.

But, for Washington's men, Christmas was just another day.

And it wasn't until 1836 that the first state — Alabama — declared Christmas a holiday. Later, when the Civil War separated soldiers from their families, 13 states adopted Christmas as an official holiday.

Americans like to think the modern Christmas celebration has deep roots, but in fact it dates back no earlier than the 19th century, according to University of Pennsylvania historian Karin Colvert.

Visions of apple-cheeked colonial children hanging wreaths and singing Christmas carols are "totally fictitious," she said, because for two centuries Protestant America considered Christmas a "popish" holiday.

Christmas was a "conscious and deliberate invention" in the mid-19th century of such figures as Washington Irving, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Elizabeth Cadz Stanton, Charles Moore, Thomas Nast, Sir Walter Scott and Clement Dickens, she said.

Mrs. Calvert, a specialist in the history of children in America, spoke recently at Rochester's Margaret Woodbury Strong Museum on "Christmas in America: The Fabrication of Tradition."

"I'm not trying to debunk Christmas by any means," she said in an interview. "I'm trying to give credit where credit is due."

Nevertheless, Mrs. Calvert is a Scrooge-like figure to people who prefer to imagine that the Pilgrims decked the halls with boughs of holly.

"They're quite irate," she said. "It's hard on someone who's living in a 1790 house and trying to decorate it authentically and are told they can't."

The "inventors" of Christmas emphasized the pagan origins of the holiday because they wanted nothing to do with the Roman Catholic roots of the celebration of Christ's birth, Mrs. Calvert said.

"If you had to choose between Catholic and pagan, pagan was the lesser of two evils," she said.

Christmas trees of the 19th century were topped with an American flag or a sugar plum fatry, never a star, Mrs. Calvert said.

The youthful United States of the early 1800s was hungry for tradition, and several founding members of the New York Historical Society set about to create some, Mrs. Calvert said.

Washington Irving's "Knickerbocker History of New York," published in 1809, remade St. Nicholas from a stern bishop into Jolly St. Nick, who showered gifts on the burghers of old Manhattan.

In 1822, theologian Clement Moore borrowed from Irving's book to write "An Account of a Visit of St. Nicholas," the Christmas poem that begins, "'Twas the night before Christmas ..."

"The publication of Charles Dickens' 'A Christmas Carol' in England in the 1840s gave Christmas a moral anchor, though not a religious one, by fixing family reunion and charity as the seasonal virtues.

Thomas Nast's illustrations created the myths that Santa Claus lives at the North Pole, wears a suit with fur trim, and has a workshop where he makes toys.

The only oil painting Nast made of Santa Claus, owned by the Strong Museum, depicts him as a right jolly old elf who happens to be dressed in brown.

Mark Twain was less successful than Nast at Christmas myth-making. He made up a story that Santa Claus lived on the moon.

Elizabeth Cadz Stanton, best known today as a women's rights activist, invented a tale that the Pilgrims had brought holly and ivy in barrels aboard the Mayflower so they could celebrate Christmas in America.

Finally, around the turn of the century, Christmas became nearly universal when writers said that parents owed it to their children.

"They played on a very, very strong point: parental guilt. And it worked beautifully," Mrs. Calvert said.

The shopping spree is among the newest Christmas traditions, Mrs. Calvert said. In the 1880s, sales of Christmas goods began on Dec. 23. As recently as the 1920s, advertisements for the Christmas season did not appear until Dec. 15, she said.

Newer still are Christmas characters like Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, the Little Drummer Boy and the Grinch from Dr. Seuss' classic 1957 story, "How the Grinch Stole Christmas."

"This process of inventing Christmas is still very much going on," Mrs. Calvert said. "I would guess in 50 or 100 years it will be even richer."

# Try old-time ideas for holiday gifts

By JOHN J. MULLINS  
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Running out of holiday gift ideas? Then why not step back in time to the 19th century for a Götting gun, perfume or a Victorian corset, or a clawfoot bathtub?

History buff Alan Wellikoff has made it possible by publishing a catalog of "hundreds of century-old items — some reproductions, some replicas and some still being made as they were in the past."

"What I had in mind, ideally, was that someone would have the impression they were coming across an old catalog and when they opened it, suddenly discover, as in a dream, they could still order the things," said Wellikoff, of Springfield, Mass.

The products from all over the country are listed, described and often pictured in his "The American Historical Supply Catalogue," published in November by Schocken Books of New York.

From the House of Thoreau in Concord, Mass., shoppers can buy blueprints and wood frames for replicas of the cabin Henry David Thoreau built on Walden Pond.

The cabin is said to have cost Thoreau \$22.12 when the lumber in 1845.

Construction cost today is estimated at \$4,000.

The Götting gun, a replica of the 1862 model, is said to fire 200 rounds of .50-caliber ammunition a minute and costs \$10,000.

The corset, white with black lacing and 37 bones, costs \$53.95 plus shipping. It is listed by Custom Blacksmithing and Manufacturing of Waterloo, Iowa.

Clawfoot bathtubs, salvaged and restored, can be bought from Sunrise Specialty in Berkeley, Calif. Solid oak commode seats are at DeWesse Woodworking Co. in Philadelphia, Miss.

Wellikoff, who was co-founder and president of a windmill manufacturing company in Buffalo, N.Y., says there is no "direct link" between his catalog and his five years of making windmills, but both ventures do illustrate the value of past technologies.

The germ of the idea came from junk mail received at the windmill firm. One day Wellikoff got a catalog from a man in Pennsylvania who made and sold copies of Conestoga wagons.

"That sort of plugged into romantic notions I had," said Wellikoff, who majored in American history at

George Washington University.

He left the windmill company, talked to an agent and began research in specialty magazines. "When he thought of an old item, he'd look in the Thomas Register of companies in the United States and their products to see what was available."

If he came across a product that especially caught his fancy, he'd look more closely into the lore around it.

He learned that McGuffey's "Eclectic" Readers, those 19th century schoolbooks, "carried a red leather bullwhip to keep boys at bay. He used to be pelted with mud or snow, depending on the season."

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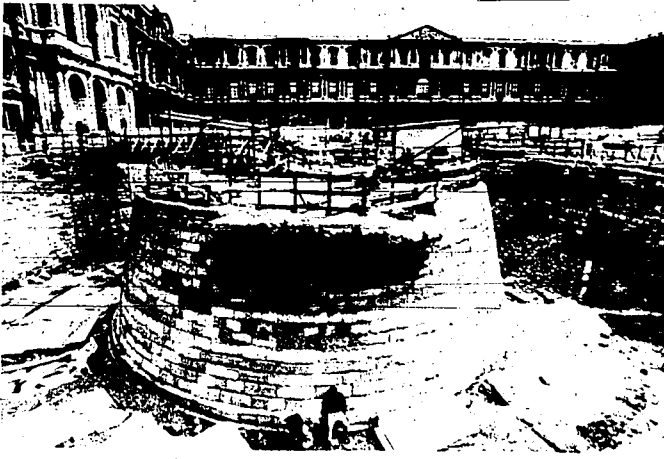
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# Secrets of old Paris found beneath museum

By MARILYN AUGUST  
The Associated Press



Workers stand at the base of a castle keep beneath a courtyard in the Louvre

PARIS — Silver hairpins that once swept up royal court. Sixteenth-century-old golden fleurons de lys. Centuries-old apple seeds, insect wings and clay spoons.

The secrets of old Paris, long buried beneath tons of earth, are being recovered from two courtyards of the Louvre museum where archaeologists are undertaking the city's largest-ever excavations.

The Louvre has long been regarded as the world's leading museum. But it was also a sumptuous palace that housed French kings until the mid 1600s, when Louis XIV moved his court and the royal family to Versailles.

A century later, the Louvre and its surrounding areas had become part of downtown Paris, a bustling center of commerce and trade for France's burgeoning middle class.

Precious findings from the digs illustrate all this, and more. Experts say they provide a rare, inside look at the everyday lives of both royalty and commoners from the middle ages to the late 19th century.

Both courtyards are familiar to Louvre visitors, though they are currently off limits for security reasons. The Cour Carre, where archaeologists are uncovering the foundations of the fortress built by Philippe Auguste in 1200, is the small, interior courtyard visible from museum galleries.

The Cour Napoleon, which has already yielded a wide array of relics — from Turkish pipes to Venetian glass wine decanters — is the vast square of the main entrance to the museum between the north and south wings.

"We can trace the evolution of Paris, from a rural area where animals grazed and farmers worked the land to a real city complete with hospitals and brothels," said Pierre-

Jean Trombetta, assistant director of the excavation at the Cour Napoleon. "We see how the people lived, what they ate and wore, and how they made their living over a six hundred-year period."

"This is a unique opportunity for urban archaeologists. Usually findings of this sort have long been buried under concrete," he added.

In the neighboring Cour Carre, another team is at work laying bare the Louvre's origins as a military stronghold complete with dungeons, towers and turrets which Philippe Auguste constructed outside city

limits to protect it from invaders. Headed by Michel Fleury, a veteran archaeologist best-known for his work on the crypts of Notre Dame and Saint-Denis churches, workers have unearthed carriages, hairpins, the remains of jousting equipment dating from the 15th century and a priceless silver buckle probably from a sword scabbard, in near-perfect condition.

Digging began in both courtyards last summer, after President Francois Mitterrand gave the government's green light to plans to

renovate the Louvre Museum. Besides approving a controversial project by Chinese-American architect I.M. Pei to erect a 90-foot glass pyramid as the museum entrance, Mitterrand allocated nearly \$50 million francs (around \$5 million) for the archaeologists.

Some 150 workers — volunteers and untrained youths led by professional archaeologists — will continue excavation until 1986, when the Cour Napoleon will be pivoted under to make way for the pyramid.

In the Cour Carre, the imposing

base to the central keep of Philippe Auguste's fortress, almost 50 feet wide, will be preserved in an underground entrance to the museum's Egyptian section.

"The keep symbolizes the state," said Venessas Kruta, Fleury's second-in-command. "It's where the king guarded everything valuable to him, from his treasury and crown jewels to his important prisoners of war, such as the Count of Flanders. Since we have no overview of the Louvre fortress, and very few arches and chimneys, the dig is of great historical value."

Archaeologists have long been eager to excavate the Cour Napoleon, once a crowded, working-class neighborhood that grew up outside the palace walls after the Sun King left Paris for Versailles in 1662. Artists and artisans occupied the palatial apartments and entertainers moved into taverns and shanties built up along the walls.

Among the most unexpected treasures taken from the Cour Napoleon is a rare collection of 200 silver coins found hidden in what Trombetta thinks was a public latrine. The coins are in generally excellent condition. Each one bears one of the three official portraits of Louis XV stamped on coins during his 18th century reign.

Taken individually, the coins are not worth about \$200. Studied as an ensemble, Trombetta says, they will furnish invaluable proof of how money circulated in 18th century France.

"It's hard to know precisely who their owner was, or why he hid them where he did, but it's clear that he was in danger," Trombetta said. "He may have been an aristocrat beheaded during the revolution."

Dozens of identical porcelain dinner plates, some still in very good condition, were found in the Cour Napoleon. Experts believe they are part of the dinner service from the

town house of a courtier who moved back near the Louvre Palace when the king returned from Versailles. In the Cour Carre, apart from the bases of the keep and walls, little is left of the original fortress. Succeeding monarchs renovated it according to prevailing architectural tastes. In 1600, Charles V converted the stronghold into a palatial residence, installing his famous library in one of the towers.

This second Louvre, with dozens of chimneys, high-pitched roofs and pinnacles, has also disappeared, though it was immortalized by the Limbourg brothers in "The Book of Hours of the Duke de Berry" (Les Tres-Riches Heures du Duc de Berry).

Then in 1528, Francis I razed the keep, filled in the moat, knocked down the defensive outer walls and put a garden in their place.

"Francis I wanted to entertain more lavishly, but the atmosphere of a military compound wasn't conducive to grandeur," Kruta explained. "Besides, I think he kept stirred up bad memories, because he spent some time himself in dungeons."

Kruta is optimistic about reconstituting the original layout of both the fortress and first palace.

"We can determine the location of windows, doors, even the functions of specific rooms, such as Charles V's kitchen, high-pitched roofs and metal, porcelain and glass taken from the bottom of the surrounding moat, and by seeing how certain kinds of debris piled up," he said. "One whole section was filled with what probably went into the garbage animal bones, apple seeds and walnut shells."

Both courtyard sites are equipped with restoration and preservation materials. Each portion of the sites are catalogued and photographed, and the artifacts are compared with found artifacts with existing documents.

# Japan's 'pillar of fashion' enjoys mingling of West, East

By NINA HYDE  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — She calls herself "a pillar" of Japanese fashion, an unexpected admission from this reserved, gentle designer. But it's true. And it gives the other Japanese designers the chance to do all the crazy things and antifashion things against me," she says, smiling.

Hanae Mori is seated on a banquet at the Madison Hotel in Washington, wearing a nearly classic, precisely tailored black velvet-trimmed jacket, a tartan skirt and a pleated blouse. She is clearly enjoying the comparisons, made often, with the controversial new-wave designers, particularly Rei Kawakubo and Yohji Yamamoto.

"I am the only one to make Western fashion with a Japanese style," she says. "I'm against all Western design — anti-Western, you could say — and against me. They are sophisticated and ... even decadent. And I like it."

She draws on the Edo period, a peaceful time of considerable cultural growth in Japan when the Kabuki and wood print were developed, which shows in her patterns and use of color. "I have the atmosphere of the bright period in Japanese civilization," she says. Others are building on an earlier period

**"I'm an easy person — I'm not working against things ... I'm adaptable, and try to express myself within the system."**

— Hanae Mori

of civil wars, "a dark period and time of spiritual and religious discipline. People dressed in dark clothes then."

There is room for both, says Mori, and "women who wear my clothes can also wear these freer styles." To encourage this fermenting of Japanese fashion, she recently provided a showpiece in Tokyo for 12 new Japanese designers and 20 young designers from London in a presentation she called, appropriately, "The Third Wave." "They are so free and almost comical."

Her son, Kei, who manages her business in New York, says proudly that compared with Japanese fashion's new wave, "my mother is the big wave, the tidal wave." Indeed, Hanae Mori, one of the rare female business tycoons in Japan, heads an organization that generates more than \$200 million a year from

her couture and ready-to-wear designs, and \$1 billion when her licenses (from scarves to sheets to menswear) are included (80 percent of her business is in Japan). She has also created uniforms for Japan Air Lines staff and Kyoto taxi drivers.

The designer hasn't always been such a pillar of fashion. In fact, she almost wasn't a designer.

She wanted to be an artist, a profession considered unworthy by her father, who hoped his daughter would become a doctor, as it was. As a compromise, she studied Japanese literature at the Tokyo Women's Christian College. Then "I married my husband and got my freedom," she says.

Bored with household chores, she thought it too late to launch a career in art, and opted instead to study fashion, which was enjoying great popularity in postwar Japan. "In fashion you are always moving on to new things," she says. She liked the sense of "putting ideas into concrete forms."

In 1955 her husband's family, which ran a textile business, encouraged her to open a showroom displaying her creations made with their fabrics. This made-to-order business was a huge success, and among the visitors to the tiny space above a noodle shop was a film producer who asked her to design for movies. In seven years she created costumes for more

than 1,000 films, all the while continuing her private business, now expanded to include many of the actresses whose costumes she had made.

"It gave me a chance to really study these working women, how they felt about themselves, about their clothing needs," she says. To help out with his wife's quickly expanding business, Ken Mori — who publishes several fashion magazines as well as the Japanese editions of Women's Wear Daily — took over the financial direction. Hanae Mori told Fortune magazine in 1976, "He is one of those tough Japanese businessmen who works hard, but has no sense of design. We're a good combination."

With the advent of television, however, the Japanese film industry abruptly declined, and filmmakers tried to recoup their profits with pornographic movies. "For that they didn't need me," Mori laughs. Discouraged at the prospect of retooling on clothes for private clients, she thought about quitting the fashion business entirely, but her husband insisted she visit Paris and New York. In Paris she was excited by a meeting with Coco Chanel, whom she met when being fitted for a suit at the couture house. In New York she was impressed that she could walk into Saks Fifth Avenue and "buy an evening dress and wear it the same evening."

"This was a kind of turning point for me," she says. "I thought this was something that could work in Japan, and when I returned I began to work on developing these new ideas."

She returned to Japan with new enthusiasm, and in 1963 opened a three-story couture house on the Ginza, Tokyo's Fifth Avenue. "Very small, very small," she says firmly, no doubt comparing it in her mind with the gleaming five-story Hanae Mori building designed by Kenzo Tange, an internationally regarded architect, that now houses her empire.

Two years later she opened a ready-to-wear business in New York that attracted such prestige stores as Neiman-Marcus, I. Magnin and Bergdorf Goodman. When Neiman-Marcus honored Mori in 1977 with its first award to a Japanese designer, then-chairman Stanley Marcus said, "During the recent period of fashion anarchy, Hanae Mori's clothing tenaciously to the simple concept that her role was to design clothes which enhanced the beauty and femininity of her patrons. While others experimented with unisex, she remained convinced that her customers, at least, were solely concerned with those females who from the time of Eve have put a premium on the quality of 'beingness.'"

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# Mary Kay Ash's secret: the 'Invisible Sign'

By ELIZABETH KASTOR  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The key to the Mary Kay philosophy is simple: Remember the Invisible Sign.

The Invisible Sign is what Mary Kay Ash, founder and chairman of the board of Mary Kay Cosmetics, imagines she sees attached to every new person she meets. The Sign says, "MAKE ME FEEL IMPORTANT!" So Mary Kay does—

She calls people by their first names—and inside they call her Mary Kay, and she says the names with all the respect and seriousness due high, honorary titles.

If you're an interviewer, she writes you a thank-you letter filled with exclamations of gratitude and admiration, and she signs it, "Love, Mary Kay."

And if you meet her on a receiving line she will always try to say something personal.

"It might be only a comment such as, 'I love your hair,'" she writes in her new book, "Mary Kay on People Management," "or, 'What a beautiful dress you're wearing,' but I give each person my undivided attention, and I don't allow anything to distract me." It's not hard for Mary Kay to remember the Sign, because as she says, "I don't think God had time to make a nobody—just a somebody."

That's one of Mary Kay's favorite lines, and it's often followed by the statement, "We all have the capacity for greatness."

