

Southern Idaho: people of the land

It is a highly homogenized society, populated by persons residing in or near communities and population centers that are quite small by national standards and separated by vast expanses of land.

The land, both highly productive and visually intimidating, supports an agricultural economy that seems to successfully ignore the realities of scarce water as they have been experienced elsewhere in the arid, inland, western United States.

By RICK SHAUGHNESSY Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Those are one

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outsider's observations of Idaho's Magic Valley — the name often used to refer to eight counties of south-central Idaho.

The outsider, Joel Garreau, is an editor at the Washington Post and the author of the book "The Nine Nations of North America." He was in Twin Falls in 1982 as the featured speaker at the Snake River Symposium, talking about the environmental, social and cultural bonds that create and distinguish regional identities in America.

The 1980 census and other studies confirm Garreau's observations that

The series... To compare the Magic Valley to other regions... The Magic Valley is in many ways more akin to America's Midwest...

cultural heartland than to the rest of the Intermountain West.

There are approximately 133,000 people in the eight counties, and there is considerable diversity among us.

But despite the differences, it would be difficult to find a population of this size anywhere in the United States, that is more homogeneous. In many ways, we are more like our neighbors than different from them.

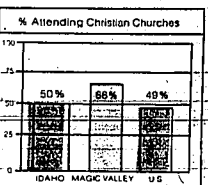
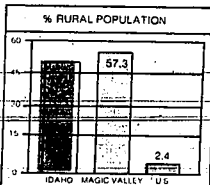
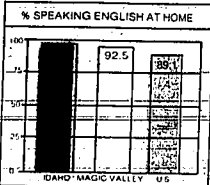
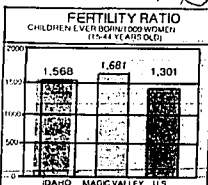
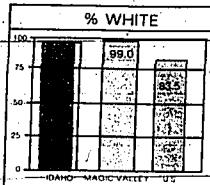
Consider the following statistics and traits:

Race — The eight counties are 99 percent white. The largest ethnic group is Hispanic. There are few blacks or Orientals.

Religion. Of those residents who go to church, the vast majority are Christian. There is no Jewish synagogue anywhere in the valley, nor a formal place of worship for any non-Christian religion.

Family. People in the eight counties have large families. The fertility ratio is nearly a third higher than for the United States as a whole.

Rural. The valley is heavily agricultural and rural. Nearly 60 percent of the population lives in places of fewer than 2,500 persons.



Magic Valley residents' character can be seen in part through comparisons to other regions

Hispanics, Basques, Czechs and Laotians all have established communities here, and many of these groups, in addition, maintain their cultural traditions.

Nevertheless, the dominant demographics of the region are described by the terms white, Christian, family-oriented and rural.

There are few statistics documenting religious preference. The Census Bureau is prohibited from asking about it, and the one available study is based on statistics provided by See HERITAGE on Page A2



Two children were killed in a head-on collision between a truck and a bus carrying a half load of drilling mud about 6:45 p.m. MST Friday on the two-lane State Highway 81 just south of Devers in southeast Texas near Houston.

Marines mark holiday

Syrians vow to fight U.S.

By HUGH POPE United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — A top Syrian official warned Saturday that Damascus would call in Soviet troops and "fight fiercely" if there is an escalation of clashes with the United States in Lebanon.

In the Shouf mountains overlooking Beirut, Syrian militiamen fired 120mm artillery rocket-propelled grenade and tank fire at various Lebanese army positions, state-run Beirut radio said.

"The cease-fire committee stopped the limited breach of the cease-fire," the radio said.

A suspected car bomb caused short-lived concern at the U.S. Marine base near Beirut Airport on Christmas Eve when an explosives-sniffing dog pointed out a 1966 Chrysler Imperial, which had been parked near the base for a long time.

Marines turned the car over to Lebanese officials, said Marine spokesman Capt. Wayne Jones. But Lebanese security officials said the car did not contain a bomb.

Peugeot, the Lebanese state-run news agency said.

The agency said initial reports indicated the car, which had been rigged to explode, went off prematurely, killing the three would-be bombers.

Meanwhile, Lt. Richard Gardner and his Marine buddies celebrated Christmas in Beirut a day early Saturday, chowing down on turkey and fruitcake but thinking mostly of loved ones back home in America.

"Who wouldn't want to be home at Christmas?" said Gardner, 27, of Winter Park, Fla.

From the United States came thousands of "Dear Mating" letters and tons of sweets, which he said boosted morale and eased the loneliness felt by 1,200 Marines posted around Beirut Airport.

Many of the Marines were flown out to ships offshore for a Bob Hope Christmas extravaganza, featuring a cavalcade of American entertainers.

"It's just unbelievable what people have done for us," said Gardner, cradling an M-16 automatic rifle at his post between a runway and the nearby Mediterranean Sea.

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Families alter holiday plans

Winter storm closes roads

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS — The holiday travel plans of many Magic Valley families were abandoned Saturday, as the predicted winter storm moved in on schedule, blocking roads and bringing most traffic to a halt.

Hundreds of inquiries about road conditions to police agencies generally were answered with "travel at your own risk and only if absolutely necessary."

"We can't tell people they have to stay home, but we wish they would," said one deputy sheriff in Twin Falls County.

Police dispatchers were swamped with calls about road conditions. The Idaho State Police office in Twin Falls had received 185 calls before 10 a.m.

Several major highways were closed and nearly all county roads were blocked by drifts. Even one Twin Falls street, Locust North, was reported blocked by noon Saturday.

Twin Falls County Highway District officials said all north-south roads were closed.

Revival bus strikes truck head-on

DEVERS, Texas (UPI) — A teenager who survived a head-on collision between a truck and a church bus headed for a Christmas revival said Saturday the accident that killed nine people happened so fast he woke up only to see bodies scattered everywhere.

"I was looking to the back of the bus and I heard his lady shout 'On top.' I looked around and saw a big 18-wheeler coming straight into us," said Donald W. Davis Jr., 17, whose father, the Rev. Donald Wade Davis, 47, of Beaumont and his brother, Kevin, 10, were among those killed in the grinding collision Friday night.

"The next thing I knew when I woke up, I was lying in the middle of the road."

The bus collided with an 18-wheel oil field vacuum truck carrying a half load of drilling mud about 6:45 p.m. MST Friday on the two-lane State Highway 81 just south of Devers in southeast Texas near Houston.

DPS spokesman Larry Todd said the truck was northbound and the bus southbound, but there is not yet any determination who was on the "wrong" side of the road.

"There was some mist on the highway and it might have contributed to the accident," he said. "But there was no ice or snow on the road."

The Texas Department of Public Safety said seven people died at the scene and two later at nearby hospitals.

Reagan challenges Soviets

By HELEN THOMAS UPI White House Reporter

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan challenged the Soviets to return to arms talks, saying, "If the Soviet government wants peace, there will be no war." And he said renewed PLO-Egyptian ties may revive his Middle East peace plan.

Reagan, in a wide-ranging year-end interview Friday, said there is "a good chance" the renewed ties between the Palestine Liberation Organization and Egypt may breathe new life into his stalemated 1982 Middle East peace plan.

Reagan, "optimistic" about chances for peace in the Middle East, said he now believes his peace plan can go forward without a final settlement of the Lebanese conflict.

Reagan rejected Israel's denunciation of Thursday's meeting between PLO chief Yasser Arafat and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, and also denied the new U.S.-Israeli military cooperation agreement represents a "conspiracy."



RONALD REAGAN Gives year-end views

believe they will be back." "The ball is really in their court. If they want peace they can have it," Reagan said.

Asked to reflect on the year, Reagan said, "Well, I think there are always things that you'll think you did wrong, but I think basically, we have continued on the path we set in 1981."

Reagan said progress has been made in economic recovery and world affairs this year, and expressed hope that "we would be far more advanced toward peace, and toward a reduction of nuclear weapons" in 1984.

"All in all, I think there has been progress. But it is a foundation laid for more progress," he said.

Reagan declined comment on the Pentagon investigation of the Oct. 23 suicide bombing of the Marine headquarters in Beirut that killed 241 servicemen, saying he had not yet seen the report. But he indicated he is willing to take some of the blame.

# Briefly

## Dying youth becomes officer

**— GLENDALE HEIGHTS, Ill. (UPI)** — Eight-year-old Chuck Haney, who is dying from a hereditary disease, will receive his Christmas wish to be sworn in as a police officer today.

— Chuck suffers from adrenoleukodystrophy, a rare disease that currently affects about 250 people in the world, said Dr. Hugh Moser, director of the Kennedy Institute in Baltimore.

— "He will go blind, deaf, paraplegic and then into a coma. The sad thing is he will retain his intelligence all the way up to a coma. He's above average intelligence," the boy's father, Barry Haney, said Friday.

— Chuck was to be sworn in as a Glendale Heights police officer by the commissioner and police chief at the 7 a.m. roll call today. He will be assigned a partner, Officer Paul Sorice, a family friend.

## Baby-bottle nipples questioned

**— WASHINGTON (UPI)** — The Food and Drug Administration is taking steps to reduce levels of a cancer-causing substance found in baby-bottle nipples and pacifiers made of rubber — but consumers can take some steps themselves.

— "We're telling consumers they should not be overly concerned because there is negligible risk," FDA spokesman Jim Greene said. "But if they want more protection they can simply boil the nipples and pacifiers five or six times before use, changing the water after each boiling."

— He explained the boiling allows the substance "to migrate into the water."

## Oil spillage cost \$290 million

**— WASHINGTON (UPI)** — The world's largest oil spill, a 1978 wreck off the French coast, caused up to \$290 million in environmental damage and provides lessons for waste cleanup in the United States, a new government report concludes.

— The study of damage resulting from the wreck of the tanker Amoco Cadiz was commissioned by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to refine methods for calculating costs of future spills of oil and other hazardous substances into marine waters.

— The study, released today, says the spill was estimated to range from \$190 million to \$290 million, the agency's report found. "The largest components of the total cost were cleanup expenditures, losses to the fishing and tourism industry and the loss of the tanker and cargo."

— The economic costs from the oil spill that were considered included damage to marine resources such as oysters and fish, the tourist industry and actual cleanup costs.

— Shortly after dawn on March 16, 1978, the fully loaded

## FBI hunting for 1960s radicals

**— PORTLAND, Maine (UPI)** — FBI agents and police from Maine to New Jersey are hunting for a gang of radicals — 1960s era radicals nearing middle age who are still fighting the establishment.

— "They call themselves a political group and profess an ideology — but as far as we're concerned they're a bunch of vicious animals," said FBI spokesman Larry Gilligan.

— The members of the San Melville-Jonathan Jackson Unit — named for two dead radicals — have committed several crimes and two of them are on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list.

— Members of the brigade are accused of the 1981 slaying of a New Jersey state trooper, about a dozen bombings — including a courthouse in Boston — and many armored car and bank robberies.

## Quadruple to leave hospital

**— RIVERSIDE, Calif. (UPI)** — Elizabeth Bouvia, who is being fed intravenously against her will in a hospital, will be discharged next week but says she will remain on the sidewalk until she is readmitted, her attorneys said.

— Richard Scott, head of the legal team representing Mrs. Bouvia, said the cerebral palsy sufferer was "horrified" when Dr. Donald Fisher, head of psychiatry at Riverside General Hospital, informed her of the plan Friday.

— Mrs. Bouvia wants to starve herself to death rather than continue to live in pain and under constant care. She protested the doctor's decision, but Fisher rejected her plea until she appeals a ruling prohibiting her from starving herself to death in the hospital.

## Movie death probed in court

**— LOS ANGELES (UPI)** — A man who was standing next to director John Landis when a helicopter crashed and killed actor Vic Morrow and two children during the filming of the "Twilight Zone" testified he is "95 percent sure" Landis ordered the helicopter to fly lower.

— Elie Cohn, the movie's first assistant director, Friday completed two days of testimony involving Landis and four other defendants charged with involuntary manslaughter in the July 1982 crash.

— Cohn testified that he is "95 percent sure" he heard Landis order the helicopter to lower its rotor just seconds before special effects explosives on the ground blew the craft out of the sky and caused it to crash in a remote canyon near suburban Newhall.

# Heritage

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only by churches themselves. It doesn't count persons of a particular faith who live in an area where their denomination doesn't maintain a place of worship.

— Yet, that study tells us much about the valley. An estimated 66 percent of Magic Valley residents are church-goers. One in four valley residents is Mormon. Another 9.3 percent are Catholic.

— The valley supports a family-oriented society. Child births exceed both state and national averages, probably due in part to the greater incidence of Mormons and Hispanics in the population. Both groups tend to have higher-than-average birth rates.

— The incidence of child-bearing among Magic Valley women between 15- and 44 years of age is 7.2 percent higher than the rate for all Idaho women in that age group and 29.2 percent higher than for all women, 15 to 44 years old, in the United States, census reports show.

In his book and during his talk, Garreau dubbed the largest of the continent's regions "The Empty Quarter." In it, he placed all of Idaho, the Intermountain West, and most of Alaska and Canada. His characterization of the region by its sparse population, great mineral wealth and status as containing the continent's remaining frontier.

In many respects, the Magic Valley conforms to the characteristics of The Empty Quarter. But on much of the Snake River Plain, Garreau observed the elements of another region, the Midwest region he calls "The Breadbasket."

In most of The Empty Quarter, Garreau observed, water is restricted to one of four beneficial uses — industry, agriculture, cities or being left in a natural state, such as in a national park.

But on the Snake River Plain, he says, the use of water has been less

restricted, resulting in a society and economy that in many ways more nearly resembles the rich farmland of the mid-continent plains.

The result is less of a "boom" economy and more of a "boom" of the traits among the population, that have been popularly considered to be a part of the "American work ethic," he said.

Those population traits also represent "the presence of a social consensus" that makes the area "a rattifier of social ideas" for the country as a whole.

For any regional trend to become a part of the larger national culture, "it makes a tremendous difference whether it plays in Peoria," Garreau said.

Similarly, it makes a difference whether it will play in Twin Falls, he said.

Monday: The valley's history.

# Weather

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were considered closed and would remain that way until the wind subsided. Officials said crews were plowing only for emergencies until the weather improves.

One plow was sent south of Hansen on Saturday morning to get Idaho Power crews to an outage and to bring out an 80-year-old woman who was living alone. The plow operator said winds filled in the road almost as soon as his plow cleared the drifts.

Numerous reports of stranded vehicles and auto-offs were reported around the valley because of the severe drifting, poor visibility and snow.

A 15-vehicle mishap was reported near Mountain Home early Saturday afternoon, but no injuries had been reported. A severe ground blizzard was reported in that area and into Boise.

U.S. 93 south of Twin Falls had not been closed Saturday morning, but it was down to one-way travel in some sections. Visibility was extremely poor and heavy drifting was reported. An ISP spokesman said that Idaho

46 from Gooding to Fairfield was closed, as was Idaho 90 from Idaho 25 to U.S. 93. The highway from Buhl to Castleford was also closed before noon, as was Idaho 77 from Declo to Albion.

The state highway office in Shoshone was requesting no travel north of Shoshone, again because of drifting, poor visibility and a snow floor on the highway.

A Blaine County sheriff's deputy said it was quiet in Halley and Ketchum, usually a heavy traffic area on Christmas.

Another problem was worrying some residents of Cassia and Minidoka counties. Ice jams on the Snake River had caused the river to rise over its banks in the Burley and Heyburn areas. Some lawns, farm yards and all storage buildings were reported flooded.

# Mideast

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osity is "We know you're there and we appreciate what you're doing." It makes you feel like what you're doing is worthwhile," he said.

— Mohammed Haidar, the ruling Syrian Baath Party official in charge of foreign affairs, said "we do not look forward to a Syrian-American confrontation, but we will fight fiercely if we are forced to."

— "If our interest forces us to, we will call in Soviet forces," Haidar warned in an interview with the Beirut weekly magazine Al-Shiraa.

The Soviet Union is Syria's principal arms supplier and several thousand Soviet military advisers are in the Middle Eastern country.

Syria has entered direct armed conflict recently with the United States over U.S. reconnaissance flights over Syrian army positions in the mountains east of Beirut.

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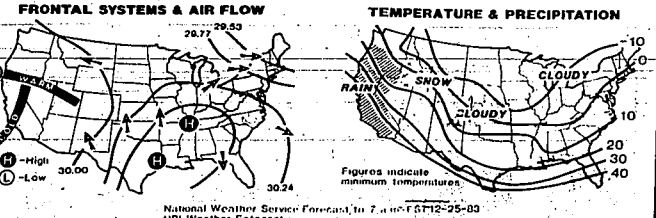
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# Today's weather



# Winter storm threat through Sunday

**Twin Falls, Burley-Rupert, Jerome** — Gooding areas: Winter storms will continue through Sunday, but not quite so cold. A little more snow is expected Sunday, with an increasing chance of freezing rain in the afternoon. Highs near 20; lows 5 to 15 degrees.

**Camas Prairie, Halley and lower Wood River Valley:** Continued winter storm warnings, with three or more inches of snow expected Sunday. Highs near 20 and lows zero to 10 degrees. Windy at times.

**Northern Nevada and Utah:** Newer temperatures are expected to increase Sunday, with a possibility of freezing rain at lower elevations and snow at higher levels. Stockmen are being warned to take steps to protect their animals. Lows in the 20s to low 30s; highs increasing to the 30s and mid-40s.

— Utah should have periods of snow Sunday, heavy in the Wasatch Mountains, but not quite so cold. Lows in the teens, and highs in the 20s to 30s.

**Synopsis:** Winter storm warnings will continue for all southern Idaho on Christmas Day and Sunday night. The blizzard that hit most of the state Saturday was moving slowly across the state and was expected to change to freezing rain in lower elevations by Sunday afternoon. However, travelers were advised to continue monitoring weather and road reports through the weekend and into Monday.

Weather conditions were especially bad in south-central and southeastern Idaho: Winds in excess of 20 mph were common, with gusts of 40 mph reported Saturday. Soda Springs reported winds up to 54 mph Saturday morning.

The Ericson forecast through Wednesday calls for periods of snow, possibly heavy and mainly in the south-central and southeastern areas, decreasing Tuesday. Temperatures will continue moderate, but turn colder again Wednesday.

Monday's highs should be 5 to 20, cooling to zero to 15 degrees by Wednesday. Lows of 5 below to 10 above are expected Monday, dropping to zero to 20 below again by Wednesday.

## Idaho road report

Christmas travelers will encounter icy roads through much of the state, with drifting and falling snow plaguing drivers in south-central and eastern Idaho.

Here is a detailed road report, as provided Saturday by the state Transportation Department.

U.S. 90 — Oregon to Marsing, snow floor and snowing. Water to New Meadows, icy spots and broken snow floor. White Bird Hill, snow floor. Moscow to Coeur d'Alene, icy spots to broken snow floor. Coeur d'Alene to Sandpoint, icy spots to bare. Sandpoint to Bonners Ferry, bare.

Idaho 65 — Boise to Horseshoe Bend, icy spots to broken snow floor. Cascade to New Meadows, broken snow floor. Interstate 80 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots. Lookout Pass, snow floor and chains advised for towing rigs.

Idaho 21 — Lewiston to Orofino, icy spots to snow floor. Kootenai to Lolo Pass, snow floor.

Idaho 21 — Boise to Idaho City, icy spots to snow floor. Idaho City to Stanley, snow floor.

Interstate 84 — Caldwell to Mountain Home, icy spots and broken snow floor. Mountain Home to Glenns Ferry, snow floor. Glenns Ferry to Twin Falls, icy and snowing. Twin Falls to Burley, bare to icy spots. Burley to Utah, icy spots and broken snow floor.

U.S. 90 — Mountain Home to Arco, snow floor with drifting. Arco to Idaho Falls, broken snow floor with drifting. Idaho Falls to Montana, snow floor.

U.S. 93 — Twin Falls to Nevada and Arco, icy spots. Arco to Challis, broken snow floor and snowing. Challis to Salmon, icy spots and broken snow floor. Lost Trail Pass, snow floor and fog.

Idaho 78 — Shoshone to Ketchum, icy spots to snow floor. Galena Summit to Stanley, snow floor.

Idaho 51 — Snow floor and snowing. Interstate 86 — Icy spots.

Interstate 16 — Pocatello to Utah and Idaho Falls, icy spots and snowing. Idaho Falls to Montida Pass, broken snow floor. U.S. 90 — Soda Springs to Montpellier, broken snow floor. Montpellier to Wyoming, snow floor and drifting.

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# 'Chill' records broken hourly

By United Press International

A week of arctic-like weather kept record-keepers with pen in hand as record low temperatures were broken hourly and Houston residents witnessed the "impossible" when snow dusted the city. More than 120 people have died in weather-related accidents in the past week.

A new Pacific storm moved in today with rain on the West Coast and heavy mountain snows, prompting winter storm warnings of near-blizzard conditions for parts of Oregon, Nevada and Colorado.

Up to 10 inches of snow was expected for the northern mountains of Colorado today.

Records were shattered in dozens of cities early today, including Chicago, Casper, Wyo., Sioux Falls, S.D., and Minneapolis-St. Paul. Forecasters expected more records to tumble.

High winds in Iowa forced the wind chill to 80 below overnight. In North Dakota, the wind chill dropped to zero lows to 100 degrees below zero.

The temperature in Casper, Wyo., dropped to 30 below zero, a record. In the Twin Cities, a reading of 25

below broke a record of 18 below set in 1921. It was the sixth time this month records were retired.

For more than 90 consecutive hours, the temperature in Denver remained below zero, snapping a 51-year-old record.