The great-grandmother from Dallas, she won't reveal her age, revealed her own capacity for greatness by starting a cosmetics business in 1963 with nine saleswomen and building it into a company with sales of more than \$300 million a year. She now has 200,000 men and women (but mostly women) selling her cosmetics around the country.

Just now she is sitting in a Washington hotel room. As if the force of her personality alone could



MARY KAY ASH  
Heads cosmetics empire

Influence such things, the walls and furniture are all in a pale mauve that blends perfectly with her pink ultracuddie suit, her pink bluish, her deep-pink lipstick and her ring that looks like a sunburst of big pink diamonds.

She has, she says, helped thousands of women change their lives. The consultants, as they are called, sell cosmetics at "Mary Kay beauty parties," a flexible career that doesn't interfere with their dedication to their families and God, and a career that allows them to help other women look better. It also allows them to work their way toward winning a pink Cadillac.

"I am working for the economic liberation of women," says Mary Kay, "but I think God knew what he was doing when he made men and women, and I think we're supposed to remain female."

Mary Kay is given to saying things like that, definitive things, things that don't brook question. When the Republicans were con-

vening in Dallas in August, Mary Kay took the opportunity to say she thought the Dallas Book Depository, where Lee Harvey Oswald is said to have stood when he shot John Kennedy, should be ripped down and replaced with a parking lot. There's nothing reticent about Mary Kay, especially at this point in her life.

"Being a great-grandmother," she says, "one has to realize that time is not forever. I wanted to get on paper the philosophy—of our company, because as it grows, and when the day comes when I'm not here any more, some of that's going to get lost."

Mary Kay's philosophy rests on faith—faith in religion, in patriotism, in success and in the power of friendliness. They are beliefs held in place with the same determination that controls the blond hairdo rising from her forehead like a metallic superstructure.

"If you don't think we live in the best... country in the world, then just take a little trip around the world and find out."

Mary Kay just went abroad herself, to "open England" for her company, but what she found disappointed her. Outfitting her consultants with their cases full of Mary Kay Cosmetics just wasn't the same over there.

"Here's a democratic country, supposedly, but amazing—little things that you just never would even think of," she says.

"One of the things that just surprised me to pieces was, over here if a girl wants to become a consultant, we just say, 'That's wonderful! Here's the agreement, the case is \$85 and let's

get started.' Over there, I have to give you the agreement; I have to wait seven days before I take your check.

"A cooling-off period, they call it. Well, in seven days your husband or your mother-in-law can talk you out of it. ... If you by chance signed an agreement here, you gave your check for \$85 and tomorrow you changed your mind, I would send you your check back."

"But to have to wait, government-wise, seven days, before I can even take your check for your case and even let you get started while you're excited ..."

"You know, women are impetuous, and some of the best decisions I've ever made were the impetuous ones. I knew it was right and I did it. If I had seven days to think about it, I probably would have ..."

She pauses for a second to consider where she'd be now if she'd had to wait seven days. Then her mind settles on the perfect metaphor for the problem.

"Ever look at a dress and think, 'Gee, that's gorgeous, I want that dress,' she asks, "and then you go home and wait till tomorrow and talk yourself out of it?"

Case proved.

Mary Kay's beliefs influence everything she does. For example, she doesn't give out autographed 8-by-10 glossy to her employees. It's not that they wouldn't like the pictures. It's just that, once again, Mary Kay thought of a better way.

She gives them autographed \$1 bills.

And she doesn't just sign her name.

She also writes "Matthew 25:14-25," a little reading suggestion. It is a parable that compares the path to the kingdom of heaven to a faithful servant who invests his master's money wisely and is rewarded.

It's a parable made for Mary Kay, touching on hard work, business savvy, loyalty, trust and success. It's what Mary Kay believes in, and she fits it all on the face of a \$1 bill.

It was her patriotism, even more than her celebrity status in Dallas, that made Mary Kay one of the more popular interviewees during the convention in her hometown last summer. She loved the convention but refuses to say whether more than its patriotic fervor appealed to her.

"I take no Republican or Democratic stands," she says, "for the simple reason that we have 200,000 women, and I really feel that they're intelligent people and they can make their own decisions, and I have no business telling them what to do, so I don't take anybody's side. I could sway my people very easily, and I don't want to."

Mary Kay has cultivated the affection of her consultants into something approaching the cosmetic world's cult of personality. Her face is everywhere, smiling from her stationery, from all the company's publications. Her words are reprinted again and again. She hands out small pink cards that remind executives to appreciate the women in the field.

Her book is filled with maxims she has tested through the years: "If a woman feels pretty on the outside, she

becomes prettier on the inside too," and "You can't rest on your laurels, for nothing wills faster than a laurel rested upon."

When she appeared on a television show in Washington recently, her consultants filled the studio.

"You would have thought I was their long-lost mother," she says. "Because I am their long-lost mother, because that's the attitude that I take towards any one of them, whatever they may need or whatever I can do to help them."

"They come up to me and say, 'I'm going to be a VIP (which means selling \$3,600 in cosmetics in conjunction with a group of other women for three consecutive months) by next month, and I say, 'All right, do it. I'll be watching you.' Things like that."

Things like that include setting certain standards, like making sure your nails are done before going out to sell Mary Kay cosmetics.

"If you have six women sitting here about to be told how to be beautiful—if the person standing there isn't, you're going to start saying, 'Who is she telling me?' Right?"

After all, as Mary Kay says, "We're selling femininity." And even though she knows what it's like to be passed over for a job because she isn't a woman, Mary Kay has nothing against femininity.

"I have found it is an asset to be female in a man's world. I sit on a couple of boards, and they're all men on those boards. The first thing I try to do when I go to those board meetings is to try to look as good as I possibly can and as pretty as I can."

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# Scholarly ex-spy looks back on years eyeing Soviet books

By DAVID REMNICK  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Bill West started out as an English scholar searching for the "Dark Lady" in Shakespeare's sonnets.



Bill West, an expert in Soviet literature, rests in his home

He ended up a spy.

As an expert in Soviet language, literature and politics, West worked for the Counter Intelligence Corps during World War II and the Korean War and then for the Central Intelligence Agency from 1955 until his retirement in 1977.

As it turned out, West's job with the CIA included a literary calling. He helped the agency obtain underground Soviet literature (samizdat) through journalists, students and tourists and then tried to channel the books back to intellectuals in the Soviet Union who had no access to the work. One of the ways the literature was "reinserted" into the Soviet Union was through Soviet sailors who would buy the works in Western Europe and then resell them on the black market at home.

In one of his poems, West describes himself as a "scholarly ex-spy on modest pension" and his enormous library of Soviet literature as the "companions of an eccentric sexagenarian."

The living room and two of the three bedrooms of West's condominium in Reston, Va., are crammed with books. West just sold his collection of 30,000 volumes of Soviet literature to Emory University. Pick up any of these books and it is obvious that West has read all or part of it. The pages are marked by underlinings and annotations in Russian, English and German.

"The change in my life was an ideological seduction," West said the other day. "I'm essentially a liberal. That's why I don't like the Soviet Union. I thought to myself, 'The Soviets would take these books away from me.'"

The vertices of floor space and a handsome fee from Emory, and not Soviet ideology, are the reasons the books will move south to Atlanta.

"When these books get to Emory," said West's wife, Hildegard, "we'll have a little breathing space at last."

West is trim and has all the sartorial grace of a professor at ease: Pendleton shirt, pale green corduroys, desert boots, glasses and a small forest of cowlicks and flyaway hair. His hobbies these days are philosophy, poetry and classical music. His stereo speakers are the size of coffins.

"Dad," said Bill West Jr., "is pretty eccentric. I had to tell my friends in school that he worked for the Army." And Hildegard West said her husband is "a bit unusual, Lmudt, admit."

Bill West has spent most of his adult life obsessed with a country he has never seen. He has, he said, never

visited the Soviet Union and his view of the Soviet Union is as ominous as his view of the CIA is rosy.

"It's impossible for anyone in the clandestine services to go to the Soviet Union," he said. "When I took employment with the CIA, I thought that was the absolute best way to get to Russia. Look how it turned out. I could probably go now and they wouldn't do anything, but I wouldn't take the chance. It's an unnecessary risk. They can use any premise to pick you up."

Though he has used dozens of pseudonyms while working in Berlin and at CIA headquarters in Langley, West's name and identity are well known in the Soviet Union. He has a copy of Literaturnaya Gazeta in which he is named as an "eminent figure in the American secret service."

"Yes, the man who said that is Yuri Marin," West said. "He was a Russian who was aboard a Soviet ship out

in San Francisco Bay in the mid-'60s. He jumped ship and he lives in the West for a while. Then he re-defected. I don't know why."

After gaining degrees at Denison and Northwestern and teaching in Chicago, West joined the Army Air Corps. Because he was fluent in French and German, he was assigned to the Counter Intelligence Corps school in Camp Ritchie, Md., where he first was exposed to Soviet politics.

"We had instructors there who were defectors," he said. "They were very negative about the Soviet system. They knew what had happened under Stalin. We were Russia's ally at the time, but we knew it was a temporary alliance."

While working for the CIC in Nuremberg, West stayed at the Grand Hotel and met Russians who were there to witness the Nazi war crimes trials. They tested his interest and convinced him "that Soviet relations would be the dominant political

issue of our lifetime." West learned Russian from an emigre teacher in the United States and then was assigned periodically to Berlin between 1952 and 1955, first by the CIC and then by the CIA.

"Berlin was an espionage utopia in those early days," West said. "There was free transit between east and west and we had the cooperation of many East Germans and, even, Russians."

The Soviet compound in East Berlin, the Karlshorst, housed the KGB and the Americans were housed several miles to the west in an area called the Dahlem. For a while, according to West, the Americans were able to "monitor" some Soviet communications by installing an underground listening post in a telephone tunnel in East Germany. But the day-to-day work of espionage, said West, was "not in the 007 mode at all."

"It's a patient exploitation that requires information, and information on how to get more information. It's a collection of small pieces that are fit together and eventually form a picture. ... There were never many mysteries about the Soviet Union's strategy and intentions. What you wanted were the names and numbers of the current players and a picture of what they were trying to do."

West is reluctant to discuss the Soviet emigre's whom he has "debriefed." He is cautious "for their security and mine."

"I knew (historian and dissident writer) Andrei Amalrik. He was killed in an automobile crash (in 1980). Whether it was a real accident or engineered by the Soviets, I don't know. Another one of the defectors I talked to a number of times was Arkady Belinkov, a major writer who defected with his wife in 1954. He'd been put in a prison camp for 10 years by Stalin for his unorthodox views, as they called it. He'd been terribly beaten and he developed a heart condition. When he got here he was taken to the Mayo Clinic."

"They both were involved in the internal dissident movement and helped us in describing the dimensions of the movement and its motives, who was doing what, who was in camps."

Simply by attending congressional hearings and reading newspapers and magazines, Soviet intelligence is able to form an accurate picture of all areas of American social, military and political life. The CIA's sources of information on Soviet life include interviews with Jewish emigres and dissidents and careful readings of samizdat literature.

"Part of the agency's program was to get literature of the Stalin and post-Stalin eras back into the Soviet Union," West said. Boris Pasternak's

novel "Doctor Zhivago" and the Chronicle of Current Events, a compilation of dissident activity, arrests and trials, were among the books "returned" to the Soviet Union, but West will not name other authors and titles for fear that the publishing houses that helped carry out the program would suffer.

West has also been a teacher. When Henry Kissinger was in the Army reserves in the CIC, his Russian language instructor was Bill West.

"Oh, Henry only has a smattering of Russian," West said. "I just taught him for a couple of summers. ... He's an old friend. When detente began — and I disapproved of detente — I sent him some samizdat. I was working on."

As for West's original ambition, another more conventionally academic spy may have solved the mystery.

"It turns out that a fellow thinks he's discovered who Shakespeare's 'Dark Lady' is," he said. "That's a good bit of detective work, isn't it?"

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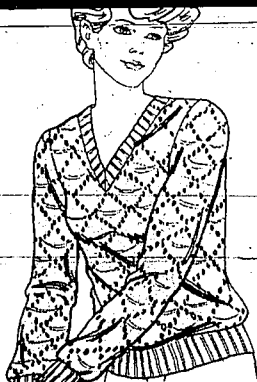
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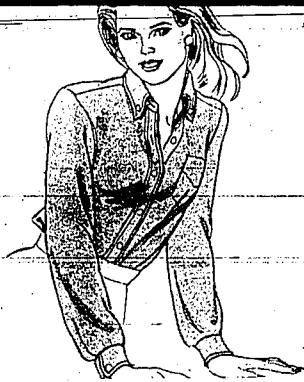
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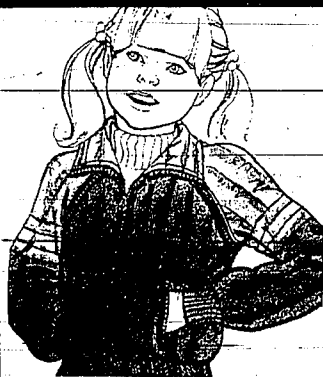
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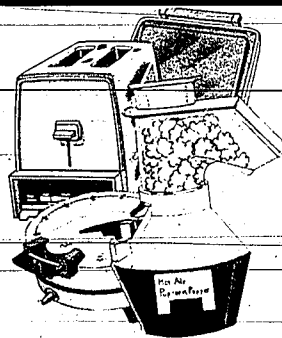
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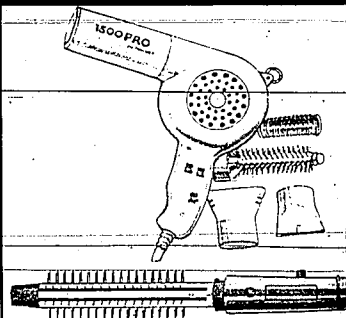
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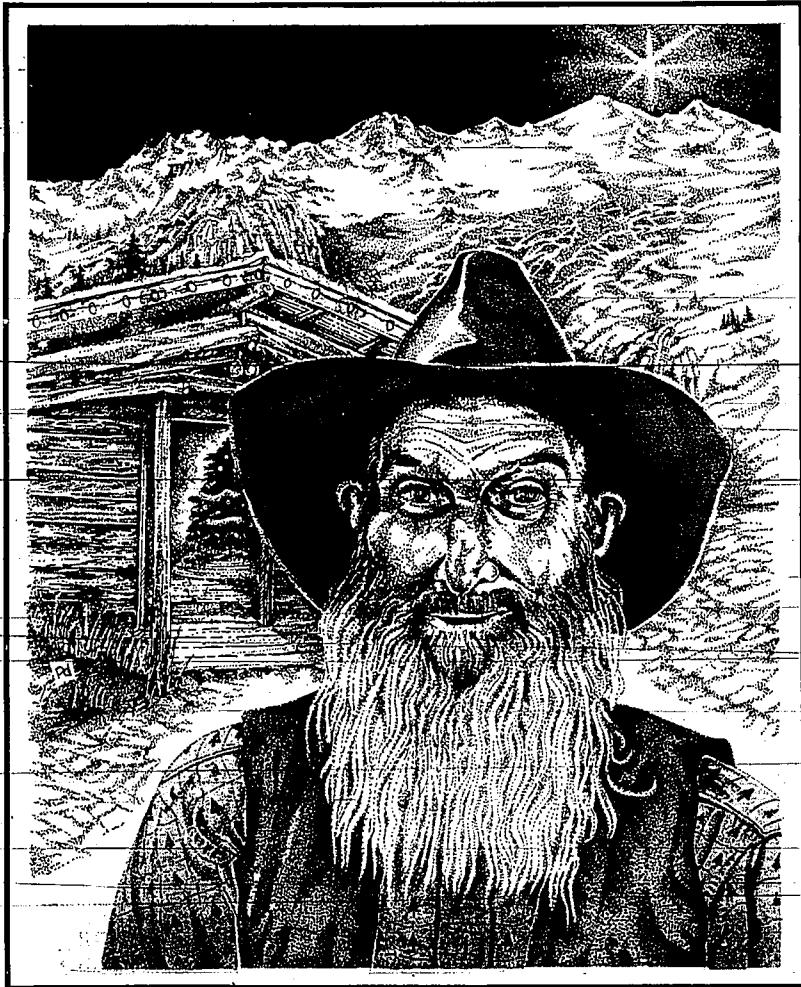
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May your memories be happy ones

By PAT BEAN

Putting together Christmas Magic and working with the talented writers and artists who have contributed their time and efforts for this project has been a special treat for me. And I hope it will be enjoyed as much by you, the readers.



It has, what I hope, a wide appeal, with stories such as "Grandma's Cane" and "Christmas: 1958" as ones that would make excellent bedtime stories for young children.

A bit more sophisticated are Terry Rich Hartley's stories, which leave a message for adults, if perhaps a somewhat cynical one.

The stories by Janene Buckway and Virginia Ricketts recapture a bit of Idaho's past — they bring to mind what Christmas was like on a treeless prairie, when oranges and apples were almost unobtainable treats and immigrants were spending their first Christmas far away from their homes.

Poets Richard Arding and William Studebaker also add to the Idaho flavor of the edition with words that evoke wintery nights.

And Bev Stone recalls a true Christmas story that happened in Twin Falls—a story that captures the real meaning of presents. She was persuaded by artist husband, Gary, to submit the article after he had been asked to provide drawings for the edition.

As I read and edited the writings for this edition, it brought to my mind the memories of my own Christmas past.

Vividly, I recall the night when, as a 10-year-old, I was finally told there was no Santa Claus. I remember crying and saying, "Well if he doesn't come down the chimney, surely he comes to the door."

My own children gave up the myth at a much younger age, and more willingly, or so it seemed. But I hope they have somehow retained the knowledge that the myth is real, if not Santa Claus as a person, then as a spirit of Christmas that lives in the heart.

I remember my first Christmas as a newly married when we could not afford Christmas decorations for a tree. I bought some 39-cent plastic poinsettias, tore the flowers apart and scattered them on a tiny tree, along with Christmas bows. I thought the tree was beautiful.

Although my Christmas tree decoration collection has grown immensely since that time — I have a passion for Christmas trees. I still put those plastic poinsettias on the tree each year.

Another special Christmas was the time my baby son played Jesus. He slept beautifully the entire pageant. Only when it was over and when it was announced, did the audience know it had been a real baby lying on the hay in the manger on the stage. That year the true meaning of Christmas as the birthday of the Christ Child was brought very close to home.

More recently, I remember the first Christmas when there was only my youngest daughter and I celebrating the holiday together because of a divorce.

Both of us, independently, realized there were not many presents under the tree and each of us had a firm opinion on being spruce. We both had the same idea, unknown to the other, that we wanted to make Christmas morning a pleasant surprise with lots of packages to open...perhaps to make up for the large family gathering that was not to be this year.

The joy my 13-year-old daughter gave me that morning because of her giving spirit is still a memory I treasure.

I hope each of you have your own very special memories of a very special day — and I hope you enjoy this Christmas edition.

## Holiday Greetings

Charles S. Sather of Twin Falls doesn't claim to be an artist.

"I doodle," he says unpretentiously. At 73, Sather draws outdoors scenes for his Christmas cards with a BIC pen and with India ink while he watches television.

The images don't come off the television, though. They spring from his imagination. He painted and sketched off and on during his younger days in Minneapolis. He and his family moved to the Magic Valley in 1973.

"My latest drawings are for Christmas cards," the doodler says. Several of Sather's drawings, including the Christmas cat on the left, are used as illustrations for this edition.



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## About the Cover

Patrick Davis, who created the cover for "Christmas Magic" as well as a few other illustrations in the edition, has been the graphic artist and illustrator for The Times-News for the past three years. He



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For the cover, which was designed to have a Magic Valley flavor, Davis did a portrait of Charlie Wygal, who has posed for several other local artists.

Wygal, who lives in Piler, was born in Colorado in 1907 and moved to Idaho in 1930, where he has worked as a logger, miner and general laborer.

# Christmas: 1958

It was Carmen's year to break the pinata

By PAT MARCANTONIO

The Christmas of 1958 was the season of the hecklers, Mr. Garcia and my pinata.

The hecklers were a pair of red-haired hellions by the name of Sue and Pam. Pam had transferred from another school. I surmised it was a kindergarten reform facility because when mixed with Sue, the pair soon held my third-grade class in their dimpled fists.

When they weren't pushing the smaller boys in the snow at recess, they were enjoying their next favorite sport, name calling. I couldn't escape their junior terrorism. As I walked past they would delicately hiss, "Mexican, Mexican," in a sing-song chant that to this day makes my stomach ache.

"How come you have darker skin than we do Carmen?" was their perpetual question, which was answered by my hot red cheeks.

One day during school when teacher awoke me from a day-dream state, I answered in Spanish and the two laughed the hardest and loudest.

Being 8 years old, I thought myself old enough to take the argument in stride. I was too stubborn — a trait inherited from mama — to admit it hurt like a sloppy wet snowball in the face. One day I realized that the hellions had indeed done as we used to say in high school, a number on me.

I was shopping with mama among the bells and bright lights



of the local mall. When I saw Santa, I didn't have my usual happy reaction. Instead, I looked down and compared my tan-colored hand to his white face and pink cheeks, wondering if he would come to my house, if he was Santa too.

"Do you want to go see Santa, hita?" mama asked.

I declined. Later that night, I went to sleep wishing I was born the color that would have made me immune to hurt.

If Sue and Pam weren't enough, I had more trouble at home.

Mr. Garcia had moved in next door.

Wearing a bent old hat and worn sheepskin coat, he was the oldest man I had ever seen. Older even than grandpa.

Mr. Garcia's vocabulary consisted of grumbles and nods. He grumbled when we played near his fence. He nodded to the mailman. He grumbled and nodded conversation to papa.

One day, papa was talking to Mr.

Garcia over the fence while I was nearby attempting to build a snowman better than the one constructed by my brothers. Mr. Garcia's answers to papa were short and quiet, so much so that I couldn't hear what he said though I stood a few feet away. I looked around my headless snowman and saw a man as empty as the holes between a snowflake.

At dinner that night, my brothers and I remarked with less than compassion, about Mr. Garcia's un-yuletide demeanor.

Papa, who was the gentlest of men and always bestowed on everyone the benefit of the doubt, glanced at each of us.

"Mr. Garcia's wife recently died," he said. "They were married 45 years and I think he's very alone. This will be his first Christmas alone because his son can't afford to visit from California. Isn't he allowed to be a little grouchy?"

The question was enough to • See PINATA on Page 4

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make us ashamed and the rebuked was just another disaster.

At that age, I was prone toward creating disaster in life before I learned there was enough without supplying the imaginative sort. I had thought then, however, that this Christmas was as near to a disaster as the time papa was out of work and presents were sparse. The only thing that saved my Christmas completely, considering the hellions and Mr. Garcia, was my pinata.

It was my year to break the object of our family tradition and wait that split second for its stomach stuffed with candy, small toys and fruit to rush to the ground. We in turn would rush to the spilled treasure. It was forgivable greed.

This year was my turn at bat. Heck with the hecklers and Mr. Garcia for the time being, Christmas was only a few days away and there was a hand to be discreetly snatched—treasurer of secret packages not set into the tree—More importantly, I had to discover the animal identity of my pinata.

I spotted it in mama's closet. It was a horse with a multi-colored mane and stiff rope tail. As proud and beautiful a stallion as those rode by the Cartrights in "Bonanza."

I stood looking at it until my neck hurt and my ears and mama coming down the hall. When she chased me out into the living room, I gave up the ground grudgingly and grabbed an orange crayon and paper to draw the snow that had begun to fall down as whimsy as my father's voice and as silently as mama's goodnight. Through the slanted wisps and our living room window, I could see Mr. Garcia walking around his house.

I stopped suddenly to look at a statue of the Virgin Mary in his front yard. He slowly placed his hand on top of the small head and then placed his own face between his unglued hands. His body shook in a silent cry.

I looked over and saw papa watching a football game on our tiny television. Manuel was sitting on the floor doing his homework. Juan was listening to the radio in his room. Mama carried silver in arm and stirred a pot of boiling beans with the other; it was warm and familiar. I looked outside again and Mr. Garcia was gone.

The next few days were busy and went too fast for a little girl waiting for Christmas. On Christmas Eve day, mama and papa and various relatives were sitting around the kitchen table spreading the dough for tamales on the yellow cornhusks. They spread and chatted as if the words made the work go faster. One panel of the tamales was almost ready. The husky smell of the chili hit you right in the chest.

I was so full of Christmas that Mr. Garcia's sadness and the bother at school was far away. "We'll send some of these over to Mr. Garcia," said papa stirring the masa for the next batch of

tamales, his finger gooey with the cornmeal dough.

"Pobrecito, pobrecito. Poor man, poor man," mama said. "No. Christmas left with mama's pobrecito."

I walked straight into my room and began crying for Mr. Garcia and myself. I didn't hear mama come in behind me, wiping her hands on her apron.

"Carmenita, what's the matter? It's Christmas my love, you're supposed to be happy."

"Mama, why do people have to be so sad? Why do people have to be so mean? With such an emotional introduction, I had to tell her about Sue and Pam."

"All people are different, Carmenita. You and me and papa. It doesn't matter what we look like. It matters what we are on the inside. How good we are. How good we are to ourselves and each other. I know the names hurt, but you are beautiful because you are good and kind. You must be proud of that and what you are."

"What about sad people like Mr. Garcia? He should be sad too."

Mama smiled. "God comforts those who ask, Carmen. And if those lonely people, including Mr. Garcia, are afraid or forget to ask for comfort, there always is our hand to give to them. Do you understand my love?"

"I think so, mama. It's just real hard sometimes."

Late that night, we all packed in to my grandpa's station wagon and went to midnight services. In the candlelit softness, I pressed near to mama and felt her heart move so strong.

"For God-loved the world so much that he gave us his only son," said the priest dressed in silver and gold.

"Peace on Earth to men of good will."

The next day was all presents and boys. It sounded of scrunched paper and unrestrained laughter. I had received the doll that I had begged for and promised to be a good girl for the rest of my life for a discounted price. The clothes diplomatically held and on to that.

doll all day.

We all sat down to the best meal I remember. Grandpa led the bowing of heads.

"Gracias, gracias, for us all." After we were stuffed, the dishes were cleared and chairs moved for the final event of the day.

"Guerillmo, did you see the pinata? It was in my closet all ready to go," mama asked returning from her room.

"Teresa, I just remember it 'was in the closet.' He then looked at the most likely suspects who were zooming around their new toy cars.

"Manuel, Juan did you take that pinata?"

"No, papa," they answered simultaneously. "Carmen? Where is that pinata?" he asked as I squirmed.

"There, papa." We all looked out the window to see Mr. Garcia standing in his front yard near the statue. He held the pinata and was reading a crayoned note that said, "Peace on Earth, Merry Christmas to you, love Carmen."

Years have bolted by since that holiday. Some happier than others, until they finally came to those where I was the mama-hiding pinatas in my closet.

I fill them carefully each year with small toys, candles and fruit and a mental note that says, "Peace on Earth, Merry Christmas to you, Love Carmen."

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From "One Place For Another" By Richard Ardinger

free beyond the rear window to plow the road.

snov heavy as sleep crystalized all but men on foot. roofs knee-deep, cars rounded humps, porch steps buried, our private road adrift, impassable, till Paul shindler invented a makeshift snowplow requiring ten neighbor men to grip a tow rope and stand on a scraping platform behind his pickup. too light for the job, i rode in the cab, held the extra bottle of bourbon between my knees, and watched my father and the other men through the rear window sip at a bottle like impulsive boys a day away from u.s. or j. & i. steel.

they fell off, laughed, hopped on again, scraping through the snow like surf. i wanted more than ever then as my breath steamed the pane, for another great hillzard to smother another day, the men

free beyond the rear window to plow the road.

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# Christmas Dinner with Franco Harris

By CHRIS HAFT

I always loved everything about my Aunt Annabella. Well, almost everything.

She'd occasionally bring one of her fellow airline stewardesses to family gatherings. My teen-age appreciation for her colleagues' good looks was more than tempered by my cynical, unforgiving evaluation of their intelligence that is, what little intelligence they exhibited.

"Why do you bring these dummies to our house, Annabella?" I once asked her in a fit of candor and exasperation. "I know," she replied, her characteristically bright expression fading. "They're not very smart. But they have nowhere else to go."

On the afternoon of Christmas, 1976, I was dreading the appearance of another mental midget, Annabella had just telephoned my mother to inform us that she would be arriving in about an hour.

"I think she's bringing another friend here." Mom said, rolling her eyes.

"She told me to tell you to 'look cute,'" Mom added.

"Ugh," I sighed. I was alternately rinsing utensils in the kitchen sink and peering out the window for Annabella when she pulled up in her white Pinto. My gaze froze when the passenger door opened and liberated a huge, regal-looking man, Annabella had surprised me before, but this beat all.

The man was Franco Harris, star running back of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Like most Bay Area sports fans, I was well aware that the Steelers would face the Oakland Raiders the next day for the AFC championship. I also knew that Harris had suffered a back injury in a previous playoff game and probably wouldn't play against Oakland.

What I didn't know was that Annabella, whose passion for professional football far exceeded that of the average woman, had contacted her friend Ernie Green, a former Cleveland Browns running back and an agent with International Management Group, in an effort to obtain tickets to the Steelers-Raiders game.

Crash, Annabella told me later, said Harris could probably help her. The only catch was that Annabella would have to call him.

Obviously, she did. Just as obviously, my aunt's gregariousness and Harris' quiet but friendly nature created enough of an instant rapport between them for Annabella to invite him to our house, and for him to accept.

Regrettably enough, my most vivid memory surrounding Harris' visit is the petrifying shock I felt at his presence. I had met celebrities before, and I usually managed to maintain my poise with them. But the reality of Franco Harris — Mr. Immaculate Reception, a sure bet for the Pro Football Hall of Fame —

...the reality of Franco Harris — Mr. Immaculate Reception, a sure bet for the Pro Football Hall of Fame — sitting across the coffee table from me was a tad intimidating.

sitting across the living-room coffee table from me was a tad intimidating.

My other lasting impression, strange as it may sound, is of Harris' good looks. He had never seemed particularly handsome in newspaper photographs or on television, but in person he looked quite striking, hardly the stereotypical bruised, stumpy running back.

Of course he was big, but also well-proportioned, not outsized anywhere: His bronze skin, at least his face, remained devoid of scars. His finely chiseled nose had apparently escaped the indignities NFL defenders are wont to connect with the surly spoken manner was becoming, as were his shining dark eyes and genuinely warm smile.

He and Annabella stayed for close to two hours, as I recall, and throughout that time I managed to ask him three questions. One I forgot; the others were, "What do you think of Ken Stabler?" and "Are the Raiders really that dirty?"

Of Stabler, Harris replied with sincere emphasis, "He's the best." He was equally decisive about the Raider defenders, saying that they were rather rough indeed.

Lineman Dave Rowe was an exception. He singled out three Raiders as being especially underhanded, but try as I might, I can't remember the identity of those toots.

When mealtime came, Harris loaded his plate so high with food I felt sure he'd spill some on our floor. That he didn't was perhaps a testament to years of balancing his own well-stocked dishes. As usual, my grandmother had prepared many of her Filipino favorites, such as adobo (marinated chicken, beef and pork) and pansit (twelve-inch-long sausage noodles) as well as the usual mound of rice. This departure from training-table fare didn't bother Harris; he cleaned his plate.

I was starting to feel more comfortable around Harris when Annabella announced they would have to leave.

"We have to go to Reggie's for a party," she explained.

"Who's Reggie?" I asked.

"Reggie Jackson," she said.

"He wants to see Franco."

If you've believed everything so far, you'll believe that I trailed Annabella and Franco Harris to the Pinto like a faithful

dog, not wanting them to leave. Suddenly my mother materialized alongside us, holding a box of See's chocolates out to Harris.

"Here, please take these," she said to the man standing a foot taller than her. He thanked her softly, and again his beaming smile shone.

I may have experienced better Christmases, and I've certainly had worse. But if I had to select the most unique, memorable one, there's no doubt that My Dinner With Franco ranks far above all others.

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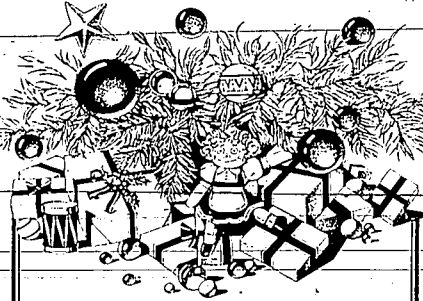


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# The Community Christmas Tree

By VIRGINIA RICKETTS

"I didn't matter whether it was a mining

camp, railroad town or irrigation project village, the Christmas custom was the same. Hardships were forgotten for a little while as Christmas neared, and a community would combine its efforts for the big event of the season, the community Christmas tree party.

Wood River Valley was a booming 2-year-old mining area when Christmas arrived in 1881. There were several well-established villages including Bullion, Broadford, Galena and Ketchum. The residents of Bellevue and Halley were still starting from a recent election battle to take the county seat of huge Alturas County from Rocky Bar and move it to the Wood River Valley.

Ketchum led off the 1881 festivities with its Christmas tree party in Baxter's Hall on Friday, and a well arranged program of

Wood River's first Christmas tree in 1890. It was an imposing 70 feet and its decorations were a combination of gifts from the railroad and mining camps. Many of the supplies had to be transported in by wagon or pack train.

vocal and instrumental music was executed. Judge Anderson delivered an address after which Santa Claus made his appearance and the tree was made to shed its fruit. Each child in town received, besides a toy, about \$4 worth of woolen underwear." The Wood River Times reported, adding that the evening concluded with a "hop" in which 50 couples participated.

While Ketchum was engrossed with its celebration, Bellevue was hosting a grand ball that the Times reported was marked by "no less an event than the reconciliation of

the residents of the rival towns of Bellevue and Halley when a number of Halleyites attended by invitation." The next evening, the 160 children of Bellevue, between the ages of 2 and 14 years, were treated with gifts from the community Christmas tree in Lockes Hall.

The Bullion tree festival was held on Sunday evening when, following a program, about \$5 worth of gifts were given to each of the 30 children in town.

The Halley celebration started on Saturday when a crowd attended a raffle sponsored by Friel-

man's, followed by the town's tree festival at the California House in the evening. About \$50 worth of presents were distributed and the Times noted that a Miss Jordan received over 500 worth of gifts from her father during the event. At 7 p.m., following the gifts, "the tree was cut down and the floor cleared for dancing."

The following evening, the children were entertained with a program at Robertson's Hall and then over 200 gifts, two or more to every child in town under 14, were distributed.

The big finale for six-month-old Halley was its grand ball at Robertson's Hall, termed by the Times as the most elegant ever held in Wood River Valley or the Territory of Idaho. The paper reported that 17 quadrille sets walked the hangers at one time. There were 82 couples reported in attendance, besides many single gentlemen, and over 200 sat down to supper at Alvin-Millers' table. "The ladies were most elegantly attired while the majority of the gentlemen were in full evening dress."

Wood River's first Christmas tree made more interesting when one recalls there were no formal roads into the valley; the railroad was still a year away, and all materials and supplies had to be freighted in by wagon or pack train.

As Christmas of 1902 approached, the people of south central Idaho were excited over the prospects of a large irrigation project being constructed on the sagebrush desert. Shoshone watched with anticipation the final

contract negotiations, fully aware it could be the major rail terminal for the project.

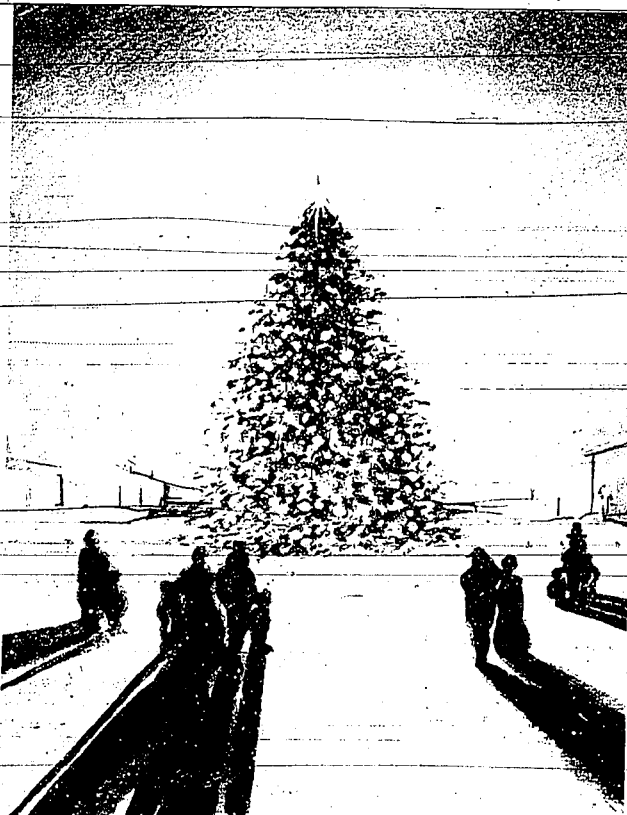
Christmas Day in Shoshone was quiet with the post office considered the busiest place in town. There were no church services, but the churches did get together and sponsor a "very nice Christmas tree at the Opera House for the young people," reported the Shoshone Journal.