In East Troy, Wis., 25 degree below temperatures froze water pipes, hampering firefighters who battled a blaze.

Chicago thermometers dropped to 29 below zero, with an estimated wind chill of 73 below, tying the date's 1872 record.

# Tax-dodge economy worth billions

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The underground economy, hidden from tax collectors and government regulators, is probably around \$222 billion or 7.5 percent of the gross national product, a new study disclosed Saturday.

Dr. David O'Neill, chief of the socioeconomic studies branch of the Census Bureau, made the estimates in a study released by the Joint Economic Committee.

The size of the underground

economy has been hotly disputed. Estimates have ranged from \$150 billion to \$600 billion.

O'Neill, using a new indirect method of measuring the growth of the underground economy, conceded that "As with the other indirect methods, our estimates are also imprecise and perhaps unreliable."

O'Neill said his study dealt with that part of the underground economy which is not now measured in GNP accounts.

"It corresponds more closely to the popular image of the UE (underground economy) — individuals selling their services, earning income and reporting nothing to the IRS and possibly dealing only in cash in order to cover up any trail the IRS might utilize," O'Neill said.

He said his findings would imply that current lost tax revenues "may not be as large as thought" and that concern about serious biases, in the GNP and other statistics, at least at present may be overblown.

# Report: Jets funded, not bombs

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Air Force earmarked billions of dollars to upgrade and build jet fighter-bombers but set aside a "pittance" to build weapons they will carry, an authoritative military magazine reported.

"Where are the bombs?" asked the

Armed Forces Journal in its January edition, made available Friday.

The private publication, which supports a strong defense policy but is often critical of the Pentagon, said internal Air Force documents show billions of dollars will be spent up until 1989 to expand and improve fighter-

bombers. The magazine said "a relative pittance" is budgeted to equip them with better bombs.

Journal editor Benjamin Schemmer said he spoke with current and former senior Pentagon officials who felt concentration on more sophisticated aircraft was taking priority over production and refinement of the non-nuclear bombs and missiles they are designed to carry.

In a conventional war, the Air Force would work closely with the infantry, unlike the Strategic Air Command, which concentrates on the possibility of a nuclear exchange with its B-52 bombers and intercontinental missiles.

# FAA chief quits amid flap

WASHINGTON (UPI) — J. Lynn Helms resigned as head of the Federal Aviation Administration with no comment about a series of questionable business ventures.

Helms, 58, told President Reagan in a letter Friday he no longer had the energy or time to devote to his duties and had planned for months to leave government by February, having completed his mission and stayed through the budget deliberations for the next fiscal year.

Helms presided over the agency

when it fired 11,400 striking air traffic controllers in 1981 and himself came under fire from congressional committees critical of the state of air safety in the hands of thousands of new and sometimes overworked controllers.

FAA spokesmen would not comment on stories by the Wall Street Journal accusing the former head of Piper Aircraft Corp. and former Bendix Corp. executive of financial improprieties with companies he continued to run. They also refused to disclose Helms' whereabouts.



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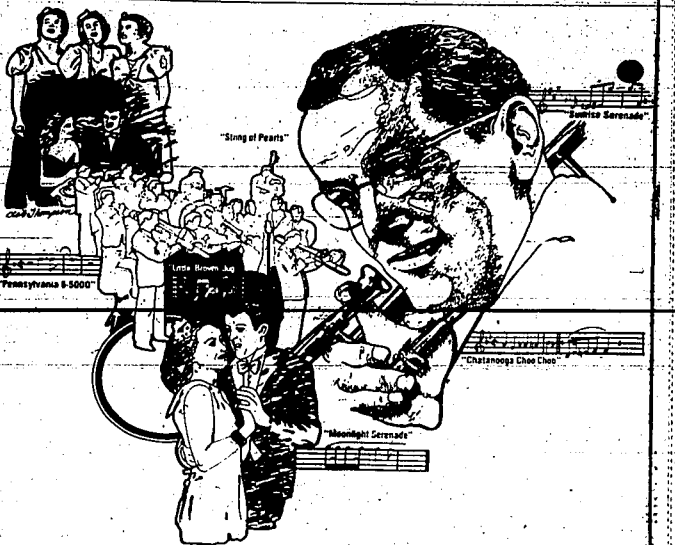
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# Opinion

## The Times-News

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### Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa

**Editor's note:** "Is There a Santa Claus" was the question little Virginia O'Hanlon wrote to the *Baltimore Sun* in 1897. Francis Pharcellus Church of the newspaper's staff wrote her this famous answer, which is reprinted here courtesy of Scripps-Howard Newspapers.

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

"Dear Editor:  
I am 8 years old.  
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?  
Virginia O'Hanlon  
115 West 95th Street"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

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

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus.

The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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

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

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



### Dish heralds change for Times-News

At the battle of New Orleans, on Jan. 8, 1815, neither Gen. Andrew Jackson nor his British counterpart were aware that the war they were fighting actually had been ended two weeks before by the Treaty of Ghent. The news was still crossing the ocean by sailing ship and didn't arrive in America until later that winter.

A half-century later, despite the beginnings of the telegraph era, the news of Custer's defeat at the Little Big Horn River in Montana on June 25-26, 1876, took more than a week to reach Boise, one state away.

The satellite era of news transmission has diminished those times immensely. When a plane carrying American hostages finally lifted off from the runway in Iran on Inauguration Day in 1981, the word was in American newsrooms within minutes. Faster, quicker have been trends in news delivery almost since the development of news itself. Timeliness. Recency. Immediacy. Those are still important characteristics of modern news communications.

Sharp-eyed residents in Twin Falls this past week may have noticed a new addition to the roof of our building, a 3-meter satellite dish, best visible from the front door of the Twin Falls post office, kitty-corner from The Times-News.

No, we're not going into the Christmas mail delivery business, although given the post office's subsidized competition with us and others, maybe we should.

The dish is from the Associated Press, a new wire service we're adding to The Times-News in early January, to replace the United Press International wire we had here for many years.

The reasons for the change are many, but improved national, regional and statewide reports are among them. The AP, as newspaper people call it, is a cooperative news agency, made up mostly of America's daily newspapers.

In Idaho, all but two of the state's papers will be members in 1984, and that should give us a stronger report from other Idaho cities like Pocatello, Lewiston and Idaho Falls, as well as from other Western states.

Satellite dishes have been around for a decade, but only recently have they become common sights in many communities. They are cheap enough for individuals to buy them for direct television links by satellite in areas that aren't served by cable.

Our dish works similarly. Put simply, here's how. From its New York headquarters, the AP "beams" a signal to the Westar III satellite, which is "anchored" in a permanent position about 22,000 miles over the Caribbean.

The signal, which travels at 1,200 words per minute, then is relayed to the many land receiving stations in the AP's network, one of which is The Times-News.

The signals — electronic "beeps" or impulses somewhat like the tones you hear when you make a



Stephen Hartgen

long-distance telephone call — are captured by our computer and directed to various "memories" in our storage-disk drives.

These category codes are standardized. "A" and "B" codes are for general domestic news; "D" is for commentary columns; "E" for entertainment news; "F" is for finance news and stocks; "I" is for international news; "M" for regional news like the Idaho report; "S" for sports; "W" for news out of Washington, D.C.; and in 1984, "P" is a special designator for political news.

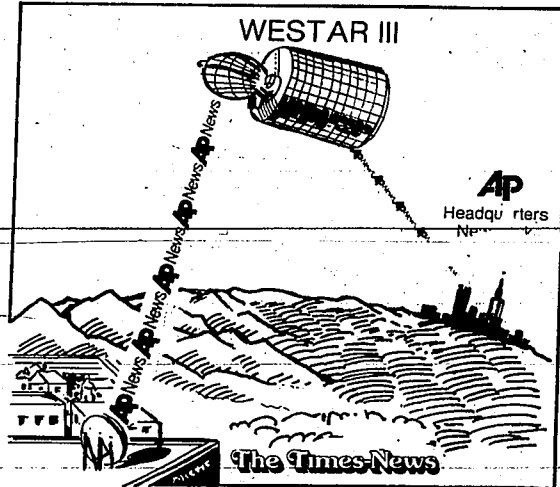
Using these codes, Times-News editors can "search" the memories in various categories and

call up specific stories on a video display-terminal screen for editing and typesetting.

The process is also relatively easy going in the other direction. The AP has a system known as "electronic carbons," which allows our computer to "talk" with the AP's computer in Salt Lake City, the regional control bureau.

Let's say we have four or five stories we want to "send" to the AP. We merely transfer copies of them to a special memory in our computer, then call the AP's computer on a designated phone line. With contact established, we merely transfer the stories from us to them; again at a rate of 1,200 words per minute. All of that is part of the changing world of communications. Sure is a far cry, isn't it, from the days when it took days or weeks to get the news of a major event across the country or the ocean?

Stephen Hartgen is managing editor of The Times-News.



### Letters/ Either there's a shortage of news or something is brewing

#### 'Non-stories' offend reader

The last few days your readers have been assaulted in the early morning hours while reading The Times-News, with "non-stories" of terrorism. None of these headlined stories were news. Why are we being subjected, as readers, to so much fear of terrorism? Headlines such as "U.S. hard news terrorist target" or "U.S. under assault, terrorist threat" are not exactly news. The Dec. 20 story regarding terrorism dates back to 1974. Suicide bombings in the Mideast or anywhere and thereabouts are the president are old as the hills. Either there is a dearth of news or something big is brewing in this country regarding anti-terrorism. I hope it's a shortage of news.

SHELBY BROWN  
Gooding

#### Idaho offers its pluses

In answer to the letter to the editor by Susan Calvin in Monday's Times-News. I don't know why you moved to Idaho, but I suspect it was for the same reasons that I too returned to my native state. This is a wonderful place to live. The cost of living is lower than most. The air is clean. The beauty of the mountains and deserts is there to behold. The opportunities for sports and recreation are unlimited. The caring and sharing people of the state are unsurpassed and heart warming. You can walk around the cities free from the threat of mugging or robbery. Thank God for the four seasons, we don't have to have armed uniformed guards at our high schools compete. You don't have



the massive drug culture here that is present in California.

Sure the wages here are lower than in California. Why not? It doesn't cost \$40 an hour to have a mechanic look under your hood or \$36 an hour to have a plumber (fish) a toy out of your toilet or \$35 an hour to have your light fuses checked.

My daughter in San Jose bought a home for \$36,000. Four years later she was offered \$105,000 for it but upon checking around she found she couldn't replace it for less than \$119,000. My taxes in California were eight times more than they are here. My mother paid \$112 per month taxes on her home in San Francisco. Ten years ago she moved back to Utah.

You say that the general practitioners in California get \$35 to \$40 a visit. Is that why you want to pay here? Please Susan, let's not Idaho any worse than it all ready is. Ask the retired plumber from Brea, Calif., why he now lives in Hagerman and loves it.

Susan, there are far more pluses to living and I mean really living in Idaho than there are negatives. Welcome to God's country and count our blessings.

Those cars are here and stayed here for the same reasons but 22 percent is too much.

LEE DAVIS  
Wendell

#### Why not trust someone?

Our peacekeepers are not doing their job!

There is still fighting between nations and people going on everywhere.

Our policy in the past has been to help democracy to flourish. Our nation will use almost any means necessary to get that job done, even the deployment of troops and the sending of arms to other countries. The attitude, "we'll show 'em who's boss," always seems to be our policy.

But, this "light fire with fire" technique for helping to solve other nations' conflicts has been proven over and over to fail and leaves only bodies and destruction. Maybe we should trust someone once. It may be an original idea, but without trust we are heading for our own downfall.

The reason I push the word trust is because it is the only way any treaty between nations is going to work. Why don't we pull the missiles out of Europe and get a "build-down" treaty with Russia? Why don't we send doctors and nurses to Lebanon to help save lives instead of troops who are dying daily? Maybe it isn't that easy? But, maybe it is! Why not trust someone?

If our nation ends up destroying some country due to our awesome strength, we will in reality be wrong.

RODNEY W. ROBERTSON  
Twin Falls

Shopper won't be returning  
Isn't it funny what some stores will do to get your business. We've all seen the advertisement for Smith's, how they double your coupons on Tuesdays and Thursdays. What a great idea!

So this last Tuesday, I was going to go shopping and thought, "Well, here it is

Tuesday and Smith's they'll double my coupons. I'll go shopping there, I better call, just to make sure.

I did call and they said, "Yes, we double them." So I get ready, and head clear across town to Smith's. I did my shopping and got to the check-out, really expecting to save some money. That's when I found out I needed to have double coupons to get them doubled, and the advertisement is only good in Boise.

Like I said, some stores will do anything to get your business. I don't think I'll be going back there.

ANNA HECK  
Twin Falls

#### Opinion right on the mark

I would like to thank the editorial staff of The Times-News for printing the article by Ellen Gardner in the Dec. 21 edition. Her opinions regarding the educating of our most precious natural resource, our youth, was most timely and right on the mark!

She has so well wedded the art and science of teaching that all teachers, future teachers and parents should commit it to memory, and recite it as studiously as they perform their morning and evening ablutions.

"Oh, how far we have strayed from the simple truths that have set us free..."

There is nothing I can add to her scripture. I can only say, "respond to it if you must time and again. 'It's lost and gather only dust.'"

I would also like to take this opportunity to say, "Thanks Larry," to Larry Hoyt for his articles that so closely parallel those of Ms. Gardner's.

LARRY MONTGOMERY  
Hagerman



# Opinion

## Letters/ Analysis by Gardner, letter from Gilbert bring replies

### Visions of dollars?

There is a feverish, ongoing campaign being waged by the governor, state school superintendent and the teacher union representatives before the legislature convenes.

No matter the cost to the taxpayers of this state, the salaries of teachers in Idaho must be raised to conform to the surrounding states.

It seems that Idaho is the lowest paying state in the nation when it comes to teachers wages (excluding Arkansas and Missouri, of course) which the governor failed to mention and should have.

The average wage earner in private industry in this state is grossly underpaid compared to the rest of the nation (excluding Arkansas and Missouri, of course).

After reading this political rhetoric day after day (it seems another character from a junior college has jumped on the bandwagon), about how all the intelligent teachers have either fled or are in the process of fleeing from this deplorable low-wage situation, one can only assume after reading all this, that Idaho is left with a staff of teachers of mediocre intelligence. That is as it may be. At least I haven't read one word refuting this thought that will soon be prevalent across the state from any of them.

Perhaps it's the vision of all those dollars that may be forthcoming that has kept them quiet.

Whatever the reason, they should give some thought to the future when all those intelligent teachers come flying back to enjoy the pot of gold and the amenities of Idaho.

Along with the law which states that two bodies cannot occupy the same space at the same time.

Also, when people get too expensive these days, they replace them with programmed computers and in the future maybe add a robot.

If I were a teacher, I would be a little upset with the impression of intelligent teachers. Intelligence these political dropouts are conveying.

VERLAND BERG  
Bellevue

### Her thinking muddled

What a sad irony that a Harvard-educated "education policy analyst" who purports to be offering intelligent commentary on what is wrong with our public school system, is herself a muddle-headed thinker. Eileen Gardner, in the Dec. 21 Times-News editorial page, claims that what's wrong with teachers, generally, is that most haven't "acknowledged their part in and dependence on a higher power and predetermined ends." Only the few who have, she says, can "awaken the highest potential in their students." This suggests that Ms. Gardner would have teachers become spiritual leaders, and that we should do away with the distinction between "churches" and "schools."

The arguments she offers in favor of this transvaluation are bad. She points out that "by law discussion of a

transcendent power is not even permitted in the classroom." From this simple fact she generates the following ridiculous conclusion: "what is no longer spoken of, disappears from the social rubric." It is obviously untrue that leaving discussion of divinity outside of the classroom will be sufficient to kill the very idea of it. Then Ms. Gardner extracts a second conclusion from her first: she says, "we are (therefore) producing a breed of people who may never have been exposed to, are unaware of and do not value the truths and ideals which give life meaning."

Aside from being the product of a bad argument, this statement about what gives life "meaning," rather than being a fact about people in general, is merely an expression of Ms. Gardner's personal needs. Further, she neglects to consider the wisdom of allowing teachers to impose their beliefs on defenseless children who are obligated by law to sit in the classroom. Will she allow the Rajneesh follower the same privileges as the Christian in his or her classroom? Teaching? Ms. Gardner has anticipated this question and it is clear that her answer would be "no." She reasons that "because American society was built and maintained on Judeo-Christian truths and because most Americans still believe in these truths... (Americans) must demand that teachers both adhere to and teach certain moral/spiritual standards." She is here saying that what the majority holds to be truths should be taught as truth. Yet earlier in her essay she has said that "the teacher who believes that man determines his own ends and that truth is arrived at by consensus brings a shallow and shifting commitment to the classroom." It seems that in her view, the opinion of the majority should be considered as confirming one's point of view when it is in accord with it, and dismissed as shallow when it is not. One does not have to be a student of logic to recognize this as nonsense.

In spite of her apparent reverence for the "truths and ideals upon which this nation was founded and built," Ms. Gardner has hardly a clue as to what those truths and ideals actually are. She does not understand that the virtue of our democratic government is not simply that "the majority rules," but rather that the majority, which rules is not permitted to tyrannize the minorities.

Her understanding of the true nature of education is as simple-minded as her view of government. She claims that the purpose of education is "to impart the values of any given society." Rather than indoctrinating children with the currently held dogma of the culture into which they were born, education should be a process of "drawing out" the best that is in them.

I can only hope that people who trouble themselves with reading an article such as Ms. Gardner's recognize it for the poor

rationalization of an ill-founded view.

BRENDA LARSEN  
Twin Falls

### Less 'catering' needed

I would like to respond to Terry Gilbert's "Open letter to Senator James McClure," regarding tuition tax credits.

When are the public education bureaucrats going to look in the right direction for the problems inherent in the public education system instead of continually dredging up convenient scapegoats such as the tuition tax credit proposals? And the claims and generalizations you parrot are preposterous to say the least.

If public education is the very foundation of our country, then I must say, "God save our country." I suggest you read Eileen Gardner's article in The Times-News. "Teaching moral, spiritual standards will best educate American children." I quote from her article, "It is the rare teachers who have given allegiance to a power higher than man, and who has informed himself and thought enough about man's collective experience to have a point of view that has touched the wellspring of the human condition."

I have taught for 25 years, from high school to college level and have observed the decline of American education and I find that her statements just quote and other points made in her article reach to the heart of the matter.

The collectivist philosophy which you and the majority of "educationists" have been promoting since the era of John Dewey, including the humanistic

indoctrination so rampant in our public schools under the guise of "democratic education for all" is the problem.

When many of us who want our children exposed to discipline, patriotism, respect for God, moral absolutes and a quality education, choose to sacrifice financially to provide our children with those things which the public schools do not provide, you chastise us for wanting to "wreck the public school system financially" through tuition tax credit relief.

You state that you "do not wish to pay for this privilege, as a taxpayer," that is, our "privilege" to pay extra for a better education, and then pay through taxes to support schools and teachers who send us high school graduates who have major problems in functioning literately and mathematically. Yes we pay for this, without any choice, quite a privilege. Do you write to your senators, objecting to tax-supported abortions, aiding and abetting totalitarian countries, subsidizing foreign competition against our own industries and farmers? There is much more tax money used for highly questionable activities, including those just mentioned that are of a much more nefarious nature than tax tuition credits.

You chastise the private schools for not "catering to the disadvantaged, minority or handicapped students." Since when are schools to "cater to them?" I know personally of handicapped and minority students who have been put into private schools and are being challenged and helped in educational and spiritual growth because the public school was

not meeting their needs and the lack of discipline posed a serious threat to them. Is the highly expensive and highly unsuccessful and highly illogical "bilingual program" an example of what you mean by "catering"? If so, we need less catering and more emphasis on speaking functional and correct English.

I would be interested in knowing what 44 national organizations voted against tuition tax credit legislation, and what kind of lobbying went on, and by whom, where these proposals were defeated. It is time for educational bureaucrats to be more honest and open-minded about the problems with public education instead of being so

blatantly self-serving. After all, isn't how well the student is taught more important than who does the teaching? Private schools offer a competitive challenge to public schools, and isn't competition what makes us strong?  
DONALD W. FUDER  
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# Missing bishop returns home

**TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (UPI)** — The American bishop who led an estimated 3,000 Miskito Indians fleeing Nicaragua into Honduras, flew to the United States Saturday to spend Christmas with his family, U.S. officials said.

Salvador Schlaefter, 63, of Campbellsville, Wis., and Wendelin Shafer, 64, of Jackson, Mich., both of the Cupichin Missionary Order, trokked four days across northern

Nicaragua leading the Miskito Indians who were fleeing from that country's Marxist regime.

The Indians reportedly opposed Sandinista plans to relocate them from Francisco Sique in their homeland, 240 miles northeast of Managua, to a camp in Matagalpa province in the heart of Nicaraguan territory.

Schlaefter said in Honduras Friday that the Indians had left Nicaragua of their own free will.

"The idea, as I see it, is that the Miskitos had the ~~wooden~~ <sup>wooden</sup> ~~plans~~ <sup>plans</sup> for some time and took advantage of my visit to leave," said Schlaefter, who is the bishop of Nicaragua's Zelaya Norte province.

The bishop told reporters in Honduras that armed members of the Misura Indian rebel group visited the relocation camp at Francisco Sique last Tuesday and convinced the inhabitants to leave.