The following year Shoshone celebrated with "the usual public Christmas tree at the Opera House." Over 250 children were presented with candy, nuts and oranges in addition to presents that had been placed on the tree.

A cold wave hit the week of Christmas 1904, halting travel across the Snake River for a few days because the ice made it impossible for the ferries at Shoshone Falls and Blue Lakes to operate.

The six-month-old town of Twin Falls, reportedly laid out by the chief of design for the St. Louis

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John A. Louder, who illustrated the left, was born and raised in magic Valley. He has had a life-time interest in art and has a bachelor of arts degree from Whitman College, where he received the Whitman President's Award in 1974 for best art work of the year. He enjoys cross-country skiing, fishing and bird watching.



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# Christmas Night

By WILLIAM STUDEBAKER

Butch's pickup truck waits appearing and disappearing in a cloud of exhaust while Butch sits with the only cup of coffee he'll have tonight. Warming what's left of his good hand he dreams of the forest full of pine and good luck of money he made last summer of the warmth of a friend.

Across the street, a friend sits in the box office crocheting dillies. Next door Delores staggers to the window and stands as if a question will drift by - shakes her white head and conjures, "Snow."

Just before dawn Butch drops Delores off with his best friend. They climb the stairway to bed above the theater of the Real as Butch's pickup jingles

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down Main Street; streetlights and neon glittering like sequins in a tulle of snow.

## The She Bear Wakes in Mid-Winter

By WILLIAM STUDEBAKER

She wakes and rises to fluff the leaves with her claws. Her back eyes stroke the blackness of her den. She sees nothing, smells nothing. She hears nothing, fears nothing. Takes a turn of the leaves and settles to sleep.

Her cubs yawn put a foot against her inside. Their black eyes stroke the blackness of her womb. They see nothing, smell nothing. They hear nothing, fear nothing. Take a turn and settle to sleep. Outside, snow is falling silently the way her milk will soon be coming down . . .

# To Gramma's House

By HEV STONE

Over mountains, rivers and plains, I took a Christmas journey. To see my dear J! Gramma, for whom I had been yearning. A chance to see a place I called home so many years ago. So I piled in the car with my sis and my dad, and a travelin' we did go. We drove in a blizzard all through Wyoming. Drove night and day till Madison was showing. Down through the town over bricks, hand laid. Crossed the last bridge where my Daddy had played. To the school where he learned; it's now torn apart. Where he first met my Mom, who so stole his heart. Down the roller-coaster road where he drove his old car. They heard him coming o'er the hills tops afar. To the house where he lived, with his dad and his mother. She was so loving, and worked like no other. She raised up ten kids, rocked them all in her chair.

Showed me Dad's "little feet fit the chair right to there". As we went through the house, we took a trip through the past. For this mama had memories she'd saved and kept fast. Mamas spend their lifetimes saving memories of times best. They tuck them in trunks. And every now and then, when folks come around. They spend hours telling stories and the pictures pass around. When gifts are given, they are sometimes mislaid. But gifts to my Gramma take on a new name. To my Gramma they are stories, and are never lost. No matter how small or how great the cost. They change from trinkets to treasures of gold. 'Cause to Gramma they are precious memories of old. That's how I know where this poem will be placed. To savor and grow and never be erased. In Gramma's cedar chest, where her treasures poe. And where would that be? Her whole house, don't you know?

# Tree

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world's fair ground in 1940, was estimated by the Twin Falls News to have a population of 400 during the Christmas week. Main Street looked much like a desert trail with buildings here and there. The Hazen House was the only hotel in town. The new one-room school house, built with \$600 solicited in September, had opened on Dec. 19.

By Dec. 9, about \$50 had been donated for Twin Falls' first Christmas tree party. A committee was formed to plan the event obviously did its work well. The News reported that about 200 adults and 100 children gathered at the new school house on Christmas Eve to listen to a well-prepared program and to witness a fine Christmas tree arranged for the occasion. The tree was a large sagbrush, eight-feet tall, completely trimmed and decorated with tinsel cord and strings of popcorn. Candles also decorated the tree but weren't lighted "because of danger of lighting the tree." Apples, nuts, popcorn, candy and oranges were placed on the tree for the children and distributed by Santa Claus.

The Twin Falls project was born by Christmas 1905. The railroad had reached Twin Falls and the towns of Kimberly, Hansen and Filer were all started. The News reported that while there had been less than a half dozen farm houses on the project in 1905, there were hundreds of comfortable dwellings in 1905.

On Dec. 19, a record 1,565,000 pounds of freight arrived in 39 rail cars. The freight ranged from household items, animals and farm equipment belonging to new settlers for the businesses in town and lumber for the shanties that were being constructed.

The six-room Bickel School had been completed and was overflowing with more than 400 students by this time, said the News.

The highlight of the 1905 season for Twin Falls was the opening of the Perrine Hotel under a blaze of lights. The three-story, \$50,000 hotel was the show place of the new irrigation project. The News reported that the dirt roads were turned on the streets admiring the big electric sign which shone like a beacon of progress far across the desert. "The hotel had 45 guests upon opening who took pleasure in individual 'lighted rooms' in each room, along with steam heat and furniture that was claimed to be the best-manufactured. The hotel dining room was "exciting," with red flowers, neatly dressed waitresses and dainty finger bowls.

The Twin Falls community Christmas tree party featured a tree donated by Mrs. I.B. Perrine and was sponsored by the Union Sunday School.

Kimberly and Hansen held their individual Christmas tree parties in their new school houses. About 200 attended the Kimberly party and Santa was able to schedule his time so he could distribute the gifts to the children from both trees.

In Filer, work was rushed on the

new school house for the town's first party. A cedar tree was brought from Center Draw and treats were distributed to the children who attended.

In 1906, the booming new town of Buht had 65 children who attended school, in accommodations that were poor. The new school, being constructed on Broadway across from the hotel, was "near enough to completion that the town's first Christmas tree was set up there. The tree was loaded with all kinds of presents that Santa Claus gave to the children and "he remembers many old people too, knowing that we never get too old to be children on Christmas Eve."

The Hansen Christmas tree party was given by the Hansen Sunday School on Christmas evening in the school house.

The Kimberly school students provided the program for that town's party. In Twin Falls, 100 Bickel students presented a cantata on Christmas night. The News reported it was a "striking success as any one of the hundreds crowded into the auditorium will testify."

Wherever people gathered at Christmas time 1906, there was talk of the coal famine, the construction of the North Side Canal and the formation of Twin Falls County.

Construction on the North Side canal system was well in progress by Christmas 1907. There were four inches of snow on Dec. 20, and the ship "Mary McLean" had to be docked at Milner for the winter because the Snake River was frozen for miles above the Milner and Mindoka dams.

In the new town of Jerome, the town well had been dug and all water had to be hauled from either Blue Lakes or Well No. 1, which was located nine miles east of town. However, in the spirit of the holiday, Chief Golden at the Land and Water Company restaurant made preparations for a big turkey dinner for everyone in town and those able to attend from the nearby construction camps.

But Christmas Day was like a day in May, causing all of the snow to melt. The dirt roads were turned into a sea of mud, making it impossible for the men from the camps to travel to town and leaving only the townspeople to con-

sume the tremendous dinner that had been prepared.

Today, few people understand why treats of candy, nuts and oranges received so much publicity. All were difficult to obtain in an era when available freight space went to necessities. Many people today still recall that when they were children, grocers ordered for the Christmas season exactly one orange per child and those were the only oranges received during the entire year.

As the towns grew, the community Christmas tree parties became the property of the schools. In rural communities, the annual Christmas program with treats distributed by Santa Claus from the big decorated tree remained the highlight of the year until consolidation forced the closure of the rural schools in the 1950s.

Today, it is interesting to note that some of our cities are once again advertising community Christmas trees, large trees decorated by local volunteers for the enjoyment of the entire community.

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# Grandma's Christmas Cane

By DIANA HOOLEY

Leroy tried to be a good boy. He really did. Sometimes, Leroy thought being good just took all the joy out of living. But everytime he enjoyed himself so much, seemed like he got himself into trouble.

Leroy lived with his Grandpa Johnson in the shadow of a big mountain in a tiny log cabin. When Leroy was a baby, his mother had deserted the family. A bit later his father was killed in a logging accident.

Some folks said it was a shame such a troublemaking boy had to be raised by Grandpa Johnson. She had lived alone since her husband's death and was getting so old, no one knew her exact age. Except Leroy. He liked to tell his friends his Grandpa was "pretty close to 150 years old. They just might put her in the Bible with all those real old people."

Folks would just shake their heads when they heard Leroy Johnson was in trouble again.

"Wasn't it Leroy who broke his grandmother's beautiful cane? The one Grandpa Johnson made her?" they'd ask.

Leroy told his Grandma he was sorry about the cane. He knew it meant a lot to her. Ever since he had come to live with Grandma as a little boy, he remembered her sitting in the rocker rubbing her fingers over the cane gently, like it was Aladdin's lamp, like if she rubbed long enough Grandpa would come back.

"Grandma I'm so sorry. Me and Freddy Thacker just wanted to trick people into believing we was blind, so we had to have a blind man's cane. I had my eyes closed and was tapping the sidewalk and trying to get through the door at Steven's Dime Store and then the cane got caught in the door hinge and . . . and . . ."

Grandma never said a word. She just hobbled in the house and put the splintered cane in the woodstove fire. As she watched the flames, she remembered the Christmas day grandpa gave her the cane.

They were just two old people then, sitting at the breakfast table drinking coffee on a cold winter's morning. The smell of hot cross buns was coming from the oven

and in the corner, beneath a garland of evergreen, were two carefully wrapped Christmas presents. One, a crocheted pair of men's slippers, and the other a beautifully hand-crafted cane. That was so many years ago.

Grandma thought, before Grandpa died, before my son died, before Leroy came to live with us.

So Grandma Johnson lived day-to-day and problem-to-problem with her grandson. She prayed a lot. It seemed to help. But when Leroy started chewing tobacco, Grandma began to wonder if God was getting as deaf as she.

"Leeceeloooy! Leeceeloooy!"

"Here I am Grandma!"

"Well aren't you a sight! Spit that nasty stuff out of your mouth! It's a sin, a sin! I tell you for a 10-year-old boy to chew tobacco."

Grandma Johnson stood there in her flour-dusted apron, with a scarf tied around her head, quoting scripture like a saint.

Leroy watched her intently. With every word she uttered, Leroy thought his toothless grandma would lose her lips forever, sucked into the cave of her mouth.

His jeans were patched and his suspender was broken and the freckles on one side of his face were "distorted" over a cheek swollen from a lamp of tobacco.

"Little did" Grandma Johnson know then, it was just because of Leroy's tobacco chewing habit, that she would once again experience the joy and peace of Christmas. It was getting close to this blessed season, when Grandma Johnson started her yearly Christmas ritual of cracking nuts and baking sweets for the holidays.

Leroy was excited about Christmas. He liked eating grandma's goodies and wondering what little gift he and grandpa would make for him. Last year Grandma



Johnson sowed some pieces of leather together and made Leroy a nice sheath for his buck knife.

Leroy felt different about his Christmas. For the first time, he felt he wanted to give his grandmother a present. It took a while for the idea to grow on him. He told his friend Freddy Thacker about the problem.

"Freddy, I don't have a red cent. How am I gonna get Grandma a Christmas present? Wish someone would tell me I just won a million dollars. Hey, that's it Freddy. We'll have a contest!"

"What kind of contest?"

"A tobacco-spitting contest Freddy. I'd be a sure winner. Everyone has to put a dollar in the pot and whoever wins gets all the money."

"None'll compete with you, cause no one else in school chews tobacco."

"They'll compete all right," Leroy winked. "I started chewing tobacco cause men chew tobacco. Only men can join. This here is the first annual True Grit for Tough

Tobacco Chewers."

With the contest promoted like that, Leroy had no trouble getting enough dollar-toting boys to join. On a wintry day after school, the group huddled together as Leroy presented his challenge. "I, Leroy James Johnson, challenge you men, to spit in his here can."

Then he walked to pieces and placed a coffee can on the frozen pavement. Freddy Thacker was right. These boys were inexperienced tobacco chewers. But everyone tried and everyone suffered. Especially little Aaron Gilbert.

Aaron was small for his age. So he always tried to overdo everything to make up for it. Aaron put so much tobacco in his cheek the boys all said he could pack his spittle better than a squirrel at nut time.

Aaron liked the praise. He smiled and smiled, waiting in line to take his turn to spit. Then the tobacco began to burn the inside of his mouth. Aaron began to feel warm, so he took off his coat. The burning in his mouth became painful and he thought he was going to get sick. So he swallowed the tobacco juices and felt worse. He kept telling himself he was a man and clenched his fists and breathed the icy winter air through his nose.

Finally, Leroy called Aaron to the spitting line. Leroy had barely said "One-two-three-spit!" when little Aaron Gilbert exploded a spray of black tobacco all over himself.

Aaron was sick for days after and his mother told the neighbors it was all that onery Johnson boy's fault. Now Aaron wouldn't be able to go with Mr. Kincaid up to the mountains and cut Christmas trees this year. Mr. Kincaid always appreciated Aaron's help and was sure to give him a little

packet money for Christmas presents. It was all the no-good Johnson boy's fault.

When Grandma Johnson got wind of the Tobacco Spitting Contest and what happened to little Aaron Gilbert, she was pretty upset with her grandson. And so once again Leroy stood facing his grandma as she quoted him the Bible and he watched with fascination while her lips disappeared into her toothless mouth.

" . . . and when you get through helping Mr. Kincaid, you're gonna give that money to little Aaron Gilbert!"

"Helping with what, Grandma?"

"Lord, child, shake the wax out of your ears and that tobacco out of your cheek. You're gonna help Mr. Kincaid with the Christmas trees this year and give the money you make to Aaron Gilbert."

Leroy didn't know if he liked Mr. Kincaid or not. Mr. Kincaid never said much on the way up the mountain.

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# Christmas Memories

## Remembering the seasons of the past

By STEPHEN HARTGEN

**A**ging presents some distracting signs along the paths of the mind. . . . An event of many years ago comes back clearly but one of yesterday is lost.

Perhaps that is why we have such sharp memories of our childhood Christmases but remember relatively little of last year's.

We love Christmases past because they transport each of us as if by sleight into some secret memory against which we then



compare the present. Of course, it does not measure up. How could it?

The Christmases of my memory,

growing up as a child in Maine, are only a few decades back. Perhaps little has really changed in the world since then. But things seem

different.

Snow in the West does not fall with the same heavy wetness. The Balsam fir has a sweep no Western trees duplicate and the cat spruce a smell which none would wish to lose. Still, Maine and Idaho share much in common. In both, people live close to the land and in sequence to the cadence of seasons. Both peoples depend heavily on agriculture, timbering and mining for their economic health.

Both are economic colonies of the rest of the nation, and that has given to both peoples a kind of sullen resentment of the outsider. It has made both peoples susceptible to the appeal of the demagogue and populist, who cites the vague "they" against whom, we are told, we must constantly battle.

Both are conservative states in their social and political structure, heavily family oriented, mostly

white, Christian and middle class. That gives both a great deal of homogeneity. Its worst reflection is an oppressive sameness to daily existence. Its greatest strength is in sharing of values by virtually an entire community.

Both have relatively conservative people who support social change only slowly. In both people are by turns open and accepting, then moralistic, reproachful and judgmental. They are both tolerant and prejudiced. They both welcome new ways of doing things and shun them. They both welcome new neighbors, then put good fences between "us" and "them."

And yet, — and this is nearly impossible for a person born, raised and employed in an urban setting to really understand or articulate

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## Cane

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tain. Every once in a while he'd hum and jerk the half-ton pickup into second gear. Mr. Kincaid had big arms and wore short pants, suspenders and brogans like a log.

"Do you chew tobacco?" Leroy asked.

"Nope. Stunts your growth. Do you?" Mr. Kincaid smiled down at Leroy.

"Yeah. But I think I'm quitting."

For the next two weeks, Leroy would ride with Mr. Kincaid up and down the mountain to cut Christmas trees. He helped load and sharpen the blades for Mr. Kincaid. Leroy thought Mr. Kincaid looked just like his daddy used to.

During lunch one day, Mr. Kincaid took out his knife and started to whittle. Leroy had never seen anyone whittle before. The wood sheared away so easily with every stroke of the knife and before long Mr. Kincaid had whittled a long piece of wood with a hole in the side and bottom. It was a flute for Leroy.

"Could you teach me how to whittle?" Leroy asked him.

"Nothing to it. Good way to pass the time. Even better than chewing tobacco." Mr. Kincaid said with a twinkle in his eye. It was the beginning of a new friendship for Leroy. . . . Even after all the Christmas trees were cut and sold, Leroy made sure to stop by Mr. Kincaid's house to whittle. Christmas was just a few days away when Leroy's Grandma stopped him as he was going out the door.

"Young man!"

"Yes Grandma?"

"I'd like to know where you're going. You're gone, seems like, all the time. You'd better not be getting in any mischief, you hear?"

"No, Grandma."

But Leroy moved a little too fast to get away from her and Grandma began to worry even more. She prayed for peace on earth as she did every Christmas. But this year

**Grandma Johnson lived day-to-day and problem-to-problem with her grandson. She prayed a lot. But when Leroy started chewing tobacco, Grandma began to wonder if God was getting as deaf as she.**

with Leroy getting into trouble so much, having nasty habits, and gone all the time, it seemed futile to pray for peace on earth when there was "none" in her own household.

Late Christmas Eve, Leroy came whistling into the house. Grandma heard him as she lay in bed and thanked the Lord her grandson had finally returned home. When morning broke, the next day, Grandma felt as old as the patriarchs in the Bible. It was hard to get her crippled legs over the bed edge. She walked slowly into the kitchen and leaned against the wall, intent on making some hot chocolate to drink Christmas

moring with the hot cross buns. Leroy was there waiting for her.

"Merry Christmas Grandma!" Leroy said loudly.

"Well what are you yelling for Leroy! I've not gone completely deaf yet!" And then she saw it. In the corner under a garland of evergreen — was a Christmas package. It wasn't wrapped very neatly, but lots of colorful ribbon was taped all over it.

"Aren't you gonna open your Christmas present, Grandma?" Leroy asked, his chest puffed out like a rooster in a yard full of hens.

Grandma didn't know what to say. She couldn't even think of any Bible verses. She held herself at

the edge of the table and took the package from under the evergreen wreath.

Her fingers were so knotted and old and there was so much scotch tape on the present, it took a long time to unwrap. Grandma didn't mind. She knew what the present was. Every once in a while a drop of moisture fell on the package as Grandma leaned over her work. When she finally disentangled the gift she held it up to examine.

"Leroy James Johnson! Who made this cane?"

"This time Leroy didn't flinch a muscle when he was forced into a confession. He smiled a stamless, tobacco-free, smile and gave his Grandma a big hug. "I did, Grandma!"

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# The Miracle of Birth

By BARBARA BELLUS UPP

Nothing in all Idaho Ad-vents matches the particular joy and wonder that

has come to our family this year. We have been blessed with the birth of a new child -- a daughter, a miracle of a healthy birth and a new being. I am caught off guard with wonder and gratitude of what she evokes in me, in my person and in my faith. Her smallness and beauty bring forth my marvel and delight, not only in her but in the whole incredible cycle of life.

Especially I am newly and profoundly amazed at the love of God. In the spirit which her new life evokes in me, my prayer for the Advent of Christ this year is that our hearts may be newly prepared to receive the power of love, rather than be bound and made cruel by the love of power.

My daughter tells me this in her "powerlessness." Just as God in Christ tells us in his willingness to take on humanness for our sake.

Rightly understood and lived, Advent prepares for that remarkable act of self-giving embodied in the babe of Bethlehem.

I wonder at the paradoxes and elemental I see when I look into the eyes of my newborn daughter this Advent. I marvel that God would create so beautiful and perfect and helpless a creature and entrust her to mere mortals. A new sense of freshness and vision, a sweetness revives in me, out of the grace of God. (Channah, Hebrews) in my own child Hannah, who mirrors the Innocence and incarnation of that babe in the manger scene.

The story is retold, recapitulated, and I find myself pondering what a great and compassionate wonder was that first birth. As great as our joy is in the season of our child -- as great is the depth of caring for that new life and seeing her respond -- there is something more fundamental and cosmic going on in the first Christmas. There is something that, ironically, she brings me back to, this child of grace that I have just brought into the world. She gifts me in and with me. I can only begin to unwrap, and the present keeps on giving and expanding.

For it is through her need that I again contact my own need, not only my new call to fill her needs as best I can. She reminds me of vulnerability because of her and needs and because of what she shows me of mine. I feel the poignancy of her helplessness because I know and understand what it is to have those needs, and my own parents saw and met my infant needs. I have matured and grown up -- is it possible? -- to the point that I can try to meet hers.

She calls forth in me both my mature responsible care, and my soft and needing vulnerability. And so we have come full circle. Just as God has come to us at the point of vulnerability, so we come to our children at our greatest point of vulnerability. We know and love them so dearly because



Barbara Bellus Upp and her newborn daughter, Hannah

we know what that need is.

God has been willing to assume our helplessness, to come into human history with no reservations or protection. We are, as parents, willing to assume the responsibility for the helplessness of our babes, and to try to bring them up into the fullness of the image of God in which we were all created.

We know that in taking on that incredible task, we are taking on depth of creativity and responsibility that is indeed at the heart of the image of God.

And so we are overwhelmed, and so we are fearful, and so we, too, as the ones "in charge," feel defenseless in the face of our own power and inadequacy to perfectly

exercise it.

We know in the calling and in the failing, why it is that the image of God selected most persistently in Christian faith is that of Parent, a caring Mother or Father who is very present with us and cares for us deeply.

Yet we also know that the parent image, full and potent as it is, is simply not enough. If we let our spiritual life go deeper than our immediate impressions and projections, we realize that God must be more than any human love we can imagine, even the deepest and tenderest.

The best love, certainly God's love, has never meant to limit our perceptions of love, but rather to

expand them and to draw in all creations. I could not love Hannah so dearly if I loved only Hannah. Indeed it is part of the intense celebration of this time to share with her the love I have for others

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and share with them the delight I have in her.

Perhaps it is in part true, as one of our baby cards says, that children are God's plan for growing up parents.

In her birth announcement, we share this proclamation concerning the quality of our joy and of the hope which has carried us through to this day.

"For unto us a child is born," the letters proclaim, "Unto us a daughter is given!"

I feel the sounding forth and ringing out of my joy and ongoing discovery of my own sense of myself as woman, and child of God. I celebrate that the fullness of the image of God dwells and has always dwelt with women and men, in the newborn life of this wonderful baby woman as fully as any boy child.

The wonder of this firstborn son of mine at his baby sister is at a co-equal member of our household and the household of faith.

I savor and am awed by my opportunity to bring her into the world and to teach her to love herself and her possibilities. I hope that in the ways and days to come, she can truly learn to celebrate her gender and her limitless realm of action and personality.

There are doves of peace in her nursery, and clouds and stars on the window and in her bed, and I want her to feel the power of that

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# Words: Full of Grace and Truth

By PENNELOPE REEDY

Back when crusts of bread were barriers to the real part of the sandwich, when I hated eggs and spinach, words had different meanings. They were mysterious keys to higher realms of being, and yet they also had the power of upsetting the world.

Cheryl was in the girls' room crying. She was crying and she wouldn't come out. I found out. Daddy was getting a divorce. The words turned the world black. Dizzy images of rain-and-wet leaves swirled around Cheryl's house, the one-room cedar-shaked dwelling on her grandmother's back. Daddy was laughing stoned there. The words in that house would forever be sombre, empty, peach pits in a deep well. There were no

A man stands in the doorway smiling at me. He is silhouetted by kitchen lights with brown linoleum under his feet. . . he comes in to me with a wet calf in his arms. Christmas tree lights reflect in his glasses. We dry the calf off with worn towels; together we overcome these empty bright spaces.

more Christmases there, ever, and no one else lived in that hut. It melted into the hillside, blackberry vines ate it up.

But I will wake up one day, in a drafty castle on the Scottish Coast. It is late afternoon, but dark like night. Waves crash against the wet black boulders. I can hear them and I am at my spinning wheel, spinning yarn and counts. From it, Cheryl will weave tunes for the

servants and blankets for the king. I watch her movements, conscious of her long thick blonde braid. And we are busy and never know the business of this house, except by rumours that echo in the halls, words-whispered in secret, warm breaths on cold stone.

Mistletoe breeds dark truths in the main hall. A few of us remember its secret and quietly indulge the kissing games. We know what hovers in the shadows

pulling at our feet, our hands, our hair if it hang too low. We know of the dying chiefs writhing in the sand while onlookers, scorers, read signs of the future in their blood and motions. Words poured out in fear and bondage to the night fires.

All past Christmas Eves seem to be one Christmas Eve. Grandma would clatter his cowbells in secret, and we kids looked hungrily at the night sky. I would say I saw Santa when I knew I didn't. The cousins shouldn't have one up on me.

Tom and Jerry batter foamed in Grandma's brightly lit kitchen. . . wood smoke and nutmeg. . . Laughter was free as were the not-so-kind jokes between those who made it big in the city and those who stayed on the farm to work with mounds of manure and

hay bales. The pies came from their labor, from pumpkin vine to apples minced by hand with large-bladed knives and tin-coated grinders.

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freedom and know the growing space to become fully herself. David and I share the desire as co-responsible creators of her life that she will grow into the fullness of the image of a loving person, who knows all that she is, not limit and restriction.

God gives gifts for a reason, and we are challenged by our charge to help her discover hers, even gifts others may not understand. Each one of the deep faiths in life that she renews in me is that life is given with purpose and meaning. We need never fear the newness and growth in life which always means that, once again, God is doing a new thing!

I celebrate that Daniel, our firstborn, can look at Hannah, and remember his own four-and-a-half years past babyhood. He can rejoice from his baby pictures in two wonderful facts: first, that he was once helpless and was cared for and grew, and secondly, that his growth now makes it possible for him to help another one to grow. Alleluia for growth and the responsibility that our own strength nurture that is at the heart of the family, the church, relationships in which we are about one another's growth.

I rejoice in the season of the best of all hopes that has carried-me through this pregnancy. In so many biblical stories there is a special vulnerability or emptiness, and then follows special rejoicing in birth. For Sarah, for Hannah, for Rachel, for Elizabeth, for Mary - for so many women of the Bible and of the world in so many times and places, there has been a particular history or fear which has been broken through with the news of a new birth.

I know that special history and deepened sense of blessing in a new way, and cannot think of the short life or even the name of our son, Christopher Nicholas, without the special gifts of this

season coming into view. He bore Christ to us in his tragically heightened vulnerability, which brought his time with us to little less than a day. He was to us, in a special way, a Christopher, a bearer of Christ. The saint who bears his other name, Nicholas, victory of the people, also bears at his very best the gifts of our joy to one another, which mark the season's greater meaning.

Some gifts come hard, and we know not how to unwrap them and to understand them without the support of a community of love and faith that supports our growth as well as comforting our sorrow.

And so through that particular history, as well as through the always vulnerable experience of pregnancy and childbirth, through the powerful hope that new life brings

us, I hear the singing which has no words. I hear the music beyond human understanding in the squeaking of Hannah as she nurses now; I know that beyond my meager ability to express it, all these births and miracle roll together and sing to me a cosmic song of true and deep hope. Emily Dickenson, my daughter's foremother in sensitivity and expression, said it this way:

"Hope is a thing with feathers.  
That perches in the soul  
And sings the tune without the words  
And never stops at all."

This Advent, then, a new tune for me  
In the ongoing fugue of the Faith  
In which voices and themes and

miracles join and swell.  
The contrapuntal rhythms of history and new birth  
play off one another in power and harmony.

The rumbling of the primal melodies  
that are always at the base of our faith in the incarnate God  
have burst forth in the fresh breath of my tiny daughter.

Grace notes of our Hannah  
chime in the everflowing chorus  
And the joy of our desiring  
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# The book of names

He hates this chore, but someone has to write the blasted cards. Someone has to address Christmas cards and make the little bow to respectability they represent.

Christmas cards are for Republicans. Besides, cards are a pain in the neck. If those computer wizards are nearly as smart as they pretend to be, this deplorable duty would have been taken over by some cybernetic wonder a long time ago.

By the way, our hero today is a fellow named Winston, but there is no reason to tell you that. That's just another name for you to forget, and Lord knows you have enough names to forget already.

The only reason Winston persists in sending Christmas cards is that people persist in sending them to him. He had always felt a bit ugly about not acknowledging his old friends' acknowledgement of his continued existence. And so it comes to pass: The list must be faced.

The first few are actually not so bad, but he finds that after five or so, each message tends to plagiarize the last. What do you say to someone you haven't seen since the Nixon administration?

How do you greet someone who has demonstrated his lack of good sense by failing to trim your name from his Christmas card list?

Take Dave here for instance. He is listed first in this well-chewed address book that

serves as Winston's toot in this matter. Dave teaches high school.

There are a lot of crossed-out addresses after his name, but that's true of most of the people our writer has known. After the war, or more to the point, after the draft ended and gave them all new freedom, his crowd seemed to wander around a great deal more than they had intended.

Dave seemed to wander more than the rest, especially in those years after Winston had deleted the feminine name from behind Dave's in the address book.

Not that their divorce surprised anyone. A while back, there was a season for that sort of thing. Women suddenly became glassy eyed and distant. When they talked at all, they talked about a need for a separate identity and other concepts foreign to man.

A lot of those women made it their business to smash partnerships, so there was nothing odd about a divorce, but she went at Dave with a particular violence. Mostly people were glad she was gone.

Winston remembered those events and spent several minutes trying to write Dave a card that would deny the lessons of the years. He failed and settled for the usual banalities.

Then there's Paul's entry here in the little book of lives. The scratchings after his name look like a cave drawing that records the twisted history of an odd generation of rebels.

Here in the book is the record of Paul's several dwellings. It starts with that Fourth Street apartment where they would drink Boone's Farm wine and argue the wild-eyed politics of the '60s.

Winston allows himself a few minutes to remember how they were so sure they would save a rotting world. Then that simultaneous glow of pride and embarrassment sweeps over him as it always does when he remembers those days. He moves on.

Down a few lines, Paul's address is listed as Birch Lane, but that too has been scratched out. Now he and the misus woman they live in a place on Briarwood — a street in a concentration-camp they call "an exclusive development of executive homes." Rumors have it Paul now drives a BMW. Smart money says he pulls the Republican lever when the curtain closes.

Paul's chapter in the book confirms something Winston had long suspected: The public relations business is magic. It can take a perfectly reasonable fellow like Paul and turn him into a perfectly respectable swine. Not much to write on this card.

Winston wanders on through his book of names, tripping along from forgotten friend to forgotten friend. He stops to remember each story as he travels on. Only the details waver; the theme is stable.

But now he comes to the book's family plot, which always brings the question: Where has it all gone?

The family plot is an excessive string of the names of brothers, all of them younger. Behind each has been penciled in the name of a wife, as each pairing was reported to him in long-distance calls from his mother.

Lately, the reports of new wives have been tapering off and were being replaced with announcements of blessed events in various parts of the country. Infants' names were added to the catalog.

All in all, it makes a disturbing list of people he had never met and babies he had never seen.

As he faced this Christmas card business each year, he had a hard time imagining these kids that were his brothers as they must be now. These are the same kids he used to corral in their bedrooms on Christmas morning. If he didn't, they'd tear hell out of their presents before the parents had decided the hour was sufficiently civilized to allow such madness.

These are the same kids who would spend half of each holiday at each grandfather's house, with all the over-the-river-and-through-the-woods nonsense implied.

On those days, there would be cousins and halfaunts and a circle of sober-faced uncles speaking of cold spells and grain prices. Winston tries to remember how these kids who were his little brothers grew up to

become names in an address book, then decides it is a question he would rather not answer.

He thinks for a minute about the names of those stranger babies in his book. How would they remember this holiday 30 years from now? Here is another question that is better left undisturbed.

Winston pages on, only to stop for a brief rest at the entry for his grandfather — now a closed account. He was the last of his generation to grace this book. His name should have been crossed off last year after the funeral, but Winston had decided to let it rest for a time as the only memorial he could muster.

How on earth will we ever conduct a decent Christmas without our grandfathers?

How will we explain the spirit of Christmas to the sleek, smug children of today, now that we are left without these strong men?

To our grandfathers, the presence of a turkey table was all the evidence they needed to prove that God was in his heaven and Christmas was in progress. How do you explain to children what it means to learn the lesson of giving from someone who learned it straight-on and cold at the stern knee of the Great Depression?

It was our grandfathers who passed out

the dollar jackknives and oranges and marveled at the great land of luxury that allowed them to do so. It was our grandfathers who looked at their kids and grandkids with a special pride that comes with seeing too many small coffins. They did not take adulthood for granted.

Our grandfathers are gone, now. A reasonable definition of the meaning of Christmas died with them.

Winston pages through his book of names and comes to the place where he keeps his parents. It is time for the annual Christmas letter, to be supplemented later with the annual Christmas phone call.

He of course knows that it is their fault, this business of Christmas. He probably could forget the whole maudlin affair, if it weren't for them.

Christmas these days is just one great scam after another. It has nothing to do with generosity; it has nothing to do with affirming our humanity by giving of ourselves. Christmas ain't for kids. It's for commerce. It is a way to make the tinkling of coins in cash registers ring in a joyous New Year.

Or, so it would be easy to believe, were it not for once being a kid.

He remembers in particular a year that was cold and frightening. Then, there were troubles that he didn't fully understand. He only knew that Dad would spend the winter without work.

Winston was 14 and old enough to know that this bit of trouble would likely have a direct bearing on Christmas. There were all those kids who needed food and warm, wool coats to fend off the violent Midwestern winter. Such matters, no doubt, would strip the Christmas tree of all but the most cursory of observances, or so he thought. But that's not the way it worked out.

He could not know what sorts of sacrifices or motives had been involved, but he figured that his folks must have robbed a bank to give those kids a Christmas that denied the starkness of that winter. Had that not happened, he would today have a fighting chance of giving this idea of Christmas the cynical eye it so richly deserves.

Which is exactly what he tries to do as he takes a break from the drudgery of composing rapid holiday messages for people who had become strangers. He pours himself a glass of wine and sits for a minute.

Winston looks about his apartment and decides he likes it without a Christmas tree. Reasonable people do not suck up to conventions like Christmas trees and he is, above all else, a reasonable man.

Now he and his wine sit and they remember.

He peers through his burgundy at a reading lamp and watches the liquid and glass work their refractive magic on the glow. They send light dashing for five points, and in the east, he sees a star.

By Dick Manning

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# Country Christmas

## A Dream Realized Becomes a Nightmare for Melanie

By FLORENCE K. BLANCHARD

**S**landing at the top of her rutted dirt driveway, Melanie Burns surveyed a slate gray sky.

One of the best parts of her day was getting the mail, but today ominous clouds spit a few flakes of snow into the thin, icy air, casting doubts on what she had hoped would be perfect Christmas

weather.

Yanking the door of the mailbox open, she found only a bill from the veterinarian, a magazine sweepstakes form, a Sears catalogue and one Christmas card from an old friend in Denver.

"Snow tonight for sure," she thought as she made her way slowly back to her little white farmhouse. She knew with a sinking feeling that by dusk her world would be one of white, soft coldness with no escape. She felt a choking despair build up inside of her and when she reached the kitchen porch, she let it give way. Sitting down on the top step, Melanie put her head in her hands and cried, not gently, but as someone who had been withholding her feelings for a long time.

"I'll always be a city girl," she sobbed.

She berated herself for the romantic idealism she had brought with her when she moved to the country, knowing she'd been a dismal failure at almost everything she'd done out here. Most of the garden she so patiently planted that spring had been killed by a late June hail storm. Even the "extra hearty" spinach plants were so badly shredded that it looked like hundreds of mice had

nibbled on them.

Heartbroken, she had replanted some things only to see—the zucchini, green beans, cucumbers and crookneck squash mature all at the same time. Canning and drying were new to her. She couldn't seem to get to everything. The beans grew long and tough, and the zucchini got as big as pumpkins. The beans shriveled in the refrigerator, and tomatoes rotted in a box on the service porch.