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# Pope asks leaders for world peace

**VATICAN CITY (UPI)** — Pope John Paul II, in his second major statement calling for global peace in two days, urged leaders around the world "to make war in practice unthinkable" through cooperation and disarmament.

The pope also warned world leaders not "to allow themselves to be carried away in dangerous adventures in which passion overrides justice" in an address released by the Vatican press office Friday.

The pope will read the 16-page address titled "From a new heart, peace is born" on New Year's Day on the occasion of the 17th World Peace Day.

The message's main theme — the pope's second major statement on world peace in two days — was that peace depends on a change of heart and conscience by all mankind.

In a year-end speech to cardinals and priests in the Vatican Thursday, the pope reiterated the church's in-

attention to collaborate with "all men of good will" in the search for global peace.

The most powerful passages of Friday's message were addressed to "heads of state and political leaders" around the world.

"They more than others must be convinced that war itself is irrational and that the ethical principle of the peaceful settlement of conflicts is the only way worthy of man," the pope said.

# Russian economy seen improving

**MOSCOW (UPI)** — Kremlin leaders, armed with encouraging statistics for 1983, meet this week to consider organizational changes that could lead to the most far-reaching economic experiments in Soviet history.

The 300 Central Committee members convene Monday for a two-day meeting Western analysts say will be

devoted to improving the effectiveness of the economy, which registered 4.2 percent growth in industrial output this past year.

High on their list of priorities will be a set of economic experiments, proposed by President Yuri Andropov in August, to relax the rigid control of centralized planning. The reforms are

set to begin Jan. 1 and their outcome could shape future economic policy.

"They will be attempting to change some attitudes and the atmosphere surrounding reform, lighting fires under people in terms of productivity," one Western diplomat said. "It's imperative they keep the momentum going."

# Chic eatery bombed, 12 injured

**PARIS (UPI)** — A bomb exploded in a chic Paris restaurant, injuring 12 people, including five American and two Japanese tourists and a French woman whose leg had to be amputated, police said Saturday.

Only 15 people were left in the usually crowded 18th-century dining room of Le Grand Vefour when a bomb exploded in an outside air duct at 10:45 p.m. Friday, shattering windows and sending glass and debris flying through the restaurant, police said.

No one claimed responsibility for the bomb, which police said was made from metal and explosives.

The blast came a month after a grenade was lobbed into the 10 Rue du Beld restaurant in western Paris, injuring 30. No one has claimed responsibility for that Nov. 20 attack.

Le Grand Vefour, located near the Louvre museum in central Paris, is owned by one of France's top chefs, Raymond Oliver. Its elegant rooms, built in 1740, are a favorite dining place for wealthy French and visiting tourists.

Doctors amputated the leg of a 38-year-old French woman, Maurine Chretien-Rudetzki, whose limbs were torn by flying glass, and described her condition as "critical."

One of the French diners, a man who was not identified, was hospitalized with burns. Ten others were treated for minor cuts and bruises and released.

Police identified the Americans as Monte Healy, 33, from Washington; Nancy Newman, 29, address unknown; George Hager, 33, Susanna Hager, 31, Bruce Hager, 29, all from New York.

The two Japanese were Saruki Nabuo and Furuuta Yuki. Their addresses were not known.

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# Japan leader keeps support

**TOKYO (UPI)** — Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone received his party's backing to remain head of the pro-U.S. government today after he vowed to break ties with his mentor, convicted criminal and former premier Kakuei Tanaka.

Speaking before staff members of the Liberal Democratic Party, Nakasone promised to "eradicate Mr. Tanaka's political influence in the party," which he blamed for his party's election setback this week.

The statement virtually assured that Nakasone, 65, would be re-elected as party president and prime minister when an emergency session of the Diet, or parliament, is convened Monday.

After he spoke to LDP staff members, they immediately approved his statement and gave him the go-ahead to form a new cabinet and select new party leaders.

Party sources said no faction members of Tanaka's were included in the key cabinet or top LDP posts to be announced Monday.

Nakasone's statement resulted from sessions he had Thursday and Friday with LDP elders, who were unhappy with his refusal to distance himself from his political mentor Tanaka, who was convicted of taking bribes from a U.S. aircraft company.

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# Officials fear ice-jam floods

BOISE (UPI) — State officials say flooding in low-lying areas along three ice-jammed Idaho rivers will result if record cold does not subside.

The Idaho Disaster Services Bureau warned Friday of potential flooding at Salmon from the Salmon River; north and south of Arco from the Big Lost River; and at Rupert and from Roberts to Idaho Falls along the Snake River.

"At the moment the situation is not

serious," Disaster Services Communications Officer Paul Massee said Friday night. "But if the ice keeps building it's going to get serious."

Massee said the rivers would be monitored throughout the weekend by the National Weather Service, county sheriffs and local civil defense units.

The potential for flooding is much greater this year than in the winter of 1982 — when ice flows caused the Weiser River to flood, Massee said.

In case of flooding in Lemhi County 3,000 sandbags are stored at Salmon. They can be obtained from Lemhi County Civil Defense Director Jack Weigand.

In Idaho Falls, sandbags are available from Civil Defense Director Jerry Wadsworth.

In Arco, they can be obtained from Butte County Civil Defense Director Bill Babcock.

# Planes crash on Alaskan runway

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (UPI) — A Korean Air Lines DC-10 cargo plane that hit a smaller passenger plane at Anchorage International Airport in a dense fog was apparently speeding down the wrong runway in the wrong direction on its takeoff attempt, a Federal Aviation Administration official said.

Seven people were injured, and both planes were destroyed. The Korean plane burst into flames after the collision, careened into a wooded area and burned for several hours Friday.

The KAL jet struck a 12-seat Piper Navajo operated by South Central (Alaska) Air. It was waiting for takeoff at 2:20 p.m. Anchorage time, an FAA official said.

The seven injured, including all three KAL crew members, were taken to Providence Hospital in Anchorage following the collision — the second fog-related mishap at the airport in the past five days.

"He not only went onto the wrong runway, he went the wrong way," FAA spokesman Paul Steucke said of the KAL pilot. "He never would have made it."

He was uncertain if a language barrier caused the pilot to misunderstand takeoff instructions.

"We have tapes of a conversation between the lower and cockpit," Steucke said. "Those tapes will be studied by NTSB (National Transportation Safety Board) investigators."

# BLM rejects new road in elk area

IDAHO FALLS (UPI) — The Bureau of Land Management has rejected a proposed road in southeastern Idaho for fear it would have harmful effects on a wintering elk herd.

Fremont and Jefferson County commissioners submitted the right-of-way application to build the 11-mile road from Egin to Hamer in the area south of the St. Anthony sand dunes.

But the road would have crossed seven to nine miles of key winter range for about 2,800 elk and unknown numbers of moose and deer, said O'dell Frandsen, Idaho Falls BLM district manager.

"It is my conclusion that the road would have an adverse impact to wildlife, especially the elk," he said. "The BLM is responsible for protecting and maintaining wildlife habitat."

"Because of eventual habitat loss, and because I don't believe a winter road closure would work, I must deny the application."

Frandsen said the proposed road presented a "tough management issue" because a series of public meetings generated a variety of opinion on the proposal.

He said written comment overwhelmingly opposed the road, including a petition with 250 signatures.

# Firm donates to ailing boy

BOISE (UPI) — A Boise-based company has donated more than \$2,000 to a Nampa boy, bringing to more than half the amount that has been raised for his expensive, life-saving operation.

Warren McCain, chief executive of Albertson's grocery chain, presented the check Friday to a fund for Cody Taylor, a 3 1/2-year-old boy who needs a \$100,000 bone marrow transplant operation.

The \$32,614 contribution brings the boy's fund to \$61,421.

"I didn't know we'd be able to make all this money this fast," said Kim Wade, the boy's mother.

Cody Taylor is one of 10 children in the world who suffer from Wolman's disease, an hereditary illness that prevents him from digesting food properly.

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# Treasurer begins party role

BOISE (UPI) — Idaho's state treasurer has expanded her duties by taking on the position of western region coordinator for a new organization of Democratic officials.

Honorific Ruth Moon says the Democratic State Treasurers Association was formed last August to generate

and promote party solutions to economic problems.

The group will help Democratic politicians formulate policy on the national level, she said.

She said 39 of the country's treasurers are Democrats.

# Family-murder hearing set

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — A London cable accused of kidnapping and killing members of a San Fernando Valley families has a preliminary hearing set for March 20.

Ashley Paulie appeared in court Friday for the scheduling of the hearing. Paulie, 43, who is being held without bail on six counts of murder

and two counts of burglary, was ordered to return in March when it will be determined if there is enough evidence to try him on the charges.

He accused of masterminding the disappearances in March 1982 of Peter and Joan Davis, a British couple living in Granada Hills; and in October 1981 of the four members of the Salomon family of Northridge.

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# Heart trouble limits Syrian president, but Assad still leads

PARIS (UPI) — Syrian President Hafez Assad, remarking that he is still limited by a heart ailment, said in an interview published today that he does not want to pursue Syria's confrontation with the United States but will fight any U.S. attack.

Assad's interview this week with the news magazine Le Point marked his first since he disappeared from public view early in November for health reasons. The 53-year-old president, interviewed at his villa in Syria, said he was in full control and expected to

resume a normal schedule in January.

"Actually I have never interrupted my activities," he said. "I have directed affairs of the country by telephone. I have been in contact at least twice a week with authorities and I have signed laws and decrees."

Le Point published a photograph showing two journalists with Assad, his interpreter and an aide in the living room of the president's villa nine miles from Damascus. He said he moved to the villa on doctors' advice.

"I don't work as much as when I was in

(Damascus)," he said. "They make me rest a bit. I exercise twice a day.... I still feel young, but my body and my heart do not permit me to do what I would have wanted to do," he said.

He said the United States has forced U.S. Syria confrontations.

"I do not wish to pursue this confrontation with the United States, but I have no choice," said Assad, whose armed forces in Lebanon recently shot down two U.S. warplanes carrying out an air strike on anti-aircraft positions. One U.S. airman is still a prisoner of

Syria.

"When the Americans bomb us we are forced to defend ourselves. I told an American envoy, if you come into our country we will fight you." He did not name the envoy, but apparently was referring to presidential Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld.

Assad said he did not understand what U.S. forces were doing in Lebanon.

"If it's to get the Soviet Union out of Lebanon, the Soviet Union isn't there," he said.

"If there was any agreement between us and the Soviets to serve Soviet interests in Lebanon, why wouldn't we already have carried it out? If we had a plan to attack Israel from Lebanon, why wouldn't we already have done it?"

Assad referred to his heart problem but did not otherwise identify his illness. The Le Point reporters said they had the impression he was recovering, looked well and spoke and gestured without effort.

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# Commission backs regulatory reforms

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An administration task force Friday endorsed a package of about 30 regulatory reforms for financial institutions, including more state control of banks and thrift institutions and federal regulation based on their functions rather than their charters.

The task force, headed by Vice President George Bush, put off until later the bigger question of consolidating financial regulations among the three agencies that now

divide authority over banks and thrifts.

The recommendations now go to the Cabinet council on economic affairs and upon approval by the president will be submitted to Congress.

The categories covered by the proposed reforms include eligibility for regulation as a thrift institution, reform of the federal deposit insurance system, federal and state duplication of regulatory functions and increased functional regulation and elimination of unnecessary regulatory controls.

Among the specific reforms are:

- Reducing federal oversight of regulatory activities in states with strong state regulation. In other states, federal agencies would try to reduce duplicate regulation.
- Consolidating all regulations applicable to securities functions of banks and thrifts in the Securities and Exchange Commission and all anti-trust responsibilities in the Justice Department. Also recommended was a general reduction or elimination of outdated controls.

- Requiring an institution to maintain a minimum percentage of overall assets in home loan funds to be eligible for regulation as a thrift institution and basing eligibility for regulation as a thrift on the institution's function and not its charter.
- Retaining the three separate deposit insurance agencies but requiring insurance funds for banks and thrifts to establish common minimum capital rules and accounting standards.

# Postal Service ready for record mail flow

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The U.S. Postal Service expects to deliver an all-time high of more than 10 billion pieces of mail during the holiday season, Postmaster General William Bolger says.

Bolger said that through Monday, the agency had processed 98.5 percent of last year's total holiday volume, and if that rate continues, he expects volume to pass 10 billion pieces.

"We expect to process 800 million more pieces of mail than we did during the 1982 holiday season," Bolger said Thursday.

The postmaster general said mail operations during the holiday mail season, which begins a month before Christmas, operated smoothly until this week, when severe weather in the West, Midwest and South caused delays.

The major transportation hubs of Dallas and Ft. Worth, Texas; Atlanta and Denver were closed for part of the week, and airports in Chicago and St. Louis reduced their runway capacities.

Bolger said any significant break in the weather will allow us to deliver the holiday mail before Christmas.

# Clark puts own stamp on Interior Department

WASHINGTON (UPI) — William Clark has placed his mark on the Interior Department he inherited from James Watt with a personnel shakeup and realignment intended to improve management of land, water and energy resources.

Clark, in his first major action since succeeding Watt last month, announced a series of changes Thursday that reorganizes responsibilities and installs Assistant Treasury Secretary Ann McLaughlin as his second in command.

Clark recommended President

Reagan nominate Mrs. McLaughlin to be undersecretary of the Interior.

In describing his reorganization, he said land resource management will be placed under one assistant secretary and water resource management under another. These areas are now organized under one assistant secretary for energy and minerals and a second for land and water resources.

The McLaughlin announcement was made in unusual fashion. Presidential appointments are normally announced by the White House after extensive background checks. Rec-

ommendations by department heads rarely are disclosed.

However, one White House official said Clark pushed to have his decisions — made in the last few days — announced before the year-end holiday season to "resolve some of the uncertainty and set some people's minds at ease."

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan is expected to accept the advice of Clark, his former national security adviser, and formally nominate Mrs. McLaughlin

once the necessary checks are completed.

"President Reagan has long admired Mrs. McLaughlin's work at treasury and thinks she will be an outstanding candidate," Fitzwater said.

Mrs. McLaughlin said she was "pleased with the prospect" of working with Clark. "I look forward to using my communication, management and administrative abilities on behalf of the president and his new interior secretary," she said.

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**World**

# Northern Ireland 'visited' by Thatcher

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI) — Defying Irish nationalist terrorists, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher made a surprise Christmas visit to Northern Ireland Friday and vowed the province will remain British.

Mrs. Thatcher was nearly swept away by cheering well-wishers in the market town of Newtownards, 15 miles east of Belfast, when she took a

walking tour to greet shoppers. One officer described the scene as "absolute bedlam."

Later, the prime minister met widows of policemen who have lost their lives in religious violence in Northern Ireland between Roman Catholics and Protestants over the past 14 years.

"I want the people of Northern


Ireland to know that they will remain part of the United Kingdom as long as the population here wishes," she told the women at a police station.

"Democracy," she said "is the rejection of violence and we are never going to be divided by bombs or violence, not here or anywhere else in the world."

The trip came six days after Irish

Republican Army terrorists opposed to British rule in Ulster killed five people and injured 95 in a bombing outside Harrod's department store in London.

A leader of Northern Ireland's Roman Catholic militants Friday called on the British government to "fling out its colonial stranglehold on this part of Ireland."



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## Samantha tours Japan

TOKYO (UPI) — Samantha Smith, the American schoolgirl who visited Moscow as guest of Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, said today she is more worried about nuclear war after seeing the movie, "The Day After."

It was the second time Samantha's views were aired to the world. A letter she wrote to Andropov asking him whether he was the villain in the U.S. government made him out to be received world attention and led to her visit last summer to the Soviet Union.

Samantha, in Japan for a children's conference, said after seeing the television movie "The Day After," which attempted to describe American life during a nuclear holocaust, she felt more worried about the possibility of atomic war.

"I hope it made heads of state think

that it would be better not to have bombs — because there might be a mistake," the 11-year-old Portland, Maine, girl said.

Samantha, who is accompanied in Tokyo by her mother, Jane Smith, spoke at a news conference along with three teen-age members of the Children's Express, a privately funded, New York-based children's news feature agency.

The youths were invited to Japan by the Japan Association for the International Exposition, Tsukuba 65. They are to speak at a Children's 21st Century Symposium in the western port city of Kobe Monday.

Each of the Children's Express representatives said it is important for adults to give children access to new communications technology so youths may communicate with each other and with adults.

## Laos turns over soldiers' remains

BANGKOK, Thailand (UPI) — Laos said Thursday it has handed over the remains of an undisclosed number of American soldiers to a team of U.S. military experts who searched the site where a U.S. warplane crashed during the Vietnam war.

The Laos news agency said the remains were given to a five-man U.S. military delegation that stopped in Laos on its way to Bangkok.

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## Cold produces large demand for repairmen

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The busiest people in Magic Valley on Christmas Eve weren't Santa's helpers.

They were plumbers, fuel-oil delivery men, tow-truck operators and power-company line crews.

These were the people who were most in demand, as the sub-zero temperatures of the past several days combined with a severe winter blizzard to produce misery for many.

Heating needs brought a record winter demand for electricity on Friday, according to Idaho Power's customer-service manager, Don Jensen.

But generally, Jensen said, the severe cold was not causing any major problems for Idaho Power, although nearly all line crews were at work — despite the temperatures.

His advice to electric heating customers: "Stay comfortable, but don't waste it."

On Saturday, an Idaho Power spokesman said that all available crews were working to restore power where outages had occurred. Most had worked through Friday night, and most also were expected to be on duty through Christmas Day.

The trouble areas Saturday morning included the Paul area, and sections north of Jerome and Shoshone, and south of Hansen.

An Intermountain Gas official reported that most of that utility's calls were from customers who reported their gas furnaces were not working properly. But in most cases, he said, it usually was just overworked equipment or poor home insulation.

Charles Clifton, chief manager for Intermountain Gas in Twin Falls, said there was no shortage of natural gas, and the company was meeting all demands with no difficulty.

Telephone crews also were on duty Christmas Eve, with numerous repair trucks breaking through snow drifts to make repairs.

Fuel-oil companies were swamped with calls Friday, many of them from customers taking precautions not to run out of fuel before Tuesday. Other people did not realize they were using so much more fuel during the extreme cold and ran out, dealers said.

"We have a number of customers who are out of fuel, and of course, we give them top priority," said one fuel-oil supplier. "Most of our calls are from people who realize they are burning more in the extremely cold weather and are afraid they may run out before the holiday weekend is over."

"We think most of them could get by, but we are taking care of all of the calls we can."

There also was a near-record demand for plumbers on Friday. One plumbing firm said additional help had been called in to answer calls about frozen pipes. A spokesman for another firm said his company was taking as many calls as possible, knowing it could not get them all by the end of Friday.

In some cases, where pipes were split and spouting water, the water was shut off until repairs could be made.

Tow trucks were on the go, too, some answering calls on "frozen" diesel trucks and others towing cars that had stalled along highways and roads, or at homes when they simply refused to start.

Sun Valley had a few weather stories to tell, too. The minus 33 degrees reported early Friday morning was the coldest since January of 1956, according to the Ketchum Ranger District of the Sawtooth National Forest. In 1956, it reached 38 below.

## Some stores, eateries will be open Monday

By PAT MARGANTONIO  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Depending on what you had in mind, you may find some stores, restaurants and services closed Monday. But for others, it will be business as usual on the day after Christmas.

First of all, forget about Monday. If you have business with any state, county, city or federal offices in Twin Falls and other Magic Valley offices, that day is considered an official holiday for their employees. Except for emergency services, the business offices of these agencies will be closed.

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls and other area hospitals, of course, still will provide medical services on Monday, but their business offices will be closed.

The federal holiday also means there will be no mail delivery Monday.

For those stocking up for New Year's, you will have to wait until Tuesday to buy spirits because state liquor stores also will be closed.

Banks and the offices of utility companies like Idaho Power, Intermountain Gas and Mountain Bell, will be closed. But their crews will respond to emergencies.

If you can't wait to exchange that attractive tie or blitting Christmas present, you will find most large department and drug stores,

such as K-mart, Sears, The Bon, the I.D. Store, King's, PayLess, Penney's, J.C. Penney's and Crowley's in Twin Falls, open. Also, stores in the Blue Lakes Mall will be open.

The bulk of businesses downtown, however, like The Paris and Roper's, will be closed, according to the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce.

Some businesses in the Lynwood Shopping Center will open their doors to shoppers on Monday.

As a rule of thumb, the smaller or more specialized the shop or business, the more likely it will be closed Monday.

Continuing grocery stores, a majority will be ready for business, including Safeway's, Smith's, Swensen's and Alberston's.

If you don't want to cook, a lot of restaurants will be serving. Among these are J.E.'s, Rock Creek, George K's, Mamba's, McDonald's, North's Chuck Wagon, Burger Stop, A & W and Kentucky Fried Chicken. But, Chelsea's and the Depot Grill will be taking the day off.

If you want to get from one place to another, flights will be running at the Twin Falls-Sun Valley Regional Airport. Bus and taxi service also will be available Monday.

However, if automobile transportation is your means, several gas stations will be selling their products on the day after Christmas. Gas also

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Members of the Verlon and Edith Southwick family gather in Dietrich; the chart traces seven generations of their family.

## Idaho appeals to family

### Southwicks say Dietrich nurtures the kind of values they like

By RICK SHANNON  
Times-News writer

DIETRICH — The exodus of the Southwick family from Utah to Dietrich was at first unplanned. One by one, Verlon and Edith Southwick's sons and daughters have followed their parents' trail out of the northern Utah area.

Each has led a family unit to this Lincoln County community of 101 persons, in a continuation of the migration and settlement patterns that have marked both the history of the Magic Valley and of the Mormon Church, to which the Southwicks belong.