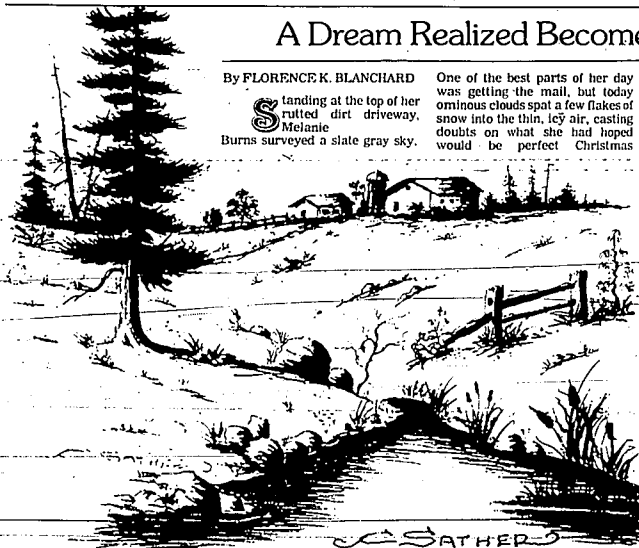
Her animal husbandry presented even a worse record. The mother rabbit had eaten its first litter of babies. The sight of the skinny pink, almost hairless, half-eaten bodies repulsed her. She had to ask Dennis to bury the remainders.

But it was the house that had been the greatest disappointment of all.

For years she had dreamed of owning a farmhouse just like this one, the kind of farmhouse you see on Christmas cards with smoke curling from the chimney, a wreath of holly on the front door and a brightly lit Christmas tree in the front window.

Ever since her divorce from Buddy 10 years ago, Melanie had felt incomplete, rootless, drifting.

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## Words

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Grandpa's package was wrapped box within box till Seagram's VO emerged to be shared. It would always be this way, this pine-scented farm house, the mossy creek and wooly woods. The closeness of family pressing together in halls—and-car-seats dressed in dank wool and rubber boots.

Amphora tobacco, a breath of whiskey, whipped cream and vanilla. Sometimes large white faces with rhinestone rims grinned down from white ceilings. Great Aunts. Food for nightmares and breakdowns. Did I smile back? I snuggled preciously within myself awaiting the words that would unlock my voice and heart.

Entering a too warm house from the dark wet cold was a kind of hell. I almost preferred the cold in this painful transition in bright electric lights. Cheap black and white linoleum floor gleamed in the light. Wide spaces between kitchen counters, stove and fridge added to my misery. One naked bulb, centered, blotted out any trace of subtlety.

It had to force indifference, not let myself feel the horror of the room, the empty brightness and warmth against my runny nose. But I knew that when I was dry and cuddled up in an afghan on the sofa that I would revive while listening to the murmuring words that accompany clattering silverware, coffee pouring, and the wind beating against the outside wall. I've never lived in a building

where the curtains did not move during a windstorm.

Verbal, stern and fall. They are nervous, stern, high, low. Fighting is a childish phenomenon. We are told that one outgrows it. Therefore the growings aren't serious. I laugh for awhile and then escape to the tree whose comfortable crotch covers over a hot wire fence, tempting me to touch it. I envisioned myself turning into a white segmented monster, like marshmallows stuck on toothpick if I'd touched it. I never did. But I wonder if the one I stood up under years later was effective shock treatment, enough to unscramble these anagrams of memory.

A man stands in the doorway smiling at me. He is silhouetted by kitchen lights will brown linoleum under his feet. I don't come in from the cold this time of night; he comes in to me with a wet calf in his arms. Christmas tree lights reflect in his glasses. We dry the calf off with worn towels together. We overcome these empty bright spaces.

He turns and walks away and I wonder at the day when I will listen for his feet on the steps, the door creaking open, and turn to find the doorway empty with only the memory of a smile to cover its brightness. Will warm lighted spaces overcome me then, or will I learn to go out into the cold night and return? Will I learn to traverse these secret spaces alone?

Another storm is black and blowing in from the west. I watch it approach and know whose house is Thursday, December 20, 1984

under it 10 miles away. I shudder. The nights are long and dark, and May is an eternity away.

Perhaps if I light candles and put a rug down...

Snow takes the earth away from me and puts it at a frozen distance out of reach. My summer task is to prevent this knowledge from taking my summer away. Colored lights, sleighbells jingling on a pair of sturdy white horses pulling a hay sled are consolations — or are they diversions?

I wonder at my soft-warm farm life, if perhaps it isn't a set-up, a world of wonders that is to be jerked out from under me at any moment. If so, will I be too soft to accept the challenges of daily living, bread and shelter being first considerations? I now have the illusion that they are further down the list. What words will I grasp upon? What I worth? I have been waiting, have been all my life, for my worth to be told to me. Who will speak these words?

The old cracked nativity set from my childhood is in place under a giant cone in my stepfather's log house. I think of my life and how the Christ has walked it with me, in and out of darkness and overlighted rooms. No thunder, no thumping on the head, just a steady nudging ahead, an opening of old and new doorways, a smattering of coarings to plunge head-on into marriage and babies and winter.

Maxine knew that if she spoke

her secret words, that she would pierce like arrows. So she entered upon the project of speaking them slowly and carefully. She could not shout them aimlessly into a crowd.

They had to count. The world would be different after they were spoken; nothing would ever be the same again. In her mouth was power. Power that others didn't recognize. They threw their words away, disposable verbiage, like waste paper along the highway. When the time was right she would speak. When sounds and light and events were just so, she would speak.

"I love you."

A few weeks ago, when I was sick-with-flu-I lay-in-bed-praying to get well. I heard someone come into my room and felt the pressure of a body sitting or leaning on the foot of the bed. I opened my eyes to see who it was and saw no one. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth." John 1:14.



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# Country

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Tish was just a baby then. Even though she had remarried five years ago, and she and Dennis had a second daughter, Mary Jane, the feeling persisted. Every time they drove between Denver and Boise to visit one set of parents or the other, Melanie kept looking for her perfect Christmas-card farmhouse.

Dennis didn't mind a move to the country. He'd grown up in a small town in Colorado and looked forward to the time when he could escape his high-paced job at the ad agency. Finally, they had saved enough money and Dennis found a job at the sawmill in Miller Hot Springs. Melanie found the house. She had only to walk through it once to know it was hers. The cozy rock fireplace in the front room and the gleaming woodstove in the kitchen were right out of her fantasies. There was even an ornate rocking chair on the screened-in front porch and an old-fashioned swing set in the yard.

During the summer after their move, she and Tish and Mary Jane had picnicked along the stream that ran through their property. While Dennis was away at work, she'd painted the kitchen a cherry-apricot color that glowed in the light of the evening sunset. She helped Tish fix up the attic bedroom for her very own. Mary Jane could sleep in the bedroom next to theirs downstairs. Life seemed so perfect.

"The winter came. The house was cold. Not just cold, but close-to-freezing. It did not have adequate insulation. Melanie had to keep the fire going in the woodstove and the fireplace all day, every day. During one long cold spell, Dennis had to get up each night and put extra wood on the fire so the water pipes wouldn't freeze.

In the kitchen, Melanie found mice. Not just a few, but several generations of families. They left tiny black tracks on the table cloth and in the pantry among the dry goods. Earwigs crawled up and down the walls. One night at dinner Tish screamed when she found an earwig in her chicken soup. It had been an awful winter. She wasn't sure she could endure another one, but she had no choice.

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It was here.

The snow would get deeper and deeper. She was four months pregnant with her third child and if anything happened during the day, she wouldn't be able to get into town. She didn't have a car. This perfect Christmas-card house of hers would be a prison for the next five months.

But she did not tell Dennis how she felt. Things like earwigs and frozen pipes and the seemingly endless chopping of wood didn't bother him at all. He grew ruddy and handsome from his outdoor work and she had never seen him this content. What she saw as problems were simply another challenge to him.

At dusk, Melanie's phone rang. Perhaps it was Dennis; he'd gone to Denver yesterday to pick up her mother and father for a Christmas visit. He'd promised to call and let her know that he'd arrived safely.

"But it wasn't Dennis. It was her neighbor, Ross Pickett. Ross and his brother, Orrin, were a couple of old bachelor farmers who lived a mile up the road from her. She hardly knew them except to wave when they passed her going to town. That fall, Orrin had stopped by the house with a bushel of apples from their orchard and Melanie had baked them an apple pie in return.

"I had to go to another year-at-dinner time, Mrs. Burns, but I think my brother has gone and broke his leg. The phones are down to Pinecrest and you're the closest person I know that might consider taking me to get the doc. If my doggoned eyes weren't what they used to be, I'd go myself. . . ."

There was a slight, almost imperceptible pause on Melanie's part. Driving in snowstorms completely panicked her. She avoided driving not only in bad weather, but also when bad weather threatened. Out of the kitchen window, she could see the twisting, whirling snowflakes illuminated by the yardlights. They were coming faster and faster.

"Of course, I'll take you to town," she answered confidently. Melanie hoped that Ross had not heard her pause.

"I just wish I could drive in myself," he said apologetically. "But I promise to try and be at least good company." "I don't want you to worry about it," Melanie heard herself say. "I've been out in a few snowstorms before. No problem."

"Tish," she said, "I have to take Mr. Pickett into town. I want you to watch Mary Jane. Put some wood on the fire when it goes down and lock the doors so Mary Jane can't go outside."

It frightened her to leave the girls all alone out here. What if the electricity went out like it had during the last storm? What if the house's antiquated electrical system shorted out and started a fire? What if Mary Jane burned herself on the woodstove like she had once before?

The more Ross she had to walk up to the Pickett home, and during the 20 minutes it took her to arrive there, she had plenty of time to

become paralyzed with fear. She could only see a few feet ahead of her and the snow in the road was getting deeper and deeper.

Ross greeted her at the door, signaling her into the living room where Orrin was stretched out on the floor where he'd slipped on a loose throw rug. Ross had piled several blankets over him, and a bottle of Wild Turkey sat on the table next to an empty glass. A dose of country medicine, she thought.

Ross got the old Chevy pickup started for her and they backed out of the driveway, chattered on both sides with farm cement and piles of hay. The curtain of snow parted for a few precious moments, and she could see that all was still well at her place as they slowly drove by.

But the storm soon drifted back in with a vengeance. She could barely make out the snow stakes marking the parameters of the road. Occasionally a power pole loomed up through the blanket of darkness and snow to let her know she was still on the road.

"You're doing just fine," Ross said, after about 10 minutes. "I think you're just about at the old apple plant by Painbrush Rock."

How could Ross know, she thought. He was nearly blind. As if reading her mind, Ross replied, "I've probably traveled this road about 10,000 times or so in the past 70 years. I can feel where we are."

Melanie couldn't feel anything except terror, but she soon fell into the rhythm of the old truck. They made their way slowly along the empty country road for what seemed like hours. As she stared fixedly through the windshield at the monotonous landscape, the wind suddenly picked up and hurled a wall of thick flakes at her. She had dropped her vigilance for only a moment, but it was enough. The truck plunged off the road into a soft, deep snowdrift.

"Oh, no! What will we do now," she exclaimed.

"We've got two stout shovels in the back of the truck. We'll have 'er shoveled out and be on our way in a few minutes," Ross said cheerfully for her benefit.

Melanie wished she felt that content. She shouldn't have taken this chance if it meant not only Orrin Pickett's survival that was in danger, it was Ross' too, and hers — and the unborn child within her that she and Dennis were so looking forward to. Why had she preceded she was capable of doing this?

Ross got out of the truck, sinking into the three-foot drift, and felt his way along the frame until he found the shovels. Together the two of them dug around the right tire, leaving a trail of footprints into the night. Every now and then she would climb back into the cab and attempt to coax the truck back onto the road. But the tire just spun around, digging itself deeper into the snow.

The more Ross she'd been there at least an hour when Melanie, exhausted, clambered back into the truck for one last try. Much to her

surprise, the truck lurched fitfully back onto the road.

"It shouldn't be more than a mile to the highway now," Ross smiled. "That was Phantom Corner back there. I should have warned you."

Just as Ross had predicted, a little ways further down the road Melanie thought she saw a pair of swished yellow lights moving across the landscape in front of her. Then she was sure she saw another pair moving in the opposite direction. It was the Interstate.

"I knew it was real close," Ross smiled with certain satisfaction. "But if he couldn't see the road, he sure knew this country like the back of his hand."

At the hospital, Dr. Blaine summoned an ambulance that immediately set off with himself and Ross aboard. Melanie chose to ride back with Alf Thayer, the county snow plow driver, who would open the road back to the Pickett house for the ambulance to follow. During the summer, Alf operated the sawmill that Dennis worked for.

On the way back, sitting in the comfort of the snow plow cab, Melanie enjoyed hot coffee from Alf's thermos and listened somewhat sleepily as he regaled her with stories.

Soon Melanie could see a small white farmhouse coming up in the distance. There was smoke curling from the chimney, a wreath of holly on the front door, and a brightly lit Christmas tree in the front window. Alf plowed the driveway right up to her front door, where he let her out.

Opening the front door, Melanie saw Tish sitting on the floor working a Mickey Mouse puzzle. Barely looking up, she said, "Hi, Mom. What took you so long?"

"We had to dig a pretty show because of the storm. We got stuck once and that took awhile. . . ." Mary Jane had her pink sleepers

on and was fast asleep on the couch, her faded yellow blanket nuzzling her cheek.

"Better go to sleep, Tish. Grandma and Grandpa will be here by noon." She gave Tish an extra-special hug and kiss, good-night.

Melanie felt content sitting there in the kitchen in the glow of the apricot-colored walls she'd painted that summer. Somehow, she decided, it was all those imperfect things — the earwigs in the pantry, the green beans that didn't get canned, the endless chopping of wood, the neighbors who called you out in a snowstorm — that made life the perfect thing it was.



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# Alternate Realities

Christmas gifts that create a future

By TERRY RICH HARTLEY

## ONE CHRISTMAS:

Eight-year-old Tracy stood gazing out the picture window and the change was astounding. For two Christmases in a row, the winter scene had looked grey and dead — by circumstances beyond his understanding or control. The economics were above him, but his dad had been in that state of employment known as "laid off," which translated into shirts or shoes filling the boxes under the tree instead of toys as always before.

But this year, the snow bending his mom's evergreens was whiter and smoke from the plants to the west had lost its dismal hold on him.

Entranced, his nose leaving twin ghosts of condensation on the glass, Tracy paid no attention to the muffled footfalls in the hallway. Then, an alarm tripped in his head. He spun. Which was it, Mom or Dad? He wondered. But, really, it wouldn't make any difference. A deal was a deal, and either one of them out of bed meant he could open his main present — the long one wrapped in red with pictures of Santa tinkering away, alternating with others of Mrs. Clause holding a steaming pan of ginger cookies.

Tracy had surveyed the package for a week with such scrutiny he'd know if a single cookie was missing. Yet, he had no clue of what treasure hid inside. That was the fun — of it, something secret, something from Mom and Dad just for him — a gesture and a gift of love rather than necessity like last year and the one before it.

"Merry Christmas, Tracy." It was his mom's voice, deep and honeyed. He liked that — being called, "Tracy" — it seemed so adult. And he liked to peer into her violet eyes, even when they were puffy, like now. But, now wasn't the time for that. Now was a time for ripping tape, snapping tape, prying off lids and lunging for hidden pearls.

Exhaling a return greeting, Tracy charged to the tree and declared war on the red package. He figured that the life — 16 or 17 — was the time for slowly savoring moments like these. But, this time was a race to pull and tear and feed the monster of curiosity.

And feed it, he did — nourished it on an existence — he found it replaced by an electrified thrill. Wow! He'd seen them advertised in a zillion catalogues, even on TV, but hadn't expected one of his own. It must've cost a fortune, he thought. Clutching the half-size, metal and plastic replica, he nearly shed tears in excitement. But, men who carry these don't cry. He wouldn't, either.

Tracy strayed to the long mirror hanging near the hallway, drew the telescopic stock out to full



Gary Stone, best known for his wood-cut artistry, is a native of Burley and says a good deal of inspiration for his paintings comes from Idaho people



living on the Idaho outdoors. His painting on the left features his son Bret at an early age. He also has a daughter, Kahl, four grandchildren, a black lab and a horse he broke himself and rides everyday. From his studio at his home on the Snake River Canyon Rim north of Kimberly, Stone paints and markets his works which hang in private collections throughout the U.S. and Europe.

cupper, who'd made a grab for mineral-rich Kalanga Province. He felt at peace that he'd worked for the right side, landing in occupied territory to sow roads and paths with mines; to—ambush enemy forces.

It was his job to make the enemy pay for every square inch of ground held — and he'd damned well accomplished that.

But, even through this sense of righteousness, Trace had to wonder — was it really for the thrill?

The sound of a four-wheeler growling nearby seemed almost soothing as his vision began swimming, his mind drifting in and-out-of-consciousness-until—

Darkness.

Waking, a distant, ethereal noise like the crackle of a campfire intruded at the edge of Trace's mind. But, the vision pushing back savanna grass, hovering over him like a great eagle, wasn't distant at all. From his uniform, the soldier was Angolan. His eyes were soul-sucking black; a sneer ripped his face.

With a soldier's fascination, Trace eyed the ancient Kalashnikov AK-47 pointing at him and admired the venerable weapon for still being able to complete its mortal task. Knowing he had no chance, but scoring capture, Trace jerked at the Colt. The Kalashnikov completed its mortal task.

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length and aimed the commando rifle at his reflection. It aimed back.

## TWO DECADES LATER:

The pall of smoke hanging over the savanna grew like some evil mistra from Hell, darkening the sky and turning the sun into a blood-red orb. Trace wasn't painting anymore, just lying on his back letting the high savanna grass swallow him. A light breeze was directing the fire away to the west, ridding him of one enemy. But, the two legged ones — the ones with guns were everywhere.

He'd spotted them from the chopper just before the missile hit, a company-sized unit of Angolan regulars, undoubtedly supported by a squad of Cuban advisors. He'd been running east if he could, to the Lulus, swim it and get protection from Zairian troops. It was only two miles. If an automatic hadn't unzipped his right calf, he'd be there now.

Dodging, hobbling in the high grass, he'd put a quarter, maybe a half mile between himself and the enemy before stopping to twist on a tourniquet, then collapse. None of the others had gotten that far.