Since 1969, 51 persons from nine Southwick households have made the trek north to what may seem an unlikely site for Magic Valley development.

Individually, the family members will tell you, they were each seeking a less urban lifestyle and a return to the family-oriented values that a community the size of tiny Dietrich can provide.

Collectively, they have achieved an extended family of the sort that is becoming rare in American society.

"Here, kids grow up able to be involved in the church and be with their family. The one thing I don't want them to lose is their relationship with family," says Mark Southwick, a son who left his construction contracting business in Utah to work as a carpenter in the Dietrich area.

The Southwicks' mass move from Utah to rural Idaho is a series of events that may seem to set them apart in a modern, urban world. We think of immigration as a phenomenon of the dim past, something our ancestors once did.

But in the Magic Valley, immigration is more recent, less than a century ago for even the oldest families here. As the Southwicks'



story suggests, it is still going on. What they have sought in that migration is not uncommon among the people of south-central Idaho. They came to Dietrich, at least in part, because of inexpensive land.

"I guess I've got a big dose of farmer in my blood," says Wanless Southwick, the couple's eldest son who arrived in August with his wife, Jerrie, and their eight children from West-Bountiful, Utah. He holds a doctoral degree in medical entomology and gave up his job as an environmental epidemiologist with the state of Utah to become the manager of the Shaw Dairy in Dietrich.

Similarly, son Steve left his position as an electrical engineer with Sperry-Union to bring his wife, Cherilyn, and their six children to Dietrich in 1978. Steve is now a deputy sheriff in Lincoln County.

"I didn't like the environment in Ogden," Steve explains. "I was working with teens in church. They didn't have the values we thought they should."

Steve says that while he misses the work he performed as an engineer, he enjoys working in law enforcement.

In several respects, the Southwicks mirror the major demographic traits of the Magic Valley.

Most notably, they are Mormon as are an estimated one in four residents of the eight-county Magic

Valley region, according to a 1980 study by the Glenmary Research Center of Atlanta, based on the Mormon Church's own estimates.

This concentration of church members in state and local populations is more than 17 times greater than the estimated 1.5 percent share of the national population that is Mormon.

The Southwicks are also descended from British ancestors, a trait they share with more than 30 percent of the valley population, according to the 1980 census.

The two characteristics are related. In its early days, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints' greatest successes at winning overseas converts occurred in Great Britain, where in the 1840s, church leader Brigham Young and other leaders baptized thousands of new church members.

Among them was Joseph Southwick, Verlon's great-grandfather, his second wife Mary and his five children. In 1849, heeding the call of the Mormon apostles, the family left England, bound for the Salt Lake Valley — via New Orleans, St. Louis, and Kanesville, Iowa.

Despite hardships that delayed their arrival in Utah, the family finally crossed the mountains and settled in the Salt Lake Valley in 1855, where they remained, except for brief interludes, through several generations until the moves to Dietrich began in 1969, Verlon says.

Like many Mormon families, the Southwicks have a keen interest in their family genealogy, which stems from church teachings and has contributed to the family's desire to write a family history.

Verlon says even with the volunteer labor of a son and a nephew, the project cost more than \$14,000 and took seven years. The result is a 416-page hard-cover book that

traces the family ancestry. The family published it in 1981.

It represents one family's shared effort to re-establish bonds with the past. But the Southwick children and their spouses also seem to share an uncertainty about how the future will treat the family's next generation.

The present generation values self-sufficiency and self-reliance, but none of the four Southwick children and their spouses who discussed their families and futures with The Times-News expressed much optimism that the Dietrich area can support the children when they begin raising their own families.

"The area can't absorb them," Wanless says. As head of the most recent Southwick family to arrive, he wonders whether he will be able to stay and support his own family.

"The kids don't want to move. They like the rural environment," he says.

Lynn Stimson, who is married to daughter Marcie, and who has lived his entire life in Dietrich, terms farming "no great bonanza. I wouldn't wish farming on my kids."

Like the others, he expresses doubt that the extended Southwick family can expand onto the land surrounding this Lincoln County town.

The Southwick children seem to agree that, because of the constraints imposed by the Dietrich economy, the next generation of Southwicks may not be able to share the extended-family status they now enjoy.

But their approach to this reality is not unpositive. Stimson says education is the key that will enable his children to pursue the lifestyle they desire.

Monday: Profiles of Czech and Laotian families.



Darrill visits with Burton while recovering at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

## Reunion occurs at hospital

By HAL BEIRNTON  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Darrill Liebetrau first set out from his Milpitas, Calif., home last Sunday evening for the long drive to Montana, he planned to spend the Christmas holidays in Great Falls, at a family reunion with his brother, Burton Liebetrau.

But in the wake of a tragic auto accident last Monday that claimed four lives, the two brothers have been reunited in a Twin Falls hospital room.

Loretta Liebetrau, Darrill's wife of 16 years, is dead, as is his sister-in-law, 22-year-old Katherine Nolan. Walt and Doris Rankin, a retired couple from Bainbridge, Wash., also were killed in the two-car collision on U.S. 93.

LaNae Liebetrau, Darrill's 14-year-old daughter — and the only other survivor of the accident, re-

mains in the intensive-care unit at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The Christmas reunion that prompted the Liebetraus' trip to Montana was part of a tradition that the two brothers have developed over the years, after their parents' passed away and their lives took divergent paths.

"We try to get together each year," Burton says.

Burton, the eldest of the two brothers, has stayed in the Great Falls area, where the two men were raised. He is foreman of a lumberyard.

Darrill, 40, moved from Montana 10 years ago to take a job with the Varian Corp., a manufacturer of scientific instruments.

He first worked as a field representative in Cincinnati before transferring to his present job as a product-support engineer at the firm's plant in Milpitas.

Last Sunday, Darrill, his wife, sister-in-law and daughter left California in the family's station wagon. They hoped to arrive in Montana by Tuesday for a reunion that would include stops in both Helena and Great Falls.

The family spent Sunday night in Winnemucca, Nev., then took to the road again early Monday morning.

After a luncheon stop in Jackson, the family headed north into Idaho.

At about 2:45 p.m., some five miles north of the Nevada border, the Liebetraus' car collided head-on with a southbound camper driven by Walt Rankin, who was traveling south for the winter with his wife Doris, after a visit to Great Falls to see his son.

Liebetrau recalls that the collision came an instant after a large semi passed him in the southbound lane, sending a cloud of snow spraying into the air, which

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# For some, it's business as usual

By ANNETTE CARY  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Since Christmas falls on a Sunday this year, many area workers will have Monday to stay home and extend the festivities just a little longer.

But for others whose occupations don't follow the calendar, it will be work as usual.

At the Tupperware Plant near Jerome, most workers had Friday off, as well as the weekend and Monday, designated a legal holiday.

At Idaho Frozen Foods, Monday will mark the start of the annual mid-winter closure. Office workers will have home Monday, and plant workers will get a break for three weeks, while new equipment is installed.

But at the Independent Meat Company in Twin Falls, a few workers will

show up on Christmas Day and Monday.

We have a perishable product that sometimes has to be sold all the time," says manager Patrick Florence. For maintenance and security workers, Sunday and Monday will be an ordinary workday of monitoring the smoke houses, boilers and refrigerators that run continuously, he says.

At the Amalgamated Sugar factory, it also will be business as usual on Christmas, says agricultural manager Ed Krebs.

"It's hard to stop once we start up. It's very uneconomical," Krebs says he will be staying close to the phone on Christmas Day, just in case he needs to reschedule loads of beet cane.

The trucking firm under contract to the factory also will be busy on Christmas. Circle A Construction will get by with half as many drivers

making deliveries and one dispatcher on Christmas Day. But Monday, it's back to a full staff.

However, most truckers in the Magic Valley will get Christmas and Monday off, in accordance with their union contract, says Gary Jones of Delta Lines.

Over at the Clear Lake Trout Co. in Boise, the fish still need to be fed. Christmas or no Christmas, says spokesman. A couple of workers will stay at each hatchery on Christmas Day, and a few more workers will come in Monday. The processing plant will be closed until Tuesday.

Christmas is no holiday for taxi drivers, radio announcers or security guards, either. Esther Goodwin at Magic Valley Security says guards will work their usual eight-hour shifts.

"Some of those who have families have traded shifts with those who don't. But in security, you just don't have a holiday," she says.

State courts and city police offices also will be on duty Sunday and will be some doctors and nurses at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center and the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital.

A spokesman at the medical center said someone also will have to man the laboratory and X-ray machines, and some doctors and nurses will need to be on call.

So far this year

# U.S. 93 has claimed nine lives

**JACKPOT** — On the 47-mile highway joining Twin Falls to Jackson, nine people have been killed this year, according to Idaho State Police records.

So far in 1983, 46 persons have died in traffic accidents in the Magic Valley area. Only Interstate 84, from the Gooding County line to Raft River, came close to touching the number of deaths generated by U.S. 93. On the interstate, six people have died from injuries sustained in accidents.

The fatalities on U.S. 93 are somewhat higher than usual this year, state police Lt. Bob Wright says. The comparatively high fatality rate may be attributed in part to drivers who are used to interstate driving on two-lane highways, he says.

Poor driving conditions also were a factor. Three of the five fatal accidents occurred on icy roads. And at 5 p.m. on Dec. 1, a crash was related to alcohol consumption.

In three of the accidents — all single-car accidents occurring before 8 a.m. — police suspect that the drivers fell asleep, according to police records.

Seven of the persons were killed in accidents within the 10 miles of the Nevada border.

Here's a brief review of this year's fatal accidents on U.S. 93:

• Most recently, four people were killed in a head-on collision five miles north of the Nevada border at 3 p.m. on Dec. 19.

Featherston of Jerome was killed in a four-car collision, 6.6 miles north of the Nevada border, when a report listed into his car. The police report listed road conditions as "ice, snow-covered and snowing."

• On Nov. 16 at 7:52 a.m., Stephen Mitchell of Orangevale, Calif., died after his car rolled over and he was thrown from the vehicle. The road was dry, and police believe Mitchell fell asleep before leaving the road, just past milepost 7.

• On Oct. 8 at 4:20 a.m., Larry Brown of Las Vegas and Ronald Phillips of Payette died when the driver of the pickup truck they were riding in fell asleep, according to police reports. The road was dry.

• On Feb. 21 at 7:15 a.m., Leroy Higley of Riverdale, Utah, was killed

when the car she was driving left the highway about 2.1 miles north of the border. Roads were dry, and police suspect that Higley fell asleep. Higley also had been drinking prior to the accident, according to police.

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will be available at convenience stores, which never close.

In the field of entertainment, the roller skating rink in Twin Falls, movie theaters and most bars will be welcoming customers.

But if you are down on your luck and

## Obituaries

**Elmer P. Beadz**  
JEROME — Elmer P. Beadz, 91, of Jerome, died early Saturday morning at St. Benedict's Hospital in Jerome.

Born Aug. 12, 1892, at Gordon, Neb., where he was raised and educated, he married Mabel Glendening in Gordon on Nov. 10, 1915. He moved to Colorado in 1917, and to Buhl in 1929. In 1930, they moved to Jerome, where he was employed until his retirement in 1953. They later moved to Jerome, where he had lived since.

Mrs. Beadz died in 1980.

He was a member of the Church of God.

Surviving are a son, Orval Beadz of Jerome; four daughters, Helen Paulsen of Jerome, Veleia Marvis of Seattle and Colleen Wilson and Genola Bradley, both of Detroit; two granddaughters in Cortez, Colo.; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with the Rev. Floyd Young officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Jerome.

Friends may call at the funeral home Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. and on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**Priscilla Henson**  
PAUL — Priscilla Benedict Henson, 51, of Paul, died Thursday evening of Paul, died Wednesday in Corona.

Born Oct. 22, 1932, in Paul, she attended Rupert schools and graduated from Rupert High School. She attended nursing school in Pocatello.

She married Charles R. Henson in 1954 in Boise. They moved to Corona, where she finished her nursing training. She had been working for the past 14 years at Corona Community Hospital.

Her mother, Mrs. Corde Benedict of Rupert, has three daughters, Sharnell, Emery and Deborah. Susan Henson, both of Corona, and Cydnee Henson of Pocatello, are sisters. Lila May Rank of Boise, and four grandchildren, she was preceded in death by her father and a sister.

Her funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, with the Rev. Ralph Wilde of the Rupert United Methodist Church officiating.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Paul Cemetery Pine Chapel Fund.

She was a member of the Daughters of the Utah Pioneers and the Telephone Pioneers.

Surviving are her husband of Twin Falls; two sons, Warren E. Robertson of Boise and J. Wade Whitaker of Pocatello; two daughters, Judith Craig of Twin Falls and Joyann Whitaker, serving a church mission in the San Diego area; five grandchildren; three brothers, George T. Carroll of Twin Falls, Merlin W. Carroll of Pocatello and Edward B. Carroll of Pocatello; and four sisters, Vernita Reynolds of Pleasant Grove, Utah, Lydia Johnson of Twin Falls, Evelyn Sparks of Boise and Jeanne Blackman of Eureka, Calif.

She was preceded in death by a child and a brother.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the Warrenton Chapel, 601 Cassell Avenue West, with Bishop David Wutrich officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

Friends may call at the White Mortuary in Twin Falls on Monday from 5 to 9 p.m. and at the church on Tuesday from noon until the time of the service.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Mountain States Warrenton Institute in Boise or to Friends of Hospice, 676 Shopp Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

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**Correction Notice**  
The Missouri Street map for the Sears December 25 insert are not available due to import problems; other styles at the same price are available. On page 13 the P155R-12 and P155R-13 Weather Hauler Tires are delayed in shipment. Replacements will be given. Due to merchandise supply problems the M1249S Sear's 9230 mini Hi-Li and No. 87741 Microwave on page 10 (10 1/2 inch) are not available. The copy for the mattress pad on page 2 is incorrect. It should read fitted, reversible, quilted pad. Package of 1. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our Sears Customers. Sears, Roebuck & Co.

**Laurence Humphries**  
BURLEY — Laurence Humphries, 79, of Burley, died Saturday morning at Cassia Memorial Hospital.

The funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary of Burley.

**Mary LaVerne O'Connor**  
TWIN FALLS — Mary LaVerne O'Connor of Twin Falls, died Thursday at the Mountain View Care Center in Kimberly.

Born June 29, 1890, in Fairview, S.D., she married James Walter O'Connor on April 9, 1913. In Vermillion, S.D. He died on Nov. 12, 1949. She moved to Twin Falls from Denver in 1967.

Mrs. O'Connor was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Surviving are: three grandchildren, Mary Melody of Twin Falls, Susan Balmer of Boise and Mike O'Connor of Los Angeles; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, a sister and three brothers.

The funeral will be held in Vermillion, S.D. White Mortuary of Twin Falls is in charge of local arrangements.

**Harry M. Murphy**  
TWIN FALLS — Harry Melvin Murphy, 61, of Blackfoot, and formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday in Blackfoot.

Born on Oct. 4, 1922, in Pickettsville, N.D., he moved in 1923 with his family to Twin Falls, where he was raised and educated.

He served in the Army during World War II.

Mr. Murphy had lived in Shelley and Blackfoot for the past several years.

Surviving are two sisters, Ruby Murphy of Twin Falls and Alice Murphy Krause of Harrison, Wash.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Col. Dr. Leslie C. Murphy, Vernon W. Murphy and Oliver E. Murphy.

The funeral will be held Tuesday at 3 p.m. at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Warren Chapman officiating.

Friends may call at the funeral home on Monday from 5 to 9 p.m. and until the time of the service on Tuesday.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association.

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**Harold Baker**  
JEROME — Harold Baker, 74, of Jerome, died early Saturday morning at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel of Jerome.

**Lila I. Whitaker**  
TWIN FALLS — Lila Isabelle Whitaker, 66, of Twin Falls, died early Friday morning at home.

Born May 11, 1917, in Kimberly, she had lived most of her life in Twin Falls.

She married Ralph E. Robertson, and they were later divorced. On April 12, 1952, she married Edsel J. Ted Whitaker in Wells, Nev.

Mrs. Whitaker had worked for the Mountain Bell Telephone Co. for 30 years.

She was a member of the 14th Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Twin Falls, and had served as ward librarian.

**Edith Warr**  
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## Accident

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observed his vision.

The Rankins' van was following closely behind the truck and appeared to have cut off the van in the north-bound lane, he recalled Friday from his hospital bed.

"I didn't even have time to react before it hit."

The crash occurred along a street in Burley that was covered with a hard pack of snow according to a Chid. Dave Rich, the Idaho State Police officer who investigated the accident. Rich said the road was covered about an hour prior to the accident.

Rich believes the snow spray spewed by the trucks' wheels triggered the accident, but he says no fault can be assessed and no charges will be filed.

"The Volkswagens was probably following a little too close to the truck," Rich said Friday. "When the truck went by Liebertaur, he also became involved in the cloud of snow from the truck. He didn't see anything until he saw the Volkswagens."

"It would be pretty tough to prevent this type of accident unless you make every truck stop every time it snows," Rich says. "But trucks that apparently don't know the accident occurred, as the driver continued on his southbound journey without stopping. The identity of the truck driver is not known, and there are no plans to try and locate the driver."

Burton Liebertaur jumped on a bus for Twin Falls as soon as he heard the tragic news.

Throughout the week, Burton has been a constant aide and bedside companion to Darrell. They will spend Christmas day together at the hospital.

Darrell appears well on the way to mending from the chest and lung injuries he sustained in the accident. An McCaffrey's trachea was transferred out of the intensive-care unit to a third-floor room.

However, daughter LeNae, a nationally ranked swimmer who aspired to make the 1988 Olympics, has sustained serious spinal injuries. Doctors are unsure whether she will be able to walk again, according to the two brothers.

Both Darrell and Burton have nothing but praise for hospital staff members who have become their unexpected Christmas hosts.

"They've been just superb," Darrell says. "When I was in the intensive-care unit, they let my daughter and I stay in the same room so that we could hold hands and give each other strength."

Even though he is now in a separate room, Darrell is able to visit with LeNae and to hear her passages from Ann McCaffrey's trilogy about the dragons of Pecton.

When the doctors think they are well enough to travel, Darrell and LeNae will return to California.

As we left the hospital Friday, we asked if there was anything that the newspaper might do to aid Darrell and his daughter.

"I might solicit the prayers of your readers for my daughter," Darrell said quietly.

We take this opportunity to wish our many friends

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**Mabel Kennada**  
HELVEN — Mabel Kennada, 85, a long-time Helven-area resident, died Saturday morning at the Burley Care Center.

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## Services

**RUPERT** — The funeral for Louise I. Larsen, 76, of Rupert, who died Wednesday, will be held Tuesday at 2 p.m. in the Rupert Assembly of God Church. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, on Monday afternoon and evening, and at the church an hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

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## Hospitals

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Mrs. Steven Nielson, Chester Sherritts, Fern Prier, Anna Olivia Berkeley, Teresa Astorquia, Mrs. Randy McNeill, Mrs. Dick McCallister, Mrs. Ellis Houston, Laura R. White, Mary Ellen Brown, Greta Paul Hutherford and Tasha D. Tackett, all of Twin Falls.

Also: Susan Alphin, Mrs. Cordell Green and Mrs. Ruben Braun, all of Burley; Edward Meyers, Mrs. Custer Keyes and Mrs. Tim Galt, all of Jerome; Edna Christian Moss of Hazelton; Erica Dawn Schmidt and Mrs. Eric Jackson, both of Kimberly; Mary Magdalene Orchard and Ray Sherrill, both of Wendell; Raymond Adams and Mrs. Leroy Gager, both of Gooding; Robert William Anderson and Margaret, Mrs. Roger Dalrymple of Shoshone; Orin Freeman and Bobbi, Lester McNeill Jr. of Eden, and Scott Maggard of Rupert.

**Dismissed**

Franklin Sharp, Mrs. Raymond Sargent and daughter, Corey Don Hodgkins, Mrs. Victor Nelson and son and daughter, Mrs. David McClements and Mrs. Dustin McCurdy and son, Ralph Martin, Mrs. David Marrs, Mrs. Steven Henna and daughter, Thea Galt, Donald Watson, Mrs. Donald Hines, Fern C. Prior, Tiffany Dawn Norton, Mrs. Roger Meng and son, Mrs. Curdell Green, Mrs. Larry Fennewand and son, and Lloyd Ellis, all of Twin Falls.

Mrs. Mark Lockwood and daughter, Shelli L. Fuller, David L. Brown, Glen Patchel and Thomas Jack Hutchinson, all of Jerome; Mrs. Michael Hill, Lola J. Riley, John Miracle and James Russell Collins, all of Buhl; Troy Dee Asby and Mrs. Ronald Hays, both of Gooding; Mrs. Edna E. Feltner of Pocatello; Simon and Raymond Adams, both of Gooding; Donald Dean Shelli, Mrs. Hutten Braun and Mrs. Cordell Green, all of Burley; Mrs. Wayne Schramm of Castledale; Lester McNeill Jr. of Eden; Scott Maggard, Mrs. Reg. Edna of Eden, and Mrs. Jerry Allen of Wendell; and Erica Dawn Schmidt of Kimberly.

**Birba**

Sons to Mr. and Mrs. Steven Nielson, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick McCallister, all of Twin Falls; and all of the children of Mrs. Kimberly's daughters to Mr. and Mrs. Randy McNeill of Twin Falls; Mr. and Mrs. Tim Galt of Jerome, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Dalrymple of Shoshone, and Mary Orchard of Wendell.