Both pilots were incinerated on impact, Basambi, Gizinga — and Bantam fell away with the aft section, leaving only Trace and the Irishman — Clements — to jump out just as the main body twisted into the earth. Dazed, Clements ran the wrong way — into a lead monsoon.

Trace wished now that, when he resigned-from-the-U-S-Rangers-to become a mercenary, he'd taken the advice of other mercenaries and changed citizenship. "A captured French or German, or even British soldier of fortune would likely be executed at worst, or, if he played the game right, whisked off to prison for several years, then released worse for wear but alive.

But, a Yank was different. He was propaganda. There'd be humiliating parades through the streets of Luanda, torture to the breaking point, then the televised confession of a heinous war criminal. When he ceased to be a propaganda plus, worse fortune awaited.

"Not me," Trace groaned, gripping the twin-barreled Colt laying across his hips as pain bolted up one side of his leg, thundered down the other. Maybe it was time to use

one of the syringes in the med pack tucked away in his thigh pocket. But, no, he decided. Better to face this without the padding of painkillers.

Sweatsoaked, feeling like he was in a fired-up kiln, the irony of an Idaho boy growing up to die in this equatorial African grassland wasn't lost to him. Not that he apologized-for-his-profession. It was the enemy who was the oc-

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## ANOTHER CHRISTMAS:

Little Tracy's heart was pounding; pounding in his chest, pounding in his head. Breathless, he flipped off the box top fully expecting to cry out in delight. Instead, staring dully at the novice chemist's set, it was all he could do not to bowl.

"His" spirit—shriveling. Tracy darted to the armoire. Surely his mom would see the disappointment carved into his face, and he didn't want that. She'd meant well. But, why would a mother spend money on packaged boredom when footballs were available, and boxing gloves and model guns?

Screwing up his courage, he twisted to look over one shoulder, grinned at half pressure and said, "Thanks, Mom."

The way she smiled back, he could tell she was unsurprised by his subdued reaction. "Give it time," she prodded gently. "Read the directions while I fix breakfast. Then, if you need help, maybe I can lend a hand."

Plucking the booklet out, he sat back, folded his legs and began reading. There was no thrill—that had died—yet, one sentence led his mind to another; one page to the next while tendrils of curiosity lowered a net—over his youthful mind.

## A DIFFERENT FUTURE:

The young woman had lied her way into his private office posing as the technician. He'd told her the truth about being a freelance writer and broke the news to him. Afterward, Tracy leaned on his desk, stared vacantly at nothing in particular, and waited patiently for his office manager to peek in and confirm the news.

She did. Then, before closing the door, she scanned the youthful writer with the flat and unsmiling eyes of a scorpion. About physics, Jolene knew nothing. About commanding an office, she was Captain Allah. And Allah had just been burned by this young snip.

Tracy stepped to the window and fingered back one edge of the curtain. They were already gathering the reporters—and additional security guards had showed up this side of the wire gate. "So you're here to, ah, scoop is what you call it?"

"Tossing back a mane of lacy hair, she snuggled.

"That's pretty much it, Doctor."  
"Well, you bring me such good news, why not. Besides," he congratulated, bursting into a smile, "you did something nobody's ever been able to do before. I even find myself standing at attention around Jolene sometimes." At that, they shared a laugh. He directed her to a chair beside his plain, metal desk.

"Doctor," she asked, excitement dancing across her face. "What's it like... I mean, being the greatest scientist in history?" Tracy guffawed, directed his eyes to a two by three print affixed to the wall. Gazing reverently at the dark, striking face that stared back, he answered, "You'd have to

ask him that question. If he were still alive, I mean."

Twisting about, the writer scanned it without understanding. Finally, at the bottom, she read, "Here on Earth I have done my job." A. Einstein.

"But, sir, he spent his lifetime trying to solve the Unified Field Theory and failed. And, here you are, only six years older than me—and you've solved it and won the..."

Tracy froze her with the wave of a hand. "Like us, the master was in his 20s when he wrote both the Theory of Special Relativity and Theory of General Relativity. You see him in print at 29. He'd already enlightened the world of science. That, of course, was long before he became a rumped grandfather figure to the rest of the world.

"And, as for falling, No, friend, the foundation of my work was built by him. I merely came into the picture at a fortuitous time and place with the honor of completing his search for the unification of cosmic forces." Scratching at his temple, Tracy continued the lecture. "The master often said that science does not play dice with the universe. Now we know that God does not. There is order."

Waiting for the writer's pen to rest, Tracy added, "For my thesis,

I built upon the work of thousands of scientists and researchers who, in turn, built upon the master's theories. Consider this: Where would my theory be if not for results we witness in the bubble chambers of our modern particle accelerators? And of the accomplishments of Weinberg, Salam and Glashow who also used Einstein's theories in their work? Why, my friend, if the gauge hypothesis is taken seriously...

"Excuse me, Doctor, but, can we start at the beginning?"

"Why, certainly. Of nature's four forces, Let's begin with the Weak Force..."

"Alrrrrg!"

"Beg pardon?"

"Excuse my outburst, Doctor. You see, I'm not a science writer. My angle is human interest and, honestly, I don't know a Vector Boson from a bo's mate. And, even considering the human interest angle, I'm seeking something new. I mean, since you published your theory three years ago, a lot has been written about you. You

entered the academic world at 14, came here to Fermilab at 19—Everybody knows that. But, now that you've just been named the Nobel recipient for physics, the world will want to know more. I mean, where did it all begin? Even you couldn't have been just born with a head full of knowledge."

"Good heavens, no!" he laughed. "Well, let's see. You'd have to say—the beginning was at home in Idaho—Christmas morning."

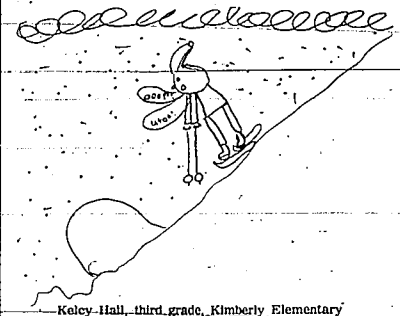
Terry Rieh Hartley is a native of Twin Falls who says the desire to write professionally has nagged him since he was 19 and entered the works of novelist Robert Ruark. In less than two years, he has sold five fiction pieces—mostly "touristic"—including "Orion's Child," "Paradise" and "Far Frontiers." He lives with his wife, Shirley, in Twin Falls, is belly-deep in a novel and writes short stories when his mind nags him to it.



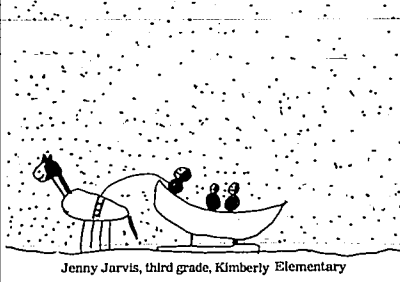
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# A Shoshone Christmas

## An Immigrant Begins New Life In a New Land

By JANE NE BUCKWAY

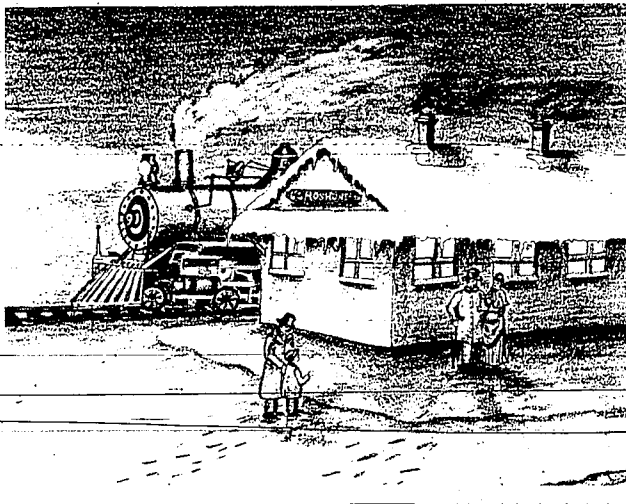
I had been many weeks since Anders had seen his home. Standing on the railroad platform, his coat pulled tight against the biting wind, Malmo seemed far away indeed. He wondered if he would ever be able to say the Indian word "Shoshone" that was the name of his adopted home, or come to like the smells of this new world and its funny bushes.

How did a Swedish boy whose family had lived in the same house for generations find himself a foreigner on an endless, treeless prairie on Christmas Eve, looking for lodging in what his friends would laugh to call a town? He wondered in silent melancholy.

Anders looked with dismay at the rough board shacks, some with canvas tentlike coverings that flapped in the persistent wind. He made his way through the muddy street to a ramshackle building grandly wearing a sign "Spencer Hotel," but was told by a coarsely dressed man at the door that the eating hall was full and "a grandly dressed lad like yer self would do good to try the Dewey House at the tuther end of the street."

Back on the street, Anders was startled and terrified as the sound of gun fire erupted in the building marked "Pink's Saloon." He had learned about American saloons on the train from Kansas City and in Ogden, Utah; he had been warned to take care of the "ruffians" in Shoshone and to stay away from "Pink's." He pulled his coat closer, bent his head to the wind and walked quickly away in the closing darkness.

The passage across the ocean had been long and dreary, but Anders was a seaman's son and the descendant of proud Vikings. He had come to enjoy the tossing of the ship and to look forward with



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anticipation to America; the paradise where every man could work his way to riches.

From New York City to the Mississippi River, he had seen such things as a young man could never even imagine. The tall buildings, vast open land and the great-flowing, muddy water he thought was too big to really just be a river. As he saw the snow-bound rocky peaks that reminded him of home, his excitement grew. But he had been lonely too, and it helped to remember Mama's warm kitchen and the smell of supper cooking. Here on this dismal street with no friendly face to greet him, how he longed to be in Mama's kitchen warming his feet by the stove even while he ate fresh brown bread and herring.

He had come to America, to this vast land called Idaho to make a

new life, and he hoped the tears in his eyes were caused by the stinging of the wind.

The Dewey House was a solid looking building, and the lighted windows cheered him. At the desk, he told the motherly-looking lady he needed a place to stay, trying not to sound too out of place with his thick Swedish accent.

"We're pretty full," she told him, but seeing his desperate look, added "we'll find a corner I guess. Pull a chair up to that far table and we'll get you some supper."

Gratefully, he eased his knives under a table and shook off his coat. For a time, the sea of faces and noise of the room were just a blur as his mind traveled the miles home again. Home where the snow falls gently from a friendly sky, dusting stately fir trees with fresh white. Home, where church bells

peal through the clear frosty air on Christmas Eve and little boys huddled in a down comforter, tell each other of the surprises Kris Kringle will leave at bedtime.

His thoughts were interrupted by a burly man with an unkempt beard asking if he could share Anders' table. Anders had never heard such strange speech.

He speaks English even worse than I do, Anders thought as he motioned the man to take a chair.

The two strangers laughed as they struggled to understand each other's deeply accented English, but Anders soon realized the man was asking if he had a job or would he like to help with some sheep after dinner tomorrow.

Suddenly, Anders heard the sound of a single church bell ringing. He and his new friend stepped outside to listen to a familiar Christmas song plaintively clinging through unlighted streets. For

Jerry Cowley, who did the drawing on the left, has been a Shoshone resident for seven years. She works at the College of Southern Idaho Library and does some writing and photography for the Lincoln County Journal. A native Idahoan, she lives in Shoshone with her husband, Ervin, and three children. She started painting about 11 years ago and normally works in oils.



a moment, allows quiet and a few stars blinked a belated welcome.

A coyote howled at the edge of town, sending a shiver down Anders' spine. The train whistle blew as the steam engine chugged out of town, and Anders felt a knot of fear and homesickness growing inside.

His new acquaintance took his arm and together they went back to supper.

Warm, on a pallet by the fire, Anders drifted off to sleep knowing that Christmas Day would bring a new life in a new land, and he looked forward to the adventure.

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Anders is a fictional character and his experiences are based on the general historic conditions in Shoshone in the late 1880s.

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# Presence and Presents

## A True Story

By BRV STONE

Christmas is presence and presents — the presence of loved ones and friends exchanging presents to celebrate Christmas's birthday and a time when it's "more blessed to give than to receive."

Many years ago, a transplanted farm family learned this meaning of Christmas.

One day they were living on the farm, and the next, alone in a city. The young mother had been forced to move her four children, two girls and two boys, to Twin Falls to begin a new life in a veteran's housing development. She scraped up the \$50 down payment and moved into a neighborhood of about a dozen families, all arriving within a few weeks after construction of the homes had been completed.

What a new world it was. The neighbors lived within a few feet instead of a half a mile away. There were so many people all coming and going, hurrying to who knows where. And the noise. Gone was the sound of the wind whispering through the trees. There were no trees at their new home.

Cars were everywhere — they saw more cars in a day than had passed by the farm-in-memories.

The school was terrifying to two small girls used to a country school. Why, there were as many students in one room as they'd had in the whole Cedar Grove school. Everything was alien. Even the plumbing. They'd had no indoor plumbing on the farm. Their mama had a hard time convincing two little boys, 2 and 4 years old, that they wouldn't be sucked into the toilet every time the handle was pulled. It was months before they would flush it without tearing out of the bathroom.

Mama was the only single parent in the neighborhood, a fact that increased her natural resilience. Add to that a lack of education, and you begin to understand why she felt she was not as "good" as everyone else.

But she did know how to work, and she was endowed with that pioneer spirit and determination needed to carry on. She earned a living cleaning neighbors' houses, scrubbing their floor, baby sitting their children and taking in ironing. The neighbors were aware of her situation and admired her courage, though she was so shy and backward it was difficult to converse.

As Christmas approached, it was clear there was no money for presents. Not even for a tree. And no special dinner. They would eat the same meat they'd eaten every day for months: green beans, boiled potatoes and homemade bread. "Thank heaven for the garden, or they wouldn't even have that."

Mama sewed all their clothing from family hand-me-downs, altered it, fit, and flour sacks, but there was nothing available to sew for Christmas.

Two days before Christmas, an uncle brought a Christmas tree, much to the children's delight. They had accepted their mother's explanation of no presents, but the tree made it easier.

They adorned it with popcorn and cranberry strings, and cranberry "men"; they made that every day when the children living across the street brought over popcorn and cranberries, and stayed to help make the decorations. It became a special tree. But there were still no presents.

The children wrote letters to Santa Claus hoping he would be able to find their new home.



Mailing a letter to Santa

And wonder of wonders, when they awoke Christmas morning, there was a present-for-each-one under the tree. And there, wrapped in red cellophane, was a small wooden wheelbarrow, full of oranges, apples and nuts. Things the children hadn't eaten for a long time. Even the oldest child was now certain there was a Santa Claus. Not one child realized the toys and dolls bore a strong resemblance to the ones their friends used to have.

As they were marveling over their gifts, there was a knock at the door. It was a neighbor with half a turkey and oyster stuffing. She said it was too much food for just the two of them. Would Mama take it so it wouldn't go to waste? It would be such a favor.

Of course she would. A few minutes later, another knock, and some "extra" salad from another neighbor. Then came cookies, candy, and all sorts of "extra goodies." Enough for several meals, all well-planned by the entire neighborhood.

That "worst" Christmas became the "best," full of presence and presents, still fresh

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in memory. The following year, the little red wheelbarrow was passed to the house next door. A new family had moved into the neighborhood. The father was out of work. They would have no Christmas . . .

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By WILLIAM STUDEBAKER

When they laid the track through the high desert they did not know where this town would grow. But like a bill-thistle it sprang up in a little good dirt just north of nowhere. Its Main Street, cut in half by the train track formed the only two streets in town.

Here dad strode into manhood staggered from Main to Main sometimes taking years if he caught a train on his way through the middle of town.

Whenever he came back he would jump off the west side of the track land on his feet, headed the way he had been going.

he still staggers from Main to Main wondering what he will do: time is what the train carries.

Change is what the Main streets never made, and so few people have died in this town they have lost the key to the graveyard gate.

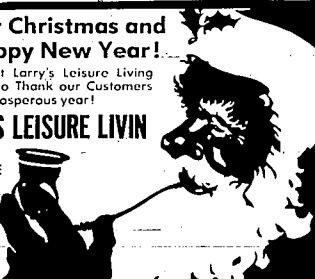
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## A Christmas Hazing

By TERRY RICH HARTLEY

Christmas Eve began normal enough, the wife's cowed figure leaning sharply into an icy wind as she snowshoves off to her night's labor — with "Dusk" to "Dawn Janitorial Service. I spent an hour drawing up papers of foreclosure on Wrinkle Haven, a nursing home that had missed one payment on the escrow I held. Then, just for amusement, I wrote one check after another to the starving children in Ethiopia, howling in merriment as I shredded each.

A good evening, all in all. My mail-order, portable post-hole business was humming along, not to mention the 100-acre tract of bench-front property I'd recently sold to an Easterer. The tract was two miles south of Shoshone.

Of course, business means work — even on Christmas Eve. Why, it took me several hours to sort the lucre I'd been storing in bushel baskets, the \$10s from the \$20s, the \$20s from the \$50s. I then piled the bundles in equal amounts in six paper bags and cached them under a floorboard in my office.

Gads! So intent on labor was that I'd ignored the churning beneath my ribs. Calling to town, I ordered an emperor-size, anchovie, pepperoni, Canadian bacon, sausage and kraut pizza.

Told the fellow to deliver it to the Phlogin N. Skinnum residence north of the city.

"Kraut, Mr. Skinnum?"

"Indeed, kraut and lots of it."

"One problem, sir."

"Out with it."

"We don't deliver to the country. You know, snow drifts and all. And it'll be closing time before we can get it cooked, anyhow."

"Tip big."

"I'll bring it myself, sir."

He was a fine young man — an ex Boy Scout, I think — because after I'd paid for the pizza and given him a quarter to boot, he executed a snappy one-finger salute. Or, is that Cub Scouts?

Rising the nourishment down with a liter of port — November vintage — I dopped into bed, munching mixed nuts while rereading favorite passages from Mein Kampf, then slipped innocently into the gentle harbor of sleep.

But, alas! I'd barely drifted off when such a terrible cacophony set the house a rattlin'. Bounding from my bed, the drawingstring on my pajamas snapped and my ankle wrenched horribly. Grasping the loose britches, I hobbled down the hallway and into the living room before discovering the din was from the den.

Tracking, listening, an orgasmic silver consumed me as two on my collar. A face drew near. It was pasty and dead looking; certainly lacking signs of basic human intellect.