**ST. BENEDICT'S ADMITTED**

Shannon McEwen, Mark Walker, Helen Greenwood and Mary Jones, all of Jerome; Barbara Isaacs of Wendell; and Melody Rankin of Hazelton.

**Dismissed**

Bessie Hills, Matthew Reach, Edward Meyers, Juan Gonzalez, Alan Arnold and Florence Sumner, all of Jerome; and James Westford of Wendell.

**GOODING COUNTY MEMORIAL ADMITTED**

Ira Kistler of Gooding.

**Dismissed**

Hazel Cole, Kenneth Hartmore and Mrs. Alan Kujala and son, all of Gooding; Ole Sove of Harjeman, and Mary Joyce of Bliss.

**CASSIA MEMORIAL ADMITTED**

Bryan Cazier, Fred Samuels, Jeanne Lara, Laurence Humphries, Lyle Dixon and F.C. Paskett, all of Burley; Edward E. Davison and George Bender, both of Oakley; Harold Peterson of Rupert; Walter Klosterman and Juana Campos, both of Paul; Vaughna Broadhead and Marie Hansen, both of Heyburn; and Rosetta Roberts of Carey.

**Dismissed**

Olivia Hernandez, Duane Hutchison, Virgil Durfee, Ted Seefeld, Mark Rodrigues and Tyler Carson, all of Burley; Elaine Hood, Vaughna Broadhead and Walter Volkers, all of Heyburn; Walter Klosterman of Paul; Roger Hansen, Loyd Davis and Eric Wilcox, all of Rupert; and Mildred Stevenson of Oakley.

**Birba**

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Lara of Burley.

**MINIDOKA MEMORIAL ADMITTED**

Sherman Bellwood, Earl Charles Judy Centu and Enid Nelson, all of Rupert; and Martha Kyles of Minidoka.

**Dismissed**

Christine Nessen, Beverly Son, Orlando Shaw, Tammy Parker and son, and Belva Zinn, all of Rupert; Arland and daughter, Noelle Duval of Nevada; Sandra Macias and daughter, and Darrell Lindauer, all of Minidoka.

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**Correction**

TWIN FALLS — In an article Monday, The Times-News reported that the current cost of a run-up-trip air ticket between Twin Falls and Boise is \$130. The actual cost is \$100. Transwestern Airline officials say.

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## Chestnuts roasting Uncle John

Christmas didn't mean a lot of toys for the children in Sigman Hollow. Instead it was approached with reverence and awe. Reverence because we were once again setting aside a time to remember the miraculous birth of God in Jesus. Awe because we knew the big box from Grandma Cook held many hidden delights!

Grandma Cook lived in Okanagan, Wash., and I marveled that a box so big could reach us where we lived in the northeastern corner of Tennessee nestled among the Great Smoky Mountains.

The fall and holiday seasons always look on an intensity of activity. The houses would smell of German pastries, candles and fresh popcorn. Since we were all related, or seemed to be, we shared and worked together. While the women cooked, the men would carry in armloads of firewood to keep the old Monarchs roaring.

About a week before Christmas, Grandma's box, as we called it, would arrive. One year we caught cousin Jimmy being at long a piece of loose tape. When we were finished with him, he held that box with much more respect.

By Christmas Eve, the surrounding mountains and Sigman Hollow would be covered in a sparkling blanket of fresh snow. I can still smell the fresh raw mountain air, the smell of burning wood and kerosene lamps. As twilight turned to darkness the men would dig a pit and build a roaring fire.

I would look into the star-sprinkled

### Handkerchief represents love

My "depression" Christmas days I remember most was the year I was a freshman going from a small country school, Greenwood, to a big three community high school, Hazelton. I wanted very much to attend the Christmas dance so I begged my mother for a lovely navy blue polka dot dress with a "swinging" skirt.

She told me if she had to spend the \$5 for the dress there would not be a Christmas present for me: I was happy to agree to that. But Christmas morning on our "sagebrush" tree decorated with popcorn strings and homemade decoration, there was a small package for me. I was very touched to find a lovely handkerchief that I recognized as one of my invalid grandmother's nice handkerchiefs.

I still treasure that handkerchief and this memory of my family's love.

Phyllis McIntauri  
Kimberly

sky and wonder if the flames were licking the star's toes. Grandma Sigman had told me the stars warmed their toes by the Christmas Eve fire in Sigman Hollow.

Long tables, set up earlier in the day, were laden with delicate pastries and great stone crocks of fresh fat elder, steaming hot. Sledding was the highlight of Christmas Eve, and we zoomed down the hillside on a run lighted by several log fires.

One year some of the boys built a flat bottom canoe. It never held a right in the water, but it performed beautifully in the snow — except it was impossible to steer. For several years we enjoyed that canoe and were devastated when it hit the corner of the chicken house and broke in two. Grandma Sigman was also at loose

ends because upon impact her prized banty rooster, Henry, died. As 10 o'clock neared the fire was left alone and became a glowing bit of coals. The men carried in big sacks of chestnuts and sprinkled them into old wire popcorn poppers. We waited with mouth watering anticipation and ate roasted chestnuts before crawling into our allotted pallets in the big meeting house.

One year, Uncle John, whom we were sure was 100 years old, really lived up to the chestnut feast. During a lively song of "O Come All Ye Faithful," Uncle John dropped a hot, burned chestnut down the front of his bib overalls. He sprang straight into the air, and began gyrating through the crowd acting like a chicken on a hot rock.

Exhortations of mercy were spilling

from him in German as he finally made it to the old weathered outhouse. By then all was silent, except for the enlivened exclamations from the echoing building. At this point, Mom held her hands over my ears. Oh, how I would have liked to hear all he had to say about the chestnuts. He was saying things I had never heard about before.

The next day was laughed because Uncle John had become so excited and just because he burned his chestnuts. Years later we were to learn differently and would lapse into fits of laughter.

Later in the night after the festivities would crawl into our warm pallets and drift off to sleep. The big building contained five wood stoves and occasionally I would hear the crack of a door as someone stoked a stove against the winter's chill. Smells of waiting food, warmth and a sense of well-being settled over us. I use to awaken and sit still, looking over the building in the lamps glow to see mounds of sleeping families. Filled with awe, joy and peace, I would listen to the snow birds nestling outside, and hear the snores and stirrings of the people. Smelling all the intermingled fragrances, life as I know it was a living experience.

Amongst all this, sitting in the center of the room awaiting Christmas morning was Grandma Cook's box. Sigman Hollow was snuggled down for the night, but come morning Grandma Cook's big box would fill our young hearts with jubilant Christmas wonder.

Barb Sigman Wood  
Twin Falls



## Switches, manure add up to memories

The Christmas I will never forget is when my brother and I got real live horse manure and switches wrapped and tied with red ribbon for Christmas.

It was during the second World War when toys were scarce and hard to buy. I was about 5 years old and my brother was about 7 and we lived in Bellevue, Idaho.

We were brought up to believe in Santa Claus. I had always been a tradition in my mother's family that Santa Claus would deliver your toys in person to the children on Christmas Eve.

Every year around Christmas time, Mother and Dad would remind my brother and I when we did something bad that if we were not good Santa would not bring us anything but horse manure and switches for Christmas. Of course, like all kids, we didn't really believe them.

My Uncle Bill always played Santa Claus and about a month before Christmas when we would be playing around in the house, we would hear tapping at the kitchen window. We would look up and there would be Santa watching us.

We were perturbed. He would ask us morning Grandma Cook's big box would fill our young hearts with jubilant Christmas wonder.

Christmas was getting close, and I knew I was going to get a doll cradle and my brother was going to get a sled. Finally Christmas Eve came.

We heard the bell ring and ran to the door to see Santa Claus.

He gave us our sack and said "Ho Ho Merry Christmas" and left. We were all excited and opened up the sack, and lo and behold what was in the sack? Horse manure and switches. We both started crying and screaming we "it" be good Santa, we "it" be good.

Then what seemed like hours to us, and was probably only a few minutes, Santa returned with another sack and a sled and a doll cradle. As we were wiping away the tears and going through the sack, Santa slipped away quietly.

Our uncle always went out to the shed and took off his big fur coat and mask. Then he would come to the house a few minutes later as our "Uncle Bill" to see and ask us what old Santa Claus had brought us for Christmas. My brother and I, of course, proceeded to tell him the horrible thing that happened to us and how good we were going to be from now on.

My brother and I didn't know the truth about the joke that had been played on us until a few years later after we no longer believed in Santa Claus.

Every year since that time, at Christmas I remember back to that particular Christmas Eve. It is one that I have never forgotten and will always remember.

Marilyn Merritt  
Twin Falls

## Santa makes it

A long time ago, Christmas Eve in Kansas was bitter cold and everything was covered with snow, and the coal pile was going down mighty fast.

Our mother gave my brother, sister and me an early supper that night, then each of us had a dip in and out of the tin tub.

After our ablutions were over, each of us hung a long black cotton stocking — clean ones from the dresser drawer — over the back of a chair, and we started chattering and giggling about what Santa might bring us.

Our father had been pacing the floor and suddenly he said, "Kids!" A silence ensued because that tone of voice always got immediate attention. "I heard this afternoon that Santa Claus wouldn't be coming this way tonight because it is so cold and the roads are in bad shape."

"Yes, but Pop," our brother interrupted, "Santa's reindeer fly through the air."

"Not this year they won't." "At that, we all started crying and sobbing and sniffing. After starting in space for a little while, father jumped up, put on his coat, and said, "By gum! I'm going down town and see what the latest rumor is."

As soon as the door closed, Mom shook us off to bed. We continued sobbing until exhausted, then fell asleep as children do.

It seemed like no time until our bedroom door opened and Pop stood there saying "Ho, ho, ho! You better get up and see what Santa Claus brought you." It was still dark and the lamps were lit and the fire had been poked up.

On each of our chairs was a book, an orange and some candy that made a lump in each black stocking.

Years later, I realized that father had been deep into his pocket to produce those presents, and I knew that there is a Santa Claus. There has always been a Santa Claus and I still believe it.

Frances Holbrook  
Twin Falls



## Dad's math talents put to use

The Christmas I was 6 years old, our family was living in St. Louis, Mo. Although we were poor, we just knew that Santa Claus would bring us all our heart's desires.

My biggest wish was to own the beautiful doll that was the prize in a contest in our neighborhood. She would belong to whom ever could guess the number of beans in a large fish bowl.

Instead of spending my time figuring out the number of beans, I had her memorized — from the real

blonde hair-in-ringslets, to the blue eyes that opened and closed, to her white silk dress and slip, down to the tiny shoes and slippers.

My father, an excellent mathematician, knew of my love for the doll and walked with me to the store and had me put my guess in the box. I tried not to get too hopeful and did my best to put it out of my mind. Christmas Eve we were sent to bed early filled with great anticipation. It was about 8 p.m. there was a knock on the door. Of course, I wasn't asleep, but pretended to be when my parents came in.

There she was — the doll in the window — in my own room! I jumped up — crying and laughing and bouncing around hugging and kissing my father and the doll.

I had never had anything so special. In fact, though I am plus 60 years, I still remember the year I got the beautiful doll as my most memorable Christmas ever.

Although they had nearly faded by now, the footprints that had delivered the box to the doorstep were able to be followed. Out to the road and up the block he went at a determined pace. There, near the corner, the footprints seemed to disappear.

Coming back to the house, the husband told his walking family what he had learned — practically nothing. This will always be one of my favorite Christmas stories because it is true. It has been five years since that gift was given and received. Wait and I never did find out who it was who made the mysterious phone call and who left the footprints in the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans  
Dietrich

Illustrations  
by Patrick Davis

## Holidays the only time children ever saw orange

It wouldn't be exciting to the children of today, but my Christmas was great. We really looked forward to it. We didn't get a lot, mostly just what we needed the most.

We couldn't afford it for there was 15 children, plus our parents. It was like two different families. The older ones married young so we only saw them once a year, usually at Christmas. Everything was homemade, including the decorations for the tree and house.

We received an orange, banana and a little candy and nuts in our stockings. Christmas time was the only time we even saw an orange.

We would put on a Christmas program at school with every child taking part. We had first grade through the eighth, 14 to 20 children in the school.

This one Christmas was extra special, but my younger children could not understand why, until later. We had Christmas dinner a few days early, serving chicken instead of turkey. We raised both turkeys and chickens on the farm. This one year

all the families were able to attend. We did not. The reason we had chicken, it was one of our brother's favorite.

He left a few days later to serve our country as Pearl Harbor had been bombed and the boys were having to leave. One by one, three more of our brothers went into the service during World War II, then later one more went in.

God blessed them, and all of them returned to us. Looking back I can see where our Christmas was really special with all the love that family and friends had for one another. They took time from their hard work just to be with us. It is too bad we don't have more of that today.

The Christmas holidays were spent sledding off a hill by our house or being pulled by horses, sometimes ice skating on our ditch or river that was frozen over. We made our own fun, which was great. It is something I will never forget.

Alberta Turner  
Twin Falls

## Prints vanish into wintry night

As the snow fell lightly onto the already blanketed ground, one family was busily preparing for the coming holiday. Christmas was just two weeks away and this year would be tougher than usual, but they knew they would somehow manage.

The father of this family had been laid off from his job — a lay-off that would last two months at least. With practically no income, the bills seemed greater than average. Their baby was just one week old and needed many things. The other children knew that money was tight but that didn't stop their dreams of what special things Santa would bring them.

On this particular evening, there was an unusual phone call. As the mother tried to get the baby, the husband answered the ringing telephone. As he hung up the phone there was a puzzled look on his face. "The caller said to open the front door, but he wouldn't say who or tell me his name!" Everyone's curiosity was sparked

and they joined the father as he opened the door. On the porch sat a large box with snow falling gently on it. The father said it was quite heavy as he carried it into the house.

Upon opening the box, everyone was very surprised to find a large frozen turkey, pumpkin pie ingredients, a cake mix, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce and lots of other goodies for the holiday season.

The children were full of questions. "Who gave this to us?" and "Was it Santa Claus?"

At the bottom of the box was an envelope. The mother was sure it would explain the mystery. She read the words printed on the outside of the envelope aloud. "The Christ Child Lives!" Inside the envelope she found 100 one dollar bills.

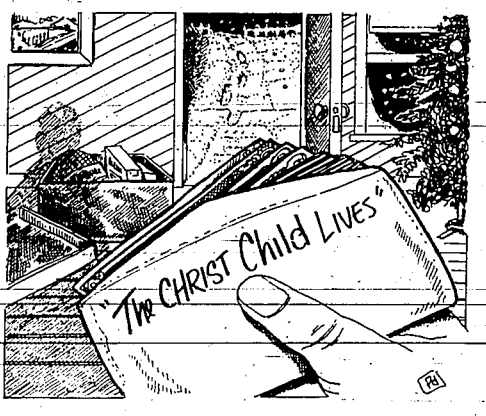
It looked like a fortune. "Who... Why?" The mother and father were momentarily speechless as they looked from the box, to the envelope and then to each other. The parents knew they must find out who did this, who could be so very

generous and not even be around to accept a thank you. The wife made some phone calls — to no avail — and then searched through the box again for a clue. Her husband grabbed a jacket and went outside to see if he could follow the foot prints left in the snow.

Although they had nearly faded by now, the footprints that had delivered the box to the doorstep were able to be followed. Out to the road and up the block he went at a determined pace. There, near the corner, the footprints seemed to disappear.

Coming back to the house, the husband told his walking family what he had learned — practically nothing. This will always be one of my favorite Christmas stories because it is true. It has been five years since that gift was given and received. Wait and I never did find out who it was who made the mysterious phone call and who left the footprints in the snow.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Evans  
Dietrich



More Christmas memories inside section

## Homemade boat the best present ever

My most memorable Christmas was in 1931 when I was 9 years old and in the Shriners Hospital in San Francisco, Calif.

I was being operated on to strengthen the muscles in my left arm, after having polio at the age of 3.

We were very poor, and could not afford anything but the trip to and from the hospital for my father and me. But this Christmas my younger brother made me a tiny toy boat out of wood and nails. It had a tiny sail.

Some of the other kids in the ward had much more, but mine was more precious and memorable because of the love put into that little boat by my brother who was only 7 years old at the time.

It still brings tears to my eyes, even now when I remember it.

John Taupin  
Jerome

# Navy takes invitation seriously

No one expected much happiness and cheer as Christmas 1944 approached as the United States was engaged in a war and the world filled with anxiety and sorrow.

Almost every home had been touched by the loss of a loved one, a friend or neighbor. Our young men were stationed all over the world leaving worried families waiting at home.

My family had transplanted ourselves in California from Iowa before that fateful Dec. 7, 1941 and on this particular Christmas my parents were working long shifts in assembly plants.

My husband expected to enter the service the next month and I would be left with a 15-month-old son. My grandmother-in-law, Long-Beach had received a call that her son, my uncle, had a short holiday leave while his ship was in San Diego so we planned a little family sharing.

It was the first year Uncle Charles had been home for Christmas since his enlistment eight years before. We had received a gift ham from relatives on the farm in Iowa and with it all baked we headed to Long Beach from Los Angeles early Christmas morning. Grandma had a tiny apartment, a two-burner stove with a portable tin oven and only a ice box for cooling.

Rationing was a way of life during the war. There was no coffee, tea or cocoa, very little sugar, shortening or meat and many other things were in

short supply. Somehow though, we managed to gather enough for a traditional holiday dinner.

Uncle Charles telephoned from the bus station saying he had two shipmates with him who had nowhere to go. Grandma invited them to join us. We would manage.

With the aroma of ham, yeast rolls, candied yams and pumpkin pie whetting our appetites, we lit candles and spoke our Christmas prayer.

After we ate a knock on the door. Grandma opened it to a shifty-faced sailor who asked, "Is this where Charles from the USS Mississippi is having dinner?" Uncle Charles shouted, "Come on in, this is the place!" and three young shipmen in their blues rushed in.

My uncle admitted sheepishly he had passed the word to a few boys at the bus depot, who just happened to be from Iowa, that if they had no place to go, they might stop by his mother's apartment for dinner.

"Little did he know," Grandma took a deep breath and excused herself to me following. Three more plates were set out. She could "make do," she said.

As the afternoon wore on, we answered the door three more times and found we had a total of seven more sailors, all from Iowa. Of course, the first group had eaten well with generous helpings, but as the food began to dwindle, the party got merrier.

The boys would dash to the nearby

dell and bring back whatever they could. They pitched in with ideas on how to stretch the ham. They cut carrots and ate peanut butter on crackers.

Grandma stirred up pudding when the pies were gone. I washed dishes keeping the "setting for four" available for the impromptu cook-eat-laugh meal.

Grandma's little apartment was walk-to-wall United States Navy, a total of 12 guests, and by early evening all those happy sailors left to report back to their ship.

One sailor took me aside as he left and said, "I hope you won't be angry, but I'm not really from Iowa; I live in Rock Island, Ill., just across the river from Davenport, but I have sisters in Davenport and Des Moines."

I assured him it didn't really matter. Uncle Charles hadn't really expected anyone to take him up on his offer anyway.

So a day that could have been one of loneliness turned out to be a memorable one for all of us. I have often wondered if that Christmas Day 1944 might have been the last Christmas for one of those sailors or more. It was a shining example of the true spirit of Christmas during a darkness in our country's history. It was America, it was patriotism, it was caring Christmas to share them and forever in our memory, even though there was no peace on earth.

Shirley C. Woller  
Twin Falls

# Impressive child's myths tumble

Childhood is the pleasant place where memories start.

My childhood was peopled with mythological characters I really believed in. "They" paved the way and softened the blow for the disappointments and disillusionments that followed in the years to come.

When a loose tooth came along it was pulled... the tooth deposited under the pillow. In the morning the dime was in its place... What was so hard to believe?

My mother would tap my 4-year-old cheek where a mole grew and quote from my favorite poet at age four. Eugene Field wrote about it so well. Ganderfeather in such an endearing way I grew to love him.

When that fairy up and kissed me, here upon my cheek he kissed me... and the others shouted when on my cheek uprose a berry, some that like a mole mayhap, but the kiss mark of that chap.

"Constant friends this mole and I" might have been all right at 4 but it changed. I never outgrew the value of my mother's opinions, or my love of Eugene Field, but the day came when I could look and see that mole for the blight it was.

The Jolly Big Man in Red I'm sure was always number one in importance but was not "on stage" as often. I have yet to talk to an adult who didn't have a great deal of reserve about Santa Claus that bordered on a mystical fear.

For days before Christmas, bravery was uppermost on my mind -- not what he would bring me. To be fearless when you went to that hall full of people to wait for the biggest event of your life was your yearly goal.

The courage dissolved each year as he burst into sight from an unexpected corner. I had been sorely tried when I was 3 and had run into the dimly lit kitchen for a drink and the top half of Santa stood framed in the naked window of the door in the direct glow of the porch light.

I can remember thinking I could never get to my mother before I died of fright. From that day to the time of the "big disclosure" the love-fear emotion never left me.

The revealing truth always comes from your best friends who can't wait to see the stricken look on your face. When Herbie told me, I hit him as hard as I could and ran home. He in tears and him laughing.

It was a terrible thing to hear Mother tell me Herbie was right. Gradually everything came to light and my hate for Herbie increased as my world was stripped away that cold January day. I kept trying to put things back in order.

"I saw him myself at our house," only to be told it had been my aunt. Once the tooth fairy was disposed of, I hardly day to day to ask for Ganderfeather. With my hand on my cheek I knew it was not "his gift to me" at all.

Surely the Easter Bunny was real. I was the one, only one short year ago who didn't have nests of eggs on Easter morning. It was the one my father took to the empty coop to look, even though I thought it was a poor place. He had swung the door open and it was me that saw the two big white rabbits with pink eyes. Amazing pink eyes!

But I later learned my grandfather had shipped my rabbits with pink eyes, to give me a Easter never to be forgotten.

With all this tumbling through my mind, the pain was eased when I realized Herbie was an ugly boy.

You believe what you see in your youth. The dimes were real enough. The mole was very much there and no one else was so blessed with this fairy gift. Had Santa himself been to our house? So what's not to believe in?

From that day on things are never the same. Never again do you arrive at a time and place when so many people are pulling together to let you have a dream that will create special memories for years to come. That day you graduate and become one of "them" in protecting the young through their years of fantasy.

When a few days passed and I had recovered from the truth and went about facing what my mother called reality, I started to think of renewing my friendship with Herbie. I was glad to see he wasn't really ugly anymore.

Bruce G. Crane  
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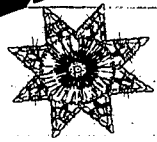
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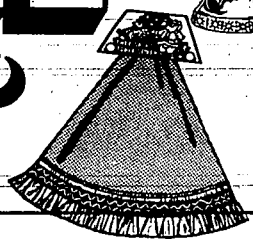
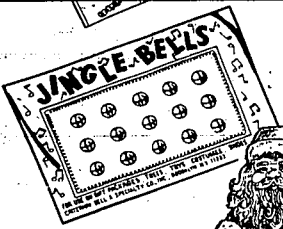
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# Christmas among the wolves

TWIN FALLS — It was many years ago and we had just moved from Wisconsin to Green Mountain, Ore., far removed from civilization, where the winters were cold and snowy.

We were a large family and all were very young. We moved just a few personal belongings in a small two-wheel trailer and into a large, partially furnished home.

We were told by a merchant who ran a store below the mountain that the renter before us had had a very difficult winter.

Food was scarce for the wild animals that roamed the mountain woods and one night the family was awakened by the sound of glass breaking. It sounded as if every window in the house went at the same time.

Everyone rushed to the railing on the edge below the mountain that wolves ransacking the kitchen for

food. This tale put our family on a 24-hour protection awareness. With Dad away most of time looking for work, the responsibility was placed on us older children.

Mom had been away most of the time; our food supplies were getting very low. We searched the old garden grounds and found underground vegetables, still remaining very fresh, which made lots of homemade soups.

But in the midst of the hardships, Christmas was getting very close. We knew we had seen a lean Christmas before. But this year would be much worse. We believed, however, no matter what, we would never lose our spirit of Christmas. — Mom and Dad never ever let us down and neither did God. A week before Christmas, they took all nine of us kids to a small town. We were taken to the dime-store,

where we were told to pick out what we'd like as a present, priced at a dollar or under. I picked out the most beautiful bracelet. And after 31 years, I still have it with me.

A pastor and his family at a small church in the valley heard there was a large family new to the mountain. They thought they would brighten up our Christmas and bring some groceries and gifts. They had a wrapped gift for each of us. What joy the little Barbie-type doll with knitted clothes brought us girls.

Years later as I raised my own children, our gifts of Christmas some years were only a tree carefully decorated and the meaning of Christmas in our hearts. Only because of the memorable Christmas on Green Mountain was I able to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas.

Mary Nida Smith  
Twin Falls

# Distance no barrier to Santa's helper

The year was 1923 and we lived at Black Pine, Idaho. In case some of you don't know where that is, it's in the northwest corner of Owyhee County, three miles from the Utah line and just one-half mile from the Cassia County line.

We lived in a two-story log house with the logs standing on end. Grandfather had built this house in 1883. There were eight boys and one girl in the family.

The oldest boy, Lloyd, was married and worked on a ranch six miles west of Snowville. This left seven boys and a girl at home. She was the baby. I was third from the bottom and 6-years-old.

We must have had a bad year for Dad and Mother told us boys that Santa wouldn't be able to come that year because he was too poor. They said there just wasn't going to be a Christmas.

Going to bed that night we were all feeling pretty bad that Santa Claus would not be coming. But then we awoke to the sounds of sleigh bells, which kept getting louder, finally stopping in front of our house.

We boys wanted to get up, but Dad told us to stay in bed until morning.

Brother Lloyd, knowing the financial condition of the family, had drove to Snowville in his sleigh — very few people had cars in them days. He bought candy and nuts, and drove 14 miles across the flat in the sleigh so that we could have a Christmas.

When we awoke in the morning there on the wall behind the stove were our stockings full of candy and nuts. Also, there was a little present for each of us. So Santa did come to our house.

Lloyd had to return to the ranch where he worked that night. So, you see, he rode 28 miles just so we would have a Christmas. What a big brother

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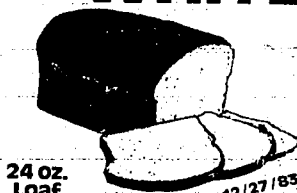
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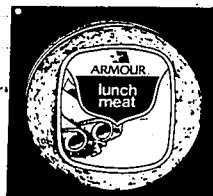
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# Grandpa, grandma turn on the lights

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By Christmas time, the bills were far behind in getting paid and our electricity had already been shut off. Mama was cooking on a wood stove and we had plenty of food to eat,

courtesy of the welfare department, but there wasn't any money for Christmas presents and things like that.

We didn't even think we'd have a tree that year, but Daddy went up in the hills and cut us a tree that went from floor to ceiling. We decorated it with the ornaments we had and we kids made chains of paper and popcorn. We made German-bells and snowflakes that were tied to the tree with string.

That Christmas Eve we sat and listened to old radio shows on Daddy's radio that we'd take camping with us during the summer. Then we sang all the Christmas songs we knew until the little girls were dozing and it was time to get to bed.

When we woke on Christmas Day, Grandpa and Grandma were there and they had had the electricity turned back on. There were presents under the tree for all of us, which we all enjoyed unwrapping.

Whenever I think of Christmas, I think of that Christmas Eve and

remember the warmth and closeness of our family that night. It has made me realize that while the presents and trimmings of Christmas are nice, it is the loving and sharing of each other that is important.

The memory of that time has helped me get through some Christmases that could have been worse and made me appreciate even more those which were better.

Michelle Lara  
Twin Falls

## Large boxes of packages bring joy

There are so many memories that sweep past my mind during this time of the year. I remember one Christmas nearly 20 years ago. It had been a difficult year for all of us.

My parents had divorced and now my father was gone, leaving my mother and all 11 of us kids (all under age 15). Being one of the older children, I knew there wouldn't be much under the tree on Christmas morning.

Then there was the knock on our door Christmas Eve. I don't know who they were, but they walked in carrying three or four large boxes of food and wrapped packages.

After they left, the little ones scampered around so excited. But in the midst of it all, my mother sat, oblivious to the noise and confusion with a look on her face I will never forget, tears streaming down her cheeks.

As I look around now, I am so grateful for my sweet little family and for the presents hid in the basement to be opened Christmas morning. But that experience in my youth, makes me look beyond myself to those around me. How I wish I knew who those people were. They may never know what that meant to our family that day.

Margie Brooke Thurston  
Twin Falls

## Baby brother the best gift

My favorite Christmas was in 1966 in Kelso, Wash., when my mom was expecting a baby. My little brother David was born on Dec. 23. He's 17 now.

There are eight kids in our family, five girls and three boys. I was 11 and it was real exciting for me knowing a new baby was on the way.

My mom couldn't come home for Christmas so we opened one gift and saved all the other presents until Mom and the new baby got home. It just wasn't Christmas until Mom could be there.

I remember Dad and Mom brought David home the day after Christmas and she was real happy that we had saved Christmas until she home.

She put David in his crib and we oohed and aahed for hours. She told us that we could open our presents anytime.

What presents? She couldn't get us away from the crib.

That was the nicest Christmas ever, and it is one I will always remember.

Kathy Smallwood Hebert  
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By Dr. Ludwig C. Landwehr

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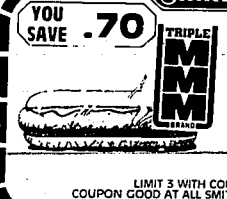
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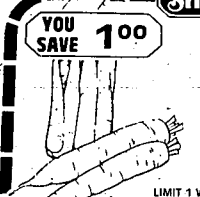
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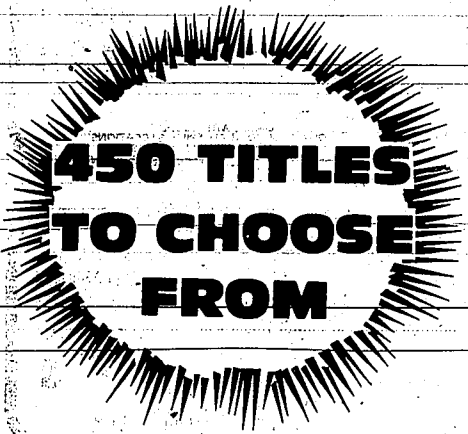
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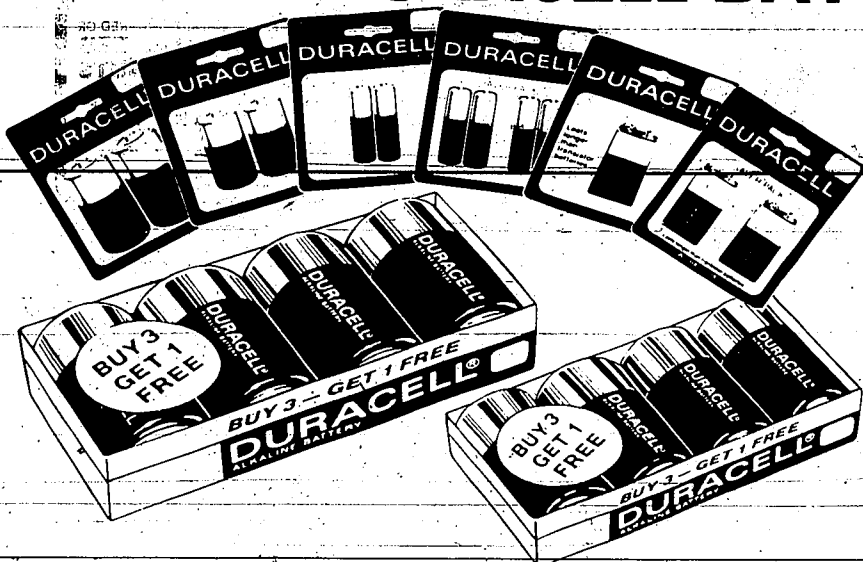
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# Tiny Christmas tree brightens the holiday

Each year, when we unpack our Christmas tree decorations, I take out the ornaments purchased through the years that are carefully packed in their original boxes.

Then I open a shoe box, remove four small bell-shaped ornaments, enshrouded in tissue paper. They are not spectacular in any way — mostly clear with little color — but I hang them in a prominent place on our tree, as I have done for the past 41 years.

My husband, a staff sergeant in the Air Force (retired in 1941) was stationed in Paterson, N.J., at Wright Aeronautical. Due to limited personnel for the 450 students, he had many 12-to-14-hour work days, six days a week.

Falso worked for Wright Aeronautical, in personnel in another plant across town. Even though we were working in the same defense plant, there was no way that I could contact Bob by phone.

I couldn't be sure what time of night he would be home. It was also impossible to have a telephone installed in our residence (shortage during war) so we felt isolated from all our friends and relatives.

A long-distance call on holidays might take as long as eight hours, going through operators, and there was no way we could spend Christmas in a telephone booth.

We had no car, so I had to walk 10 blocks to the nearest grocery store in bitter cold. One evening in December, with snow steadily falling, I set out to get some essential items.

Bob was never home before the stores closed, so all the shopping was up to me. When I entered the store and saw small Christmas trees, I knew I had to have one.

I only purchased one item on my grocery list so I wouldn't be too laden down, and then bought a tree, which was placed in a huge grocery bag.

Being a native of Mississippi, I was unprepared for the cold. But since I only walked a block each day to catch the trolley to and from work, I hadn't suffered too much with my untanned kid gloves, rubber galoshes and silk head scarf.

The walk that evening would have

## Hitchhikers invited to meal

I recall a Christmas in the depression days of 1935. We had prepared a big dinner, expecting relatives from 50 miles away.

A blizzard came up blocking roads and stranding freight trains in the small south-eastern Wyoming town where we lived. Men hitchhiking rides on the trains were accommodated at the jail.

Through the sheriff, we invited six of these men to spend Christmas with us and a great and merry Christmas was enjoyed by all.

Ethel R. Johnson  
Twin Falls

been bad with only a small bag of groceries, but laden down with the awkward bulk of the Christmas tree that demanded the use of both hands, it was unbearable.

I felt my ears, nose, fingers and toes would break off from the cold before I could reach the warm apartment building. When I finally got there, I rushed up the stairs to our third-floor apartment rather than waiting for the antique elevator.

I took a few minutes to stand by the ancient heat register before leaving for the corner drug store to purchase decorations. I bought icicles, eight of the bell-shaped ornaments (four were broken in the ensuing years) and an eight-bulb string of lights that died a natural death a few years ago.

Then I decorated the tree before I had thawed so it would be ready when Bob arrived. When he finally walked in the door that night and saw the tree, the look on his face was worth all of the suffering I had endured.

I don't recall many of our other gifts, where we ate Christmas dinner, or any of the other details, but I shall never forget the tree.

I do know that before we opened our gifts, we started our ceremony, of tradition, that we have continued for the 41 years of our marriage.

Before we open any gifts, Bob reads the Christmas story from the Bible and prays, thanking God for His Son, the greatest gift, without which we would have no Christmas. For us, there could never be a Christmas leaving Christ out.

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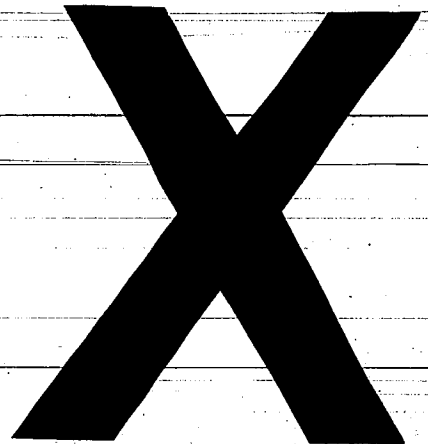
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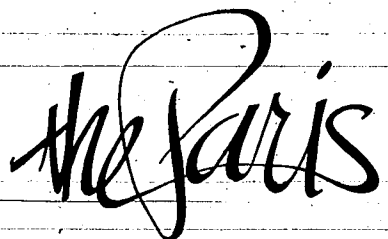
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## Drugs dominate 1983 sports news

NEW YORK (UPI) — The No. 1 story in sports this year was a heart-breaker in every sense of the term.

**Drug abuse:**  
The story had been building up for years. Knowing glances. Official warnings: Whispers in the clubhouse and hotel lobbies. Hints here and there.

They were all dragged out into the open in 1983 revealing to the world that athletes were not immune to a sickness that is rampant throughout society. By the end of the year it was clear that athletes caught in the web of drug abuse would not be granted special privileges by their peers, the fans, amateur and professional officials and, finally, district attorneys and the courts.

That change in the athlete's status — the

### Year-end summaries on col. hoop, baseball—C4-5

former image was of the athlete pampered since youth and insulated by the system against normal responsibility — was selected by a year-end UPI survey as the most significant sports story of 1983.

It was punctuated by the clang of jail cells, replacing the cheers of the crowd, behind Willie Wilson, Vida Blue, Willie Aikens and Jerry Martin of the Kansas City Royals who pleaded guilty of attempting to purchase cocaine in Kansas City.

United States Magistrate J. Milton Sullivan

sentenced all four to three months in jail. In addition, Wilson, Aikens and Blue were fined \$5,000 and Martin \$2,500 and they were later suspended for one year by commissioner Bowie Kuhn.

Also, pitcher Steve Howe of the Los Angeles Dodgers was suspended "three times" during the season for using drugs.

Athletes in other sports also felt the heavy hand of a society increasingly concerned with the consequences of drug abuse.

Fifteen athletes from 10 nations, including two U.S. athletes, were stripped of their gold medals after testing positive for the use of banned substances while participating in the Pan American Games in Venezuela. Most were weightlifters, although 11 American track and field performers made themselves

look guilty by withdrawing from the meet after the testing began.

Following that embarrassment, both The Athletics Congress (American track's governing body) and the U.S. Olympic Committee announced drug crackdowns. TAC commissioned a five-member panel to investigate the Caracas circumstances, while the USOC announced the formation of its Task Force on Drug Control.

Officials-and-player associations in other sports, notably pro football, hockey and basketball, also were coming to grips with a problem which, until 1983, had been consistently minimized. Drug abuse in sports led the list of the most significant sports stories of the year by a decisive margin followed by Australia's victory in the America's Cup, which ended 132

years of United States superiority in international 3-meter yacht racing, and the Washington Redskins' Super Bowl triumph. Rounding out the top five were baseball's "home run ball" incident involving the New York Yankees and Kansas City Royals, for which the Yankees were fined \$250,000 by Kuhn Friday, and North Carolina State's triumph at the buzzer over Houston in the final of the NCAA basketball tournament.

The Baltimore Orioles' World Series win over the Philadelphia Phillies; the Philadelphia 76ers' domination of the NBA's regular and playoff schedules; the deaths of Jack Dempsey, Bear Bryant and George Halas; the New York Islanders' fourth straight Stanley Cup triumph; and Martina Navratilova's domination of women's tennis completed the top 10.

## Seattle-Denver battle opens NFL playoffs

SEATTLE (UPI) — The Seattle Seahawks and Denver Broncos, a pair of AFC Western Division teams who have already played each other four times in 1983, opened the NFL playoff season Saturday afternoon.

The winner of the game between the two AFC wild-card entries will face AFC Eastern Division champion Miami next week.

The game marks the playoff debut of the Seahawks, who finished 8-7 in their first season under coach Chuck Knox. Seattle had three consecutive losing seasons before the Knox regime began in January.

"When you're in the playoffs, one you have to get hot," Knox said. "And, two, you've got to be lucky. You have to have things fall your way."

Knox, who is making NFL history by taking his third club into the playoffs after 10 seasons in Los Angeles and Buffalo, is hoping the Seahawks won't be content with merely making it to the post-season.

"It's easy for everybody to run around this week and have everybody slapping them on the back and congratulating them about being in the playoffs," he said. "If you're not careful, you get mesmerized and transfixed with all of that."

But even though the Seattle franchise and vast majority of the Seahawks players have never been in the playoffs before, the matchup with Denver should have a familiar, even routine feel to it.

That's because the two teams, who tied for second place in the AFC West, have played four times since last New Year's.

## Sun Bowl may be most even match

EL PASO, Texas (UPI) — Some SMU seniors complained it was not a big game, but the 50th Annual Sun Bowl today between the Mustangs and Alabama's Crimson Tide was heralded Friday as the premier bowl game of the year.

And that was just the kind of talk that officials of the financially troubled classic wanted to hear. "I think we've got the finest game going," said SMU Coach Bobby Collins, who is appearing in his fifth consecutive bowl.

The contest between sixth-ranked SMU (10-1) and Alabama (7-4) means 43 million to Sun Bowl officials as it does to the teams' coaches, players and quarterbacks, some of whom are playing in a college uniform for the last time.

"This is the most distinguished matchup in 50 years," said bowl official Jimmy Rodgers. "There's no

question this is the finest game we've put together."

"There's one great irony: the audience will be as big as the Sugar Bowl," he added. "The folks who come to the other bowls don't know what they're doing. We know what we're doing. We've got SMU and we've got Alabama."

SMU missed out on a bid for the Sugar Bowl, but some SMU players thought was more prestigious game.

"Our goal was to be on the field for Christmas and get it over with," he said. "Our goal was the Cotton Bowl, but after we didn't win (the Southwest) conference, I was pleased to come to the Sun Bowl."

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Surrounded by victorious Cougar players, Brigham Young Coach LaVell Edwards brandishes the Holiday Bowl trophy.

## Trick play wins Holiday Bowl for BYU

### Missouri can't quite stop Young, Cougars

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Missouri kept All-America quarterback Steve Young bottled up as long as the Tigers could Friday night, but Young scored on a trick play with 23 seconds left to give ninth-ranked Brigham Young a 21-17 Holiday Bowl win.

Young scored on a 14-yard touchdown pass from halfback Eddie Silmettt to raise the Cougars' 1983 record to 11-1 and 3-3 lifetime in Holiday Bowl play. Missouri finished the year 7-5. Young, who finished the night 25-for-36 for 314 yards, drove BYU 83 yards in the closing minutes. He hit wide receiver Mike Eddo for a 53-yard gain when Missouri had the Cougars 2nd-and-21 at the BYU 11.

The pass set the stage for Young's stunning touchdown drive that pulled the game out of the fire.

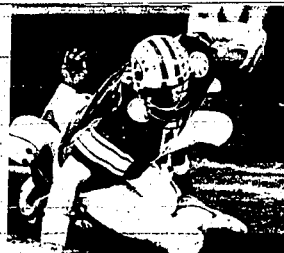
"We ran the play last week in practice and I dropped the ball," Young said. "I throw for five million yards, but I'm remembered for catching the ball."

The Tigers were paced by running back Eric Drain, who scored on a pair of 2-yard runs and carried 27 times for 115 yards.

"It was a hard-fought football game," said Missouri Coach Warren Powers. "BYU is an excellent football team. I'm extremely disappointed our very proud team."