"I'm no wimp," Walter Mondale whimpered.

"W... Well, I never said..."

"I don't favor special interest groups."

"Oh, of course not."

"What do you do?" he quizzed.

"Sir?"

"For a living, I mean."

"I'm, uh, a salesman of sorts."

"Well, isn't that a coincidence..." he said, breaking into one of those smiles owned by TV preachers.

"When elected in '88, my a-salesman-of-... or what did you say?"

"Sorts, sir..."

"Yes, a salesman of sorts, sir..."

"I see," said I, relieved, honored and feeling certain he'd cornered my vote. Just then, Circe, my female doberman, strutted from her bedroom to sniff the man's cuff. Faster than you can say "pander," Eritz dropped to all fours and swore to name a "rhymes with witch" to the United Nations.

"Wait," I tried to correct. "That's somebody else's line." But, too late. He'd already scampered over to the cuckoo clock, announcing that only wooden birds would fill his cabinet pastime.

Terribly tuckered, I moped into the den just as Jerry Ford stumbled across the spacious room, slammed his head into the wall, recoiled and overturned my favorite bookcase. "No, er, Lyndon," I heard from the fight. Looking down, Jack Kennedy was sit-

ting in my Ottoman with Dick Nixon, Lyndon Johnson hunkered in a wicker chair directly in front of them. "It contradicts protocol to send that 'McGovern fella,' as you call him, a chin for Christmas," Kennedy finished.

Very deep in thought, LBJ leaned his head far back. Then, when he saw me he bristled into a pleased, grandfatherly smile and lipped his flowered shirt to his chin. "Wanna see my gallbladder scar?"

"Quit acting like a pig, Lyndon," Kennedy admonished.

A wry smile distorting his face, Nixon chortled. "Pigs, Jack? Is that as in bay of, or a reference to the White House hot tub during your administration?"

"Er, ah, now keep Cuber and, er..."

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# Memories

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— both have a tremendously high quality of life, a landscape of crime-free small towns and modest cities, clean air and water. In both Maine and Idaho, people know these things and instinctively say little about them for fear of opening up their communities to dramatic change.

Go sit, if you will, in a cafe in Carey, or Buhl, or Shoshone and listen to the conversations around you, the weather-shaped language of earth, soil, wind and water.

Then do the same in the Maine lumbering town of Lincoln, or the potato community of Presque Isle, the village of Damascus, La., and though the subjects may vary, you will hear the same speech.

For Christmas, I let my mind take winding Route 1 from Kittery, up the coast, through Freeport and Wiscasset and Rockport, and Belfast, and come to a small community into which Main Street carries me past colonized homes and the few remaining trees which Dutch Elm disease has spared; past an aging post office from the WPA era, and a statue of a green-bronze soldier of the Grand Army of the Republic muscled over his musket as he has on that town green since the Civil War.

A great difference between Maine and Idaho is history. In the one, much is determined by the past; by who your parents are, the land they own, their standing in the community. Class separates people.

There is less of this in Idaho and that is a plus. A young person, with drive energy and a bit of luck, can come to a community like Twin Falls or Ketchum or Boise, and stand a far greater chance of success. The weight of history is simply less.

We are concerned here more with possibility and opportunity than with restrictions and limitations. It is in the economic structure, in the individualism of the people, in the cultural air of the West as a region. In a sense, Maine is settled, established—a state whose character is set and determined. Despite formal statehood, Idaho seems more territory, still unformed and evolving.

There is hidden sadness in most of our lives into which Christmas cuts, reopening whatever memory

there is of it.

A childhood pet, long dead. A family member, deceased or lost, drifting somewhere in humanity's career, diverted by health, circumstance or just by lack of drive. Growing up is being able to look squarely at the past and leave it be. We each have immutable roles for life. For what they are worth, here are some door-people I know have tried to teach:

• Live by what is true as best as you can know it. Show compassion, but do not bow to charlatans or despots.

• Today is all we have. Tomorrow is unknown. Respect the past, but do not wallow in what might have been.

• Childhood passes quickly and must be both preserved and outgrown. Each of us must learn for ourselves how to do both.

A writer and editor lives by words and ideas. The great power of a free press is not in the words themselves, but in the power of what is written to persuade and convince.

At the corner by the post office, I turn down a shallow hill along a maple-lined street. A mile or so from town, the road straightens and the forest begins to close in.

As a Westerner now, returning to that closeness is unsettling. The eye gets used to spanning prairie and mountain.

The foliage presses in as if by some invisible weight. Here only a few days, I miss the mountains, plains and dry desert.

That is true even when I leave the house and tramp through the forest of white pine, cat spruce and tamarack, through overgrown fields and past cedar swamps, to the wooded hillside from which we have taken a balsam fir for Christmas in years past.

The forest pulls back as I walk through it, then closes in behind. On a distant birch, the hammering of a downy woodpecker rap-raps in the morning's crispness. A crow with the voice of a raspy hinge calls out to test the forest's vastness.

In the know, a mouse leaves a leaping track, abruptly ended by wing marks in the snow and a tuft of gray fur. On snowy wing, an owl has swept by and is gone with its prey.

The experience of America has been our relationship with the land that was constant which was simply there through most of three centuries, and which still calls us to wild places, whether Maine or Idaho.

That confrontation has given us character, drive, energy; it has purified our lives by forcing us to live at elemental levels, for things essential and unbroken.

That is why the linkage of Christmas to rural countryside in the mind is a natural one. Both are of a world somehow purer, cleaner, uncluttered.

A child is often a joyous gift, a reaffirmation of the life that is what we celebrated in the intertwined stories of St. Nicholas and the Christ child, and what comes through in the magisterial hymns

and carols we all remember from our childhoods.

That is also what many of us gain from a peaceful walk in the forest or mountain and it is why the natural world has such appeal.

We instinctively approach a fence line to pet a nearby horse. Walking in a field, we automatically reach down to pull up a few strands of tufted, blowing grass. And we lift a child or tossie his hair by the same compulsion.

Even in the largest, busiest cities, the human spirit demands places of rest and solitude. A worn, wooded slatted bench in a city park. A bike path around a lake. A deserted sidewalk on Sunday morning. A quiet corner of a library. A booth in an all-night cafe.

We go into such settings for the health of our bodies, but mostly for that of our souls.

Christmas in the country speaks to the same impulse.

...This Christmas, because I cannot be there in person; I do-want-sons-and-daughters-do-everywhere-across this enormous continent at

this time of year.

I close my eyes for a few private moments and let my mind recede on some black New England highway.

As if by magic, I am turning the car into the gravel driveway in the front of a yellow house set in the

pinet and spruces. I open a door next to which has been hung a huge spray of cedar boughs, wrapped in a festive ribbon.

And there, though I cannot remain for more than a few days, I step into the enveloping embrace of my history.

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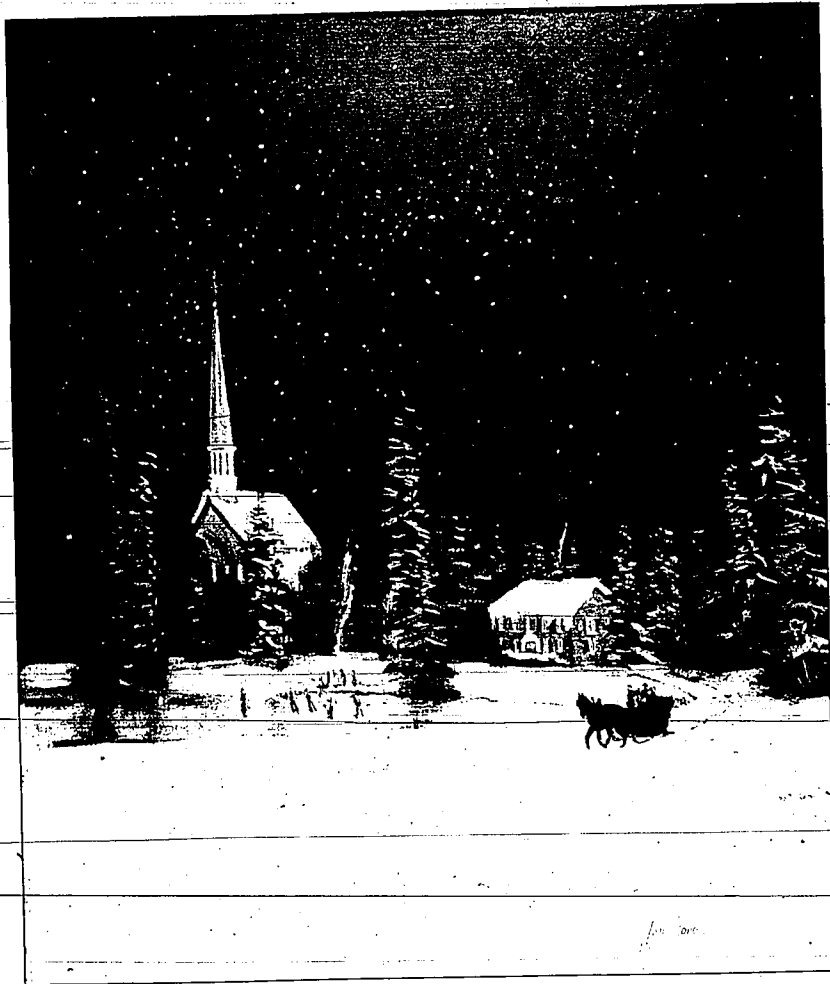
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## Winter Scenes

Artist evokes a Christmas mood

John Horejs, who painted these wintry scenes with a Christmassy feeling, has been a full time professional artist since 1979. Owner of a studio and art gallery in Burley, he became in-



terested in art and was impressed by the world's artistic masterpieces while living in France for two years. His painting style reflects an influence of the Impressionists.

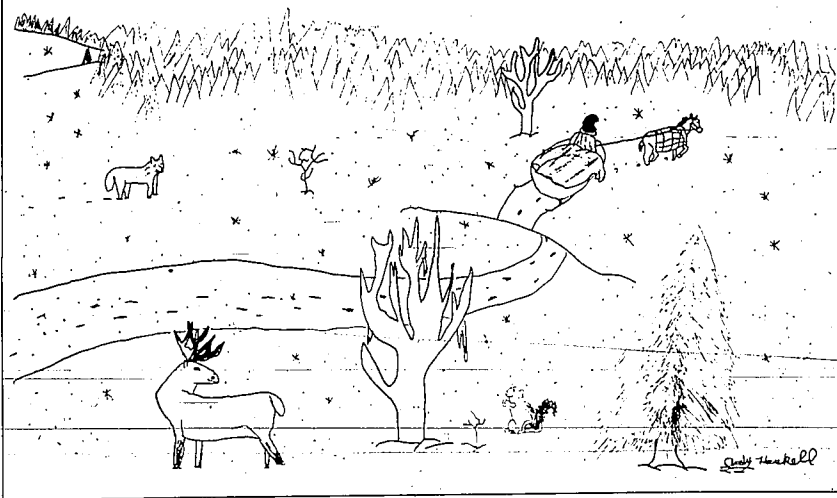
During a tour of Mainland China in October of 1983, Gov. John Evans presented a John Horejs oil to a top Chinese government official. And this past fall, the governor presented Idaho landscapes to officials in several Latin

American countries.

Horejs' work has been exhibited in national juried shows, including the 1983 Springville, Utah, Museum of Art National April Salon, and he has taken best of show honors in exhibits in Idaho and Seattle, Wash.

In addition to his Burley gallery, his work can be found in galleries in Boise, Portland, Ore.; Seattle, Wash.; and Park City, Utah.

## Coming Home for CHRISTMAS



### A White Christmas

Andy Haskell, who did the scene "going home for Christmas," shown on the left, was just one of a number of Kimberly Elementary students who submitted drawings for this special Christmas edition. The students drew mostly winter scenes, with Christmas trees and animals; as the most popular topic for their paintings. Although each of the art works had its own special uniqueness, Andy's drawing features a fresh approach to a familiar holiday scene, and so was singled out to be featured. Several other Kimberly student's art work can be seen on Page 17.

## Hazing

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alleged womanizing out of this, Dick. There's been a lot of water under the gate since those days. Then, the skin crinkling around his clear blue eyes, "You or, still peeved over the '60 vote?"

"Let me say this about that," Nixon growled, his jaws quivering as he stabbed a finger into JFK's airspace. "All those dead people voting in Chicago -- How'd your daddy get cadavers to register Democrat, anyhow? I mean, that's just plain venal."

"Venal, Dick?" Kennedy leaned down and picked up my dictionary from the pile of Jerry's graceful destruction. "Er, ve-n-a-l. Here it is, accompanied by Tip O'Neill's photo."

"They removed mine?" Johnson wheezed.

"Heavy heart and all," quipped Kennedy. "Oh, man, what a heavy heart," wept a voice from the corner behind the door. "When man was heavy and all our days was filled with malaise, ah, call Momma and crawl so hard."

Gazing toward the maudlin voice, I could see nothing but a glare -- I think from tooth enamel. But Jimmy couldn't utter another word because just then the door slammed back and Barbara Walters strutted into the room. Wow! Every atom in her body lipsped.

Now I was really in awe -- and I wanted to tell her so, but Ford, who had become hopelessly entangled in a lamp cord, rolled about on the floor forcing me to skip over him. Coming down on my

**But, alas! I'd barely drifted off when such a terrible cacaphony set the house a rattlin'. Bounding from my bed, the drawstring on my pajamas snapped and my ankle wrenched. . .**

bad ankle, I toppled forward against the portabar, caught myself and raised upright to stare directly into the eyes of our nation's leader. Husband Ron stood beside her.

Pained deeply by the injury and inflamed digestive system, and confused, I leaned across the bar. "Uh, Mr. President, I wonder if you could help me?"

"Well," he answered, looking down at his shoe laces.

After an inordinate pause, I quizzed, "Uh, Mr. President, about my question?"

"Well," he again answered. I glanced to Nancy for help, then watched as she leaned against the old fella and slipped her hand up the back of his suitcoat. Suddenly, his head snapped up and he freed. "Doing all we can."

"Th . . . Thank you, sir," I offered, eyes shuttling between her and Nancy, trying to understand why everytime her arm moved, he'd nod. Then, wanting to get back to a "real star," I turned for Barbara. She was missing. So was LBJ. "Where'd they go?" I asked anyone.

Nixon, smirking like a burglar, chuckled and said, "OJ Lyndon outmaneuvered. Jack at his own

game. Jack was still blathering about Camelot when the hayseed Texan swept her off to his pickup truck for a looksee at his scar."

It wasn't hard to see, though, that Dick held a single duce against JFK's full house -- the smile and all on Kennedy's face. "They won't get far. I've ordered a quarantine on this house," he retorted.

Chagrined that anybody, even a president, could blockade my home, I spun to ask Mrs. Reagan if it was legal. But, the words never got out. Ronald's mouth was open, and out of it came, "Yes . . . well, good, ah, all you to Christmas and . . . well, at night, yes, be merry."

The withering cannonade of fractured syntax sent me reeling backward where my legs collapsed over the tangled body of Jerry Ford who was just then attempting to scale the back of LBJ's empty chair. Performing a backflip that would do Mary Lou Retton proud, I rolled through the open doorway and back into my living room. Pants around my ankles -- politicians do that to you -- I fought my way back up only to wince at the grating of fingernails on a chalkboard, punctuated by a startling cackling. I own neither

chalkboard nor fowl.

Then I saw them, Geraldine and George. She was lecturing him about why George should let her husband administer his blind trust. And, George? Oh, he was flapping his arms so hard that his feet hovered a full foot off the carpet while he caved an ode to Reagan. This with his lips puckered.

Fritz was in the center of the room, slithering through five, six inches of horse manure and blowing promises of minorly participation to my wife's two Chinese figurines.

It was then that the true horror struck me. If, in the den, were presidents of Christmas past and present, then somebody out here must be -- Not. Not wimpy, or brassy or flighty! But, things worsened. My eyes followed the trail of recycled hay until they froze upon a very dark horse. Seated upon it was a shining night, lance dripping in red ink. Clutching the reins firmly in one hand, Ted gave me a smile that could suck a vote right out from under your hat.

Terrified, I backed along the wall until coming to the safety of

my office. Bolting the door, sweating, I turned to yet another amazing sight. The money bags I'd cached under the floor were right there on top of my desk. "Great gods of gastroenteritis!" I belched.

It was all clear. A power was guiding me to do right or there'd be a return of these visitors. How much Jerry Ford could my furniture withstand?

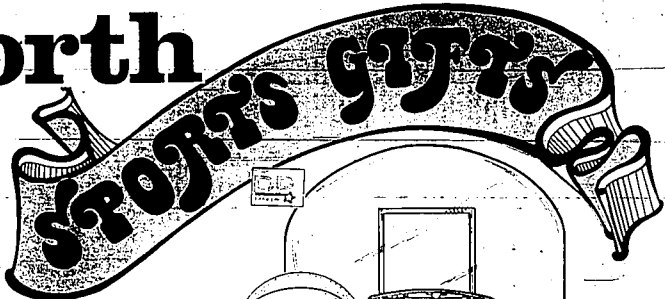
Hobbling to the desk, I frantically set out to make things right. I Ethiopia. I'd buy them fishing poles so they could feed themselves. A second bag, I earmarked for my wife. She'd get a modern woodburner to cook on, a spanking new washboard and a pair of cross-country skis to replace those worn-out snowshoes.

Two of the bags went back under the floor for business investments -- you can't sell portable pest holes forever. But it was the last two that were the most important -- A real deed to our country. They'd start a Jeanne Kirkpatrick for president fund. It's time, thought I, we put a real man in the White House.

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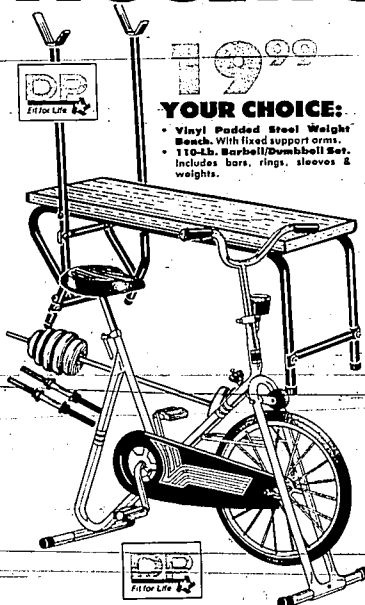
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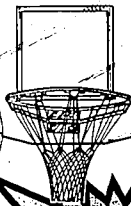
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