Powers' team held its end of a first-half defensive battle. A strong pass rush, led by end Bobby Bell, and three Tigers interceptions kept the Cougars at bay.

Brigham Young never allowed Missouri to play ball control with its larger offensive line.



Steve Young scores BYU's first TD.

"Our plan going in was to keep the ball away from their offense," said Tigers quarterback Marlon Adler. "I thought we did a good job of doing that. It's just that we didn't make a couple crucial first downs."

Missouri converted Jerome Caver's interception into a 7-0 lead with 7:12 left in the first quarter. Drain scored his first 2-yard touchdown eight plays later.

BYU tied the game 7-7 when Young scored on an 11-yard keeper with 11:50 to go in the first half.

Fullback Casey Timalalu led the 70-yard drive with runs of 18 and 11 yards.

Missouri took a 10-7 lead with 3:43 left in the half on a 37-yard field goal by Brad Burditt. The drive started when safety Reco Hawkins intercepted a Young pass and returned it to the BYU 29.

BYU took a 14-10 lead on a 32-yard touchdown pass from Young to Silmettt with 2:29 left in the third quarter.

Missouri came back with 10:49 left on Drain's second TD run. The score capped an 80-yard scoring drive engineered by backup quarterback Warren Seltz.

Seltz, who took over in the third quarter when Adler sprained an ankle, hit George Shortshore for 49 yards to set up Drain's score. Seltz finished 4-for-7 for 49 yards.

Missouri 7 3 0 7-17  
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Mo-Drain 11 run (Johnson kick)  
BYU-Young 11 run (Johnson kick)  
Mo-P2 Burditt 37  
BYU-Silmettt 32 pass from Young (Johnson kick)  
Mo-Drain 3 run (Burditt kick)  
BYU-Young 14 pass from Silmettt (Johnson kick)  
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	Mo	BYU
Rushing yards	61-396	23-106
Passing yards	86	328
Return yards	20	37
Punt	7-18-2	25-37-3
Punt	3-24-1	3-41-7
Fumbles lost	2-2	3-1
Penalties	6-78	3-25
Time of possession	37:07	22:33

## A sporting fan's list of Christmas wishes is always long

By JIM MURRAY  
Los Angeles Times

All right, Santa, you pious old fraud, bring that sack over here. The stockings are all hung with care and this is what we want for Christmas:

Give Pete Rose a pitch he can hit with Ty Cobb's record on the line.

Give Jim Plunkett a guy open in the end zone with the clock running out at the Super Bowl.

Give Nicklaus a three-footer straight to the pin with the Open up for grabs.

Give Sugar Ray Leonard a tie cup and a package of pencils and hope he gets the message.

Give Lee Trevino back his fade.

Give Bob Hope a resident. Or give him a troupe of full of laughing kids on New Year's Eve, whichever he'd rather.

Give Larry Holmes somebody who can hit back.

Give A.J. Foyt the lead with a lap to go at Indy just one more time.

Give Jim Brown a rocking chair.

Put Rod Carew in a World Series so the country can see what Rembrandt would do with a bat.

Give Walter Payton a line that can block.

Give Earl Campbell a coach like Vince Lombardi, who would know how to use him.

Give football another Vince Lombardi, anyway.

Give Harmon Killebrew a Don Drysdale 281 votes from the baseball writers in Hall of Fame balloting.

Give LaFitte Pincay a nose in front going into the lane at the Kentucky Derby. He'll take care of the rest.

Give the light game another Dempsey who'll get up and win.

Give Marvin Hagler hair.

Give the Russians a hospitable reception at the Olympics. They can't help what those old men in the Kremlin do, either.

Give the Chicago Cubs a pennant before they put lights in so we all can see again what baseball was like in sun.

Give Magic Johnson the ball with 10 seconds on the clock and the score tied.

Give Steve Carlton a personality.

Put Moses Malone in a higher league.

Give Dr. J the ball at the top of the key with the sky line open.

Give Lakers announcer Chick Hearn a double-overtime game with a questionable call going against the home team.

Give Notre Dame another Rockne, Gipp, or at least Two Horsemen.

Give Tom Seaver another big game with the count three and two and the batter guessing curve ball.

Give Cliff Branch a step on the safety man

and the ball in the air with one minute to play and no timeouts remaining.

Give the field goal back to Manchester United, or at least outlaw it in overtime.

Give the ball to both teams in overtime at least once, otherwise just flip a coin to decide the contest.

Give somebody else John McEnroe's talent so we can be proud when we win Wimbledon, not ashamed.

Give New York an NFL team, preferably a good one. Give Oakland one, too. If the league feels as bad as it says it does for them, it's the least it can do and would cost less than the litigation.

Give a big cheer for Australia's winning the America's Cup but let's get it back — to some Newport, either California or Rhode Island.

Give Ivan Lendl something to make him think the U.S. Open is just another WCT tour stop and Wimbledon is the French Open.

Give Sam Snead a \$100 Nassau with a guy

with a loop in his swing or give him back that Saturday afternoon in 1939 in the U.S. Open in Philadelphia, where he took that 8, and let him play the hole over again.

Give Ben Hogan a chance to play the 18th at Olympic against Jack Fleck in '55 over again, as long as you're at it.

Give Seve Ballesteros a fairway he can stay on.

Give me a sand trap I can get out of.

Give Arnold Palmer a hole he can birdie on 18 in the national seniors.

Give every guy who's playing with the rent money axes wired, three raises, any pair opens or give him Washington and J in the Super Bowl.

Give the Trojans another "student body right" and a tailback who can handle it.

Give all shooters sevens on the first roll and may you all bent the spread in life and win your bets four ways. In other words, Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night.

# ProBasketball

## Chicago routs Bullets 114-93 for fifth consecutive triumph

CHICAGO (UPI) — Orlando Woolridge and Dave Collins each scored 19 points to lead the Chicago Bulls to their fifth straight victory Friday night, a 114-93 romp over the Washington Bullets.

The Bulls led 12-9 in the first quarter and then scored 12 straight points to open a 24-9 lead while the Bullets went scoreless for 3:24. Woolridge had 10 points in the first quarter as the Bulls took a 30-18 lead into the second period.

Washington, which had a four-game winning streak snapped, went on a drought and waited 4:30 before getting their first points in the second quarter while the Bulls rang up 11 in a row to take a 41-16 lead.

### Boston 125, New Jersey 113

BOSTON (UPI) — Larry Bird scored 20 of his 28 points in the opening half and Kevin McHale added 25 points Friday night to pace the Boston Celtics to a 125-113 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

The Celtics demonstrated a balanced scoring attack that took control of the game in the first quarter and never let the Nets seriously threaten thereafter.

### Philadelphia 108, Detroit 106

DETROIT (UPI) — Andrew Toney hit a 5-foot jumper with one second remaining Friday night to give the Philadelphia 76ers a 108-106 victory over the Detroit Pistons.

With the score tied 106-106 and seven seconds left, Toney took an inbounds pass, dribbled almost the length of the court and banked home the game winner. Philadelphia got possession after Detroit's Bill Laimbeer had the ball stolen by Clemen Johnson. Detroit's last-ditch try to tie the score was snuffed out on an interception by Julius Erving.

### Milwaukee 89, Cleveland 83

RICHFIELD, Ohio (UPI) — Junior Bridgeman connected on seven of his first nine shots from the field in the second half Friday night en route to a 23-point performance that sparked the Milwaukee Bucks to an 89-83 victory over the Cleveland Cavaliers, who dropped their sixth straight.

The Bucks, with Bridgeman hitting for six points and Bob Lanier carving four straight free throws, outscored the Cavaliers 15-2 to take a 65-56 lead with 2:55 left in the third period and were never threatened.

### Atlanta 114, New York 113

ATLANTA (UPI) — Dan Roundfield scored a season-high 37 points and Tree Rollins hit the game-winning basket with 46 seconds left in double overtime Friday night to help the Atlanta Hawks to a 114-113 victory over the New York Knicks.

With the score tied 103-103 after the first overtime, Atlanta scored seven straight points to go up 110-103 with 1:22 remaining in the second overtime. New York fought back to trail 111-111 with 1:03 left, but Rollins hit a 7-foot hook with 46 seconds left which proved to be the game winner.

New York sent the game into double overtime when Bill Cartwright hit a foul shot with 25 seconds left in the first overtime. Cartwright hit 1-of-2 free throws with no time remaining in regulation to force overtime.

### K.C. 126, San Antonio 122

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UPI) — Eddie Johnson scored 24 points and Mark Oberding and Mike Woodson added 20 each Friday night to lead the Kansas City Kings to a 126-122 victory over the San Antonio Spurs.

The loss, was the Spurs' fourth in a row, their longest losing streak since April 1982, and dropped San Antonio's road record to 1-15.

The Kings, who led 96-84 early in the fourth quarter (thanks to an 8-0 run at the end of the third period, had their lead cut to 121-120 on a 3-point play by Artis Gilmore with 43 seconds left.

However, Oberding scored on a 3-point play 12 seconds later and Kansas City clinched the win when Woodson stole the ball from George Gervin and fed Larry Drew with a behind-the-back pass for a layup and a 126-120 lead with 17 seconds left.

### Utah 118, Denver 116

SALT LAKE CITY (UPI) — Adrian Dantley hit two free throws with 22 seconds left and Jeff Wilkins added another foul shot Friday night as the Utah Jazz posted a 118-116 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Dantley led Utah with 27 points, bringing his career total as a Jazz player to 3,320, just four shy of Pete Maravich's all-time scoring record for the franchise.

Utah's 11th straight home triumph lifted the Jazz to 18-10 and a 2 1/2-game lead in the Western Conference Midwest Division.

### L.A. 123, Golden State 116

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (UPI) — Reserve forward Bob McAdoo scored 27 points Friday night to pace the Los Angeles Lakers to a 123-116 triumph over the Golden State Warriors.

The Lakers almost squandered a 25-point lead before defeating the Warriors in the last 40 seconds on free throws by McAdoo and Jannul Wilson. The Warriors, who trailed 79-54 midway through the third period but came within 119-116 with 52 seconds to play.

### Phoenix 121, San Diego 115

SAN DIEGO (UPI) — Paul Westphal scored a season-high 22 points and Maurice Lucas added 21 Friday night as the Phoenix Suns held off a fourth-quarter comeback attempt by the San Diego Clippers for a 121-115 victory.

The Clippers, led by Terry Cummings' 31 points, pulled within two points twice in the final two minutes but Kyle Macy, who finished with 20 points, protected the lead with a jump shot and two free throws in the final minute.

### Portland 97, Houston 84

PORTLAND, Ore. (UPI) — Jim Paxson scored 22 points and Kenny Carr added 21 to pace the Portland Trail Blazers to a 97-84 victory over the Houston Rockets Friday night.

The victory lifted Portland to 20-9 and was the Trail Blazers' first win in 15 home contests this season. The Blazers were unable to shake the Rockets until the fourth quarter. Houston trailed by just 82-80 with 5:16 remaining when Portland scored five unanswered points and outscored the Rockets 9-2 in a two-minute stretch to ice the game.

Houston's Robert Reid, left, and Ralph Sampson sandwich Portland forward Kenny Carr

## Playoff

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played great against us," Knox said. "But Elway didn't play as great in Denver's final regular-season game last week in Kansas City, a 49-17 drubbing in which he threw four interceptions. DeBerg, despite still having a surgical pin in his non-throwing shoulder, has been reactivated by Reeves and is expected to start against the Seahawks.

"The most successful teams in the playoffs are the ones with the most experience," DeBerg said. "Whether

I have more talent than John Elway is not the question. I definitely have more experience and confidence to be able to do more things.

Seattle made a quarterback change of its own at mid-season, with Dave Krieg replacing long-time starter Jim Zorn. Krieg led Seattle to a 5-3 record in the second half of the season and finished second behind Miami's Dan Marino in the AFC quarterback rankings despite having some turnover problems.

"I don't have any concerns about

David Krieg, period," Knox said.

The game may well turn on whether the once-pro Denver defense, which has given up lots of yards and points over the second half of the season, can slow down Seattle's outstanding rookie running back Curt Warner, who gained 1,449 yards this season to lead the AFC.

Leading the Denver defense for possibly the final time is All-Pro linebacker Randy Gradishar, who has announced he will retire at the end of the season.

## Sun

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Melbenny, who will play his last game for the Mustangs, said he was anxious to graduate and go into business in the Dallas area, "where I know a lot of people."

He said there is a lot riding on the game for him personally because "I am almost committed to Alabama. I wanted to sign on one weekend and they didn't. I thought they must not

want me."

The outcome will also mean a lot to the alumni from both schools because of a bizarre bet.

Bob Bozman, president of the SMU Alumni Association, said he would serve a steak dinner in the end zone to Fred Sington, president of the Alabama Alumni Association, if SMU loses the game.

If Alabama loses, the end zone

dinner will be served to Bozman. The two also agreed that the loser will push a peanut down the field with his nose.

"I don't think he (Bozman) could make it to the 10-yard line, but the guy does have a lot of wind," Sington said.

"These guys from small, private schools don't have a lot of playing power."

## Scores and Stats

### Basketball

#### NBA standings

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# Gregg in for Starr as Packers' head coach

GREEN BAY (UPI) — Forrest Gregg, who has patterned his career after that of the legendary Vince Lombardi, returned to the scene of his former coach's greatest triumph Saturday when he signed a five-year contract to coach the Green Bay Packers.

Gregg, 47, was the sixth of another of the stars who led Lombardi's Packers to greatness in the 1960s, who was fired after three frustrating seasons at the helm of the Green Bay franchise.

"I appreciate the opportunity to come back to Green Bay," Gregg said in a conference telephone call from Cincinnati. "The five-year contract gives me an opportunity to assess the

talent on the football team and decide what we need to become a winner. We don't just have to look for the moment."

When asked if this was the best coaching situation he had ever inherited, Gregg said "absolutely."

"I think this is a typical team," he said. "They're obviously very strong on the offense. The team needs defensive help and I think we can get some of that help immediately."

Gregg said he would like to import as many members of his Bengals' coaching staff to Green Bay as possible.

"My first obligation is to the coaches that know me. If I could bring everyone of them with me, I would," he said.

Packers' President Robert J. Parrins made the announcement at a press conference at the team headquarters.

"Forrest will have full responsibility for the football operation of the Green Bay Packers. We have a good man. He has considerable experience as a player but more important as a coach on the NFL level," he said. "I think

the most important factor in our talks is he had a real genuine desire to come to Green Bay."

Parrins said the Packers had learned of Gregg's interest late Tuesday. On Wednesday they received permission from Cincinnati's Assistant General Manager Mike Brown to talk with Gregg.

Gregg, whose tough stance in imitation of Lombardi, was said to be the cause of his failure in two previous coaching jobs, talked to a number of Packers officials before the deal was finalized Friday at a meeting in Chicago, Parrins said.

The No. 2 draft pick of the Green Bay Packers in 1956, the 6-4, 250-pound Gregg starred with the Packers through the 1970 season and played the 1971 season with the Dallas Cowboys.

He was called "the best player I ever coached" by Vince Lombardi, the legendary coach of the Packers.

Gregg played in 138 straight games from 1956 through 1971 and was an All-NFL star eight straight seasons. He played in eight Pro Bowls, on seven NFL championships teams and was a three Super Bowl winner.

He was born Oct. 10, 1933, in Birthing, Tex.

## Slump helps Dallas build playoff steam

DALLAS (UPI) — All week the Dallas Cowboys have been talking about the energy that is boiling up below the surface.

It couldn't begin to bubble as a result of two straight floggings by the Washington Redskins and San Francisco 49ers.

On Monday afternoon, the Cowboys will be called to demonstrate whether that is just talk, or whether there is something really behind it.

Dallas faces the Los Angeles Rams Monday in the NFC wild card game, a contest that is expected to take place in sub-freezing weather with the possibility of snow flurries.

The biggest mystery about the Rams game will be the type of emotion that will be displayed by the players with the stars on their helmets.

"I think Dallas will play its best game of the year," said Los Angeles Coach John Robinson.

"When you look at the films of their game against Washington (a 31-10 win for the Redskins), you can see how close it really was."

"I only watched the first quarter of their game against San Francisco (a 42-17 triumph for the 49ers last Monday night). Dallas didn't play too good. That wasn't the Dallas team you will see in this game."

That's what the Cowboys have been saying in comments that have ranged from outrage to philosophical.

Cowboys' wide receiver Butch Johnson has even threatened to deactivate his end zone dance — contrary to regulations put down by Coach Tom Landry — in an effort to pump a little life into the team.

"You bet I will," Johnson said. "We need some emotion. If that's what it takes to make everyone rise to the occasion, then I will do it."

## They're just like you and me' 49ers do good deed, give couple a huge lift

SAN JOSE, Calif. (UPI) — Alex Barriga got a big lift from the San Francisco 49ers football team.

Barriga, 40, and his wife, Belinda, 27, had driven their infant son to Children's Hospital at Stanford University for treatment of a lung ailment when their 1971 car refused to start for the ride home to San Jose.

While the family was sitting there wondering what to do, a chartered bus pulled up and a bunch of hulking men got out and surrounded the car.

"At first I thought it was a bunch of

Stanford students. Then I realized it was the San Francisco 49er football team," Mrs. Barriga said Friday.

Led by linebacker Willie Harper, the team members tried to start the old car.

"They pushed — they tried everything," Mrs. Barriga said.

But nothing worked, and the 49ers left to keep their appointment to visit the children at the hospital.

Later Thursday, as the team bus pulled away from the hospital, the players spotted the Barriga family

walking along the street in the rain.

"They stopped their chartered bus and let us on," Mrs. Barriga said.

"The driver said, 'If you don't mind taking a scenic route, we'll take you home.'"

While enroute, the bus stopped in Palo Alto and some of the team members got off, telling the bus driver to wait for them.

A short time later they returned — with a teddy bear, a football and several 49er bumper stickers for the family.

The Barrigas also got an envelope containing the 49ers' team photo, signed by Coach Bill Walsh.

"When I opened it, there was a \$100 bill inside," Barriga said.

"Then the bus took the family home, stopping along the way to drop-off players at their homes."

"The 49ers are real people," Barriga said. "You see them in their pads and they look so big. They look like animals. But in person, they're just like you and me. They're nice people."

## Raiders dismiss rumors of move to New York

NEW YORK (UPI) — A spokesman for The Los Angeles Raiders described as "utter nonsense" Friday an announcement by the city that the professional football team was willing to consider moving to New York City.

Raiders Executive Assistant Al LoCasale said the team had no intention of moving from southern California.

"This story is utter nonsense," he said. "The Raiders are in Los Angeles

and hopefully will be here for a long time in a winning mode."

Former Gov. Hugh Carey, chairman of the city Sports Commission, said Wednesday a San Francisco lawyer for Raiders owner Al Davis had agreed to meet next month with Mayor Edward Koch in New York to discuss a possible move.

The lawyer, Joseph Alloto, who also is a former mayor of San Francisco, has not returned repeated telephone

calls.

Carey is heading an effort by the city to find a National Football League team to replace the New York Jets, who are moving next season to New Jersey's Meadowlands sports

complex.

Koch, who wrote a letter to Alloto based on the lawyer's discussions with Carey, said Friday the city was "authorized" to make the announce-

## Dickey to remain with Colts

BALTIMORE (UPI) — Baltimore Colts' halfback Curtis Dickey ended weeks of speculation he would jump to the NFL by agreeing to a 5-year contract with the NFL club Friday night.

Dickey, who gained 1,122 yards this season, agreed to a "memorandum of understanding" about 11:15 p.m. EST with Colts' general manager Ernie Accorsi.

Terms of the agreement were not disclosed, but Accorsi said, "It was for a substantial amount."

Dickey, who does not talk to the press, reportedly asked for \$3 million over four years, a contract that would make him the highest paid player in Colts' history.

Patrick Forté, Dickey's agent, had been negotiating with the Houston Gamblers of the United States Football League.

Accorsi said Dickey's signing, which he called "a formality," was a statement that owner Robert Irsay was committed to bringing a winning team to Baltimore.

Irsay said two weeks ago he would not meet Dickey's contract demands, adding that the 4-year veteran was "not that good."

"The nicest thing is that Mr. Irsay has made a statement, that he has made a commitment to winning," Accorsi said. "He was willing to pay the money to keep a good player in Baltimore."

Irsay's apparent unwillingness to sign Dickey had created unrest among the Colts, the NFL's youngest and least experienced team.

"I hope Curtis stays," said veteran quarterback James Burroughs after the Colts' 20-10 season-ending victory over Houston. "If Irsay treats Dickey like that, how's he going to treat the rest of us? You can't build a program if everyone's leaving."

Coach Frank Kush, who led the Colts to a 7-9 record in 1983 after an 8-8 record in 1982, has not yet been told of the agreement, Accorsi said.

Dickey, who played college football at Texas A&M, also caught 26 passes for 483 yards in 1983. He scored seven touchdowns.

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## Steelers name kicker Anderson the year's MVP

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — Pittsburgh Steeler place kicker Gary Anderson was elected Most Valuable Player by his teammates, a Steeler spokesman announced Friday.

Anderson will receive U.S. Steel Corp.'s MVP trophy at the 48th Annual Dapper Dan Banquet in Pittsburgh on Feb. 5.

Anderson, 24, of South Africa, is in his second year with the Steelers. He is the first place kicker to win the MVP award since it was implemented 15 years ago, the spokesman said.

Anderson is one of three Steelers, and the team's third kicker in the history of the AFC Pro Bowl team, to be named as members of that team.

Anderson set a team record this season by making 27 of 31 attempted field goals for an 87 percent average.



# CollegeBasketball

## Year was heavenly for North Carolina St.

By FRED LIEF  
NCAA sports writer

"Maybe it wasn't exactly a miracle in the desert; and maybe that sea of red was nothing more than school colors. But on an April night in Albuquerque, N.M., North Carolina State got a glimpse of basketball heaven.

With one second to go in the finals of the NCAA Championships, a dunk by Lorenzo Charles gave the Wolfpack a 54-53 victory over Houston that touched off euphoric celebrations all the way to Raleigh and punctuated a 1983-84 season in which the common folk of college basketball rose up not in anger, but in triumph.

"I always believed we were a team destiny," said N.C. State forward Phil Bailey.

It was a team led by a wise-cracking coach in Jim Valvano, who convinced his players they were stuff of champions. And as the buzzer of the title game sounded, it was Valvano who staggered about the court half-dazed, half-disbelieving. In tribute, he said he would name his son Al B. Querque.

It was a team that finished no better than third in its conference. A team that dropped six of its first 14 games and appeared ready for embalming fluid when it lost its first game, Derek Whittenberg, with a broken foot in January. In one stretch, N.C. State lost five of six games.

But it never lost its heart. Two seniors, Bailey and point guard Sidney Lowe, dug in and players like Charles and Cozell McQueen came of age. And at the end few teams were hotter than N.C. State.

In the finals, the Wolfpack faced a ferocious opponent in No. 1 Houston,



Coach Jim Valvano took his talented Wolfpack all the way

the self-styled Phi Slama Jama dunking fraternity whose fastbreak resembled a form of frontal assault. The Cougars, coached by Guy Lewis,

Franklin. But of halftime, N.C. State led 32-25. A 17-run by Houston in the first 10 minutes of the second half put the Cougars up by 7 points. In the final minutes, Lowe, Whittenburg and Terry Gannon struck from the outside while Houston continued its season-long good offense at the line, making it 52-52 with less than a minute left.

The Wolfpack worked for a last shot and Whittenburg hoisted one from 40 feet with seconds to go. The ball failed to hit the rim but Charles was there to jam it home and the crowd belonged to N.C. State.

It was the biggest upset in a title game since Texas-El Paso (then Texas Western) beat Kentucky in 1966. N.C. State, ranked No. 14 during the season—finished at 26-10, the most losses by an NCAA champion. Houston, whose season ironically ended with a killer drum in its face, was 31-3.

The semifinals matched N.C. State against Georgia, another unlikely guest at the Final Four. The Wolfpack led by 18 with six minutes remaining and had to hold on before winning 67-60. But the following game—No. 1 Houston vs. No. 2 Louisville—clearly was the main event.

"I felt like we were the JV playing before the varsity," Valvano said. The game was played at a terrifyingly fast pace, a "dunkathon" of speed and power that was likened to Star Wars basketball. With Oklahoma scoring 21 points and grabbing 22 rebounds, Houston offset a Louisville team led by Mike Wagner and, won 94-81 to earn its spot in the finals.

country used experimental rules of some kind. In the Atlantic Coast Conference, for example, a 3-point shot was just 17-feet-9, a feet shorter than any other conference. And no one capitalized more than the Wolfpack.

While the 3-pointer was abandoned for the NCAA Tournament, N.C. State still got good mileage from the outside as it swept through the West Region. The Wolfpack won by excruciatingly close scores, beating Pepperdine 69-67 in "double overtime," Nevada-Las Vegas 71-70, Utah 75-54 in its only breather, and Virginia 63-52 in the final.

The rise of the common folk did not belong to N.C. State alone. Chaminade, a school of some 900 hundred students in Honolulu, delivered one of the game's great upsets. On its way home from a tournament in Japan, Virginia, No. 1 in the country at the time and featuring 7-4 Ralph Sampson, stopped off for what was to have been little more than a workout. But Chaminade dragged Virginia through the surf, winning 77-72. Congratulations poured in and, suddenly, the Silverswords were college basketball's favorite, curiosity place.

That was not the last setback for Virginia. With Sampson having spurred the NBA yet another time, the Cavaliers stopped off for what was on a national title. But they fell short in the final seconds of the West Region with a loss to N.C. State. As for Sampson, he averaged more than 19 points and 11 rebounds a game. He was named Player of the Year for the third straight time and brought an era to a close.

"I think now he falls into the category of Kareem (Abdul-Jabbar) and (Bill) Walton," said Virginia

Coach Terry Holland. Nevada-Las Vegas had a good run at the tables, enjoying its finest season in 25 years. The Rebels, led by forward Sidney Green, won their first 24 games and briefly occupied the No. 1 spot. They finished at 28-3 and Jerry Tarkanian was named Coach of the Year.

Fresno State capitalized on some tough defense to win the National Invitation Tournament, beating DePaul 69-60 in the finals.

North Carolina, the champions the previous year, finished at 27-3 with a defeat to Georgia in the finals of the NCAA East Regional. The Tar Heels placed two players on the All-American team in forward Sam Perkins and guard Michael Jordan, perhaps the game's most exciting performer last season.

Joining the two on the squad were Sampson at center, Keith Lee of Memphis State at forward and John Paxson of Notre Dame at guard. There were also strong years from Dale Ellis of Tennessee, Pat Ewing of Georgetown, Wayman Tisdale of Oklahoma, Darrell Walker of Arkansas, Jon Sundvold and Steve Silverswords of Missouri, Kenny Fields of UCLA, Ernie Whalley of Alabama and Chris Mullin of St. John's.

Statistically, the leaders were: Harry Kelly of Texas-Southern in scoring (28.8), Xavier McDaniell of Wichita State in rebounding (14.4), Troy Lee Mikell of East Tennessee State in field goal percentage (67.5) and Rob Gonzalez of Colorado in free throw percentage (91.5).

In women's Division I, Southern Cal, led by 27 points by Cheryl Miller, beat defending champ Louisiana Tech 69-67 in the title game.

## BYU comes from behind to tip Boise State

**BOVO:** Utah (UPI) — National scoring leader Devin Durrant pumped in 19 points to lead Brigham Young University to a come-from-behind, 65-64 victory in a non-conference game against Boise State Friday.

The Broncos jumped to a 30-19 lead with a little more than five minutes to play in the first half. But BYU then scored the victory with a 16-4 spread at the beginning of the second half to take a comfortable 48-38 lead, with 11:30 remaining. The game was never in doubt after that.

The Broncos were led by Vince Hinchen, with 15 points. Bruce Bolden with 13 points. Boise State was plagued with poor shooting throughout the contest. The Broncos converted only 24 of 64 attempts from the field, while BYU hit 34 of 63 field goal attempts.

The Cougars won the game from the free throw line, converting on 19-23 attempts, while the Broncos hit six of eight attempts from the line. Boise State was whittled for 36 points, while BYU was tagged with only 13.

Brett Applegate joined Durrant as the only Cougars in double figures. Applegate had 13 points and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds.

The game was marred by both penalties and an unusual number of turnovers. BYU committed 21 mistakes, while the Broncos turned the ball over 17 times.

The win boosted the Cougars to 5-3 for the season, while Boise State dropped to 6-2. The contest was the first road game of the year for the Broncos.

**St. John's 89, Niagara 71**  
NEW YORK (UPI) — Bill Wenington scored 23 points and No. 10 St. John's, buoyed by the return of two starters sidelined with injuries, rolled to an 89-71 victory over Niagara Friday night.

Chris Mullin, who missed the last three games along with forward Ron Stewart, scored 19 points and Jeff Allen added 17 as the unbeaten Redmen posted their seventh straight triumph.

Niagara, 5-5, scored the first basket of the game but never led again. St. John's jumped to a 7-3 lead and built a 42-22 advantage by halftime. Wenington scored 13 points, Mullin nine and Allen eight in the half.

St. John's took control with a 19-9 run in the final eight minutes of the first half. Allen scored six points in the tear, leading a surge that gave the Redmen a 25-16 lead. Mullin added four in the string.

**Tennessee 61, Arizona 49**  
TUCCSON, Ariz. (UPI) — Center Dan Federmann pumped in 20 points to lead Tennessee to a 61-49 triumph over Arizona in a non-conference game Friday night.

The Volunteers, 7-2, had no difficulty capitalizing on Wildcats fouls and turnovers late in the second half. The Vols had eight of their last 10 points handed to them as a result of Wildcats errors.

Arizona, 1-6, staged a comeback midway through the second half, narrowing a 16-point Tennessee lead to five points with 5:27 to play. However, the Volunteers regained the momentum on a Tyrone Beamon basket with 4:31 left and eventually widened the lead to 12 points.

**Pepperdine 60, Fullerton 65**  
MALIBU, Calif. (UPI) — Scott McCollum sank two free throws with four seconds left to lead Pepperdine to a 66-65 non-conference victory over Cal State-Fullerton Friday night.

Pepperdine, 6-3, converted 14 of 18 field-goal attempts in the second half. Fullerton dropped to 7-2.

Grant Godzrek led the Waves with 16 points and Dwayne Poole added 13. Guard Mark Wilson had nine points in a game-high nine assists.

Fullerton State was led by Tony Neal with a game-high 23 points. Guard Leon Wood had 14 points and seven assists, while center Oziel Jones had 13 points and nine rebounds.

Pepperdine scored eight straight points to grab a 57-49 lead with 2:09 to play, but Fullerton fought back to take a 57-54 advantage with 1:47 left.

**Florida State 87, Florida 64**  
TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — Alton Lee Gipson scored 26 points to help lead Florida State to an 87-64 thrashing of Interstate rival Florida.

The smaller Seminoles, led by junior center Gipson and freshman forward Randy Allen, overcame the Gators' big men Ronnie Williams and Eugene McDowell and outre-

### Friday night's results

bounded Florida 38-30. Allen helped Gipson with 14 points and five rebounds.  
Florida State improved to 6-2 while Florida dropped to 3-3.  
Andrew Moten led Florida with 30 points.

**Stanford 60, Chaminade 55**  
HONOLULU (UPI) — Steve Brown scored 24 points Friday night to lead Stanford to a hard-fought 60-55 victory over Chaminade, the tiny NAIA school that last year stunned top-ranked Virginia.

Brown scored 18 of his points in the second half, with seven coming during a 14-0 run that lifted the Cardinal from a 47-41 deficit to a 55-47 lead. The Silverswords never recovered.

High scorer for Chaminade, 8-2, was Richard Haenslich with 16 points.

**Farleigh Dickinson 74, Iona 73**  
NEW ROCHELLE, N.Y. (UPI) — Fred Collins scored a basket with three seconds left and Marcus Gailher scored a game-high 25 points to lead Farleigh Dickinson to a 74-73 victory over Iona Friday night.

Collins, who finished with 10 points, hit a 20-footer to give the Knights, 7-4, their first lead of the second half. Larry Hampton added 16 points for Farleigh Dickinson.

Steve Burt scored 17 points for Iona, which led by nine points in the second half. The Gaels fell to 6-2.

**Kansas St. 64, Northridge 50**  
MANHATTAN, Kan. (UPI) — Kansas State shot 67 percent top-ranked Virginia.

Steve Burt scored 17 points for Iona, which led by nine points in the second half. The Gaels fell to 6-2.

Hartman became the 15th active NCAA Division I coach to win 400 games.

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Brigham Young's Devin Durrant beats Boise State's Bruce Bolden, 40, to this rebound

### Loyola (Ill.) 73, Bradley 72

CHICAGO (UPI) — Andre Battle scored the last four points for Loyola, including a 15-foot baseline jumper with six seconds left, to lift the Ramblers to a 73-72 victory over Bradley in double-overtime Friday night.

Jim Lee's two free throws gave Bradley a 72-71 lead with 1:16 left in the second overtime, but Battle hit a baseline jumper to pull the Ramblers within one. Bradley tried to hold the ball, but Tim Nolan forced a turnover and Loyola won the game with a 15-foot jumper.

Loyola, 5-2, led 64-42 with two minutes left in regulation, but with two free throws to send it into the first overtime.

In the first overtime period, Loyola's Gerry Mundy hit two jump shots, but two free throws by Roosevelt Davidson and a back-door layup Harden led the score again.

Loyola led at the half 36-30. Bradley fell to 6-3.

### Oklahoma 70, Okla. City 54

OKLAHOMA CITY (UPI) — Wayman Tisdale pumped in 24 points to pace Oklahoma to a 70-54 victory over Oklahoma City Friday night.

The Sooners jumped to a 7-0 lead as Oklahoma City remained scoreless until there was 14:03 left in the first half when David Ward hit a layup.

Oklahoma extended its lead to 13-5 on a Tim McCalister jumpshot, but Oklahoma City rallied into a 19-19 tie on a Brandon Craig layup at 13:59.

Oklahoma led 27-25 at halftime, then ran off eight unanswered points early in the second half for 43-32 lead that was never relinquished.

The closest the Cliets came after that surge was 67-50.

### Syracuse 71, St. Bona 62

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UPI) — Gene Waldron scored 18 points while Sean Karins added 14 to help Syracuse break open a close game in the second half for a 71-62 victory over St. Bonaventure Friday night.

In the first half, the Orangemen appeared flustered by the smaller Bonnies' defense and shot only 42 percent from the field. Syracuse never led by more than five points and had a 32-30 halftime advantage.

### TCU 74, Texas Lutheran 55

FORT WORTH, Texas (UPI) — Dennis Nutt scored 18 of his 24 points in the second half and Carven Holcombe finished with 18 to power Texas Christian to a 74-55 victory over Texas Lutheran Friday night.

Nutt helped the Horned Frogs open up their 27-26 halftime lead to improve to 7-3.

Texas Lutheran, 4-6, was led by James Spencer's 14 points and 10 rebounds.

### Tulsa 104, Missouri-KC 76

TULSA, Okla. (UPI) — Freshmen David Moss scored 18 points and Brian Rahilly added 12 — both season highs — to pace Tulsa to a 104-76 trouncing of Missouri-Kansas City Friday night.

Tulsa, 6-0, has matched the school's best start set in 1949-50. Tulsa's longest overall winning streak is 14 games set in 1920-21, Missouri-Kansas City is 7-6.

Mel Smith, playing his first game for Missouri-Kansas City, poured in a game-high 35 points. The 6-foot-4-inch guard scored 17 of those points in the first half to keep the Kangaroos within 43-39 at halftime.

Tulsa's pressure defense blew the game open in the first five minutes of the second half. The Hurricane outscored the Kangaroos 20-8, scoring 12 of those points off UMKC's turnovers. Ricky Rose hit five straight shots for Tulsa in the first five minutes of the second half.

Rahilly, a 6-10-inch forward, scored 16 of his 18 points in the final eight minutes. Moss, a 6-7 forward, four of five field goals, four of six free throws and stole the ball three times.

# Baseball season, like Brett's bat, was quite a sticky one

NEW YORK (UPI) — A bat belonging to George Brett, which now resides in the home of a collector, perhaps best symbolized the 1983 baseball season.

It was incredibly sticky. Brett's bat was the focal point of the most bizarre incident of the year, the Great Pine Tar Controversy, but it was by no means the stickiest situation confronting baseball during 1983.

The search for a new commissioner and what to do about the increase in drug abuse among players were two major problems baseball found extremely difficult to solve during the calendar year.

As the year ended, the national pastime was still without a new commissioner. Bowie Kuhn, realizing he would not be re-elected, officially resigned as commissioner in August, but twice was asked to extend his stay in office to give the Search Committee time to find a successor. He originally was asked to remain until Dec. 31 but when the Search Committee still hadn't found "the right shift" to succeed him, he was asked to continue in office until March 1, 1984.

The commissioner agreed yet made it clear that he would not stay past that date.

Baseball's biggest problem during the year, was what to do about the increase in drug abuse among players. Four members of the Kansas City Royals pleaded guilty of trying to purchase "blue" or cocaine possession and Steve Howe of the Los Angeles Dodgers was suspended three times during the season for using drugs.

A committee was formed of members from the Major League Players Association and the Player Relations Committee to study the matter, but they had not yet reached any solution, so it was left to Kuhn to dole out punishment.

Kuhn took a hard stance. In one of his final acts as commissioner, he suspended all four players for one



As usual, New York's George Steinbrenner changed managers as Yogi Berra replaced fiery, controversial Billy Martin.

year. Outfielders Willie Wilson and Jerry Martin, first baseman Willie Alkins and pitcher Vida Blue were found guilty of attempting to purchase cocaine. Kansas and United States Magistrate J. Milton Sullivan sentenced all four to three months in jail. In addition, Wilson, Alkins and Blue were fined \$5,000 and Martin \$2,500.

The drug scandals took away much of the lustre from a sparkling season in which the Baltimore Orioles emerged as world champions and major league baseball set yet another attendance record.

A record 49,540,338 jammed major league stadiums during the season and they were treated to exciting pennant races in three of the four

divisions. Only the Chicago White Sox who won the American League West by a record 20½ games, ran away with their division.

Baltimore won the AL East, Los Angeles took the National League West and Philadelphia captured the NL East. The Orioles and Phillies made it to the World Series with Baltimore winning the best-of-seven showdown in five games.

Cal Ripken of Baltimore, in only his second full big league season, emerged as the winner of the AL's Most Valuable Player Award and Dale Murphy of the Atlanta Braves won the NL's MVP award for the second year in a row.

Baseball said good-bye to three of its superstars — Johnny Bench of

Cincinnati, Carl Yastrzemski of Boston and Fred Perry of Kansas City — but hello to potential superstars Roy Kittle of the Chicago White Sox and Darryl Strawberry of the New York Mets, a pair of sluggers who were named Rookies of the Year in their respective leagues.

The White Sox also boasted the AL's top pitcher as LaMarr Hoyt, a 24-game winner, captured the league's Cy Young Award. John Denny won 19 games for the Phillies and was the NL's Cy Young Award recipient.

Baseball welcomed back an old friend, too, in 1983. Bobby Brown, a third baseman for the New York Yankees in the late 1940s and early 1950s who left the game to become a cardiologist, returns as president of the American League, succeeding Lee MacPhail. MacPhail moved on to become head of the Player Relations Committee and immediately began plotting his strategy for next year's negotiations on a new basic agreement.

The surprise of the year was the AL's 13½ year old National League Game, played at Comiskey Park on July 6. Fred Lynn of California paced the victory with a grand slam, the first in All-Star history. The victory capped an 11-game losing streak for the AL in the mid-season event.

Nearly three weeks later the Great Pine Tar Controversy erupted at Yankee Stadium. On July 24, Brett hit a two-out, two-run homer off Rich Gossage in the ninth inning to put the Kansas City Royals ahead of the New York Yankees 5-4 and seemingly on their way to a dramatic victory. However, after a protest by Yankee manager Billy Martin, plate umpire Tim McClellan disallowed the home run and ruled Brett out because the amount of pine tar on his bat exceeded the legal limit of 18 inches.

The Royals filed an official protest and MacPhail, after careful deliberation, overturned McClellan's ruling on the basis that the umpire had misin-

terpreted the intent of the rule. MacPhail ordered the game replayed, and after a court battle, it was resumed on Aug. 18. The Royals, who flew in from Kansas City to play the final four outs, ended up winning 5-4.

While Brett's pine tar incident grabbed national publicity, the minors had an incident of a similar nature in the Appalachian League. Mike Ward, a first baseman for Bristol, was called out and ejected for using a bat with too much pine tar on July 17 in Pulaski, Va.

Ward got so angry that he tossed his bat out of the stadium — where it caused estimated damage of \$700 to three cars. A Pulaski resident whose windshield was broken by the flying bat approached the Bristol dugout and demanded to settle the issue with Ward. The umpires, managers and coaches from both squads eventually had to restore order.

There will be no such incidents in the future, however. At the winter meetings in Nashville, Tenn., the Playing Rules Committee altered the rule about doctored bats so that a player can no longer be called out or ejected for using too much pine tar. If an umpire determines, either on his own observation or upon a complaint by the opposing manager, that a bat has too much pine tar, he will have the bat removed from the game.

Although the pine tar episodes were certainly unusual, the wildest game of

the year — and one of the wackiest in baseball history — was played between El Paso and Beaumont of the Texas League on April 30. El Paso won 35-21 and the game featured 56 hits, nine errors and nine home runs.

The year, of course, would not have been complete without Billy Martin getting fired as manager. Steinbrenner put the official stamp on the season by canning Martin for the third time as the Yankee skipper and replaced him with popular Hall of Famer Yogi Berra. Martin was a nine manager changes made during the season.

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## Kuhn fines Yanks for Tar comments

NEW YORK (UPI) — Bowie Kuhn is giving the baseball world much to ponder as he imposes his final months as commissioner.

Kuhn, who will leave office by March 1, imposed the heaviest penalty in baseball history Friday when he fined the New York Yankees \$250,000 for comments made about the "Pine Tar Game" — remarks which he considered detrimental to the best interests of baseball.

Kuhn last week suspended four players for a year because of involvement with drugs.

The blockbuster fine imposed on the Yankees centered around the controversial Pine Tar Game between the Yankees and Kansas City Royals last July 24. The biggest fine previously levied by Kuhn was a \$100,000 penalty against San Diego Padres Owner Ray Kroc for tampering with Joe Morgan and Graig Nettles before they officially attained free-agent status.

From Tampa, Fla., Steinbrenner said he thought the fine against the team was excessive but the Yankees would abide by Kuhn's decision and pay.

Steinbrenner made numerous public comments saying that American League President Lee MacPhail's decision favoring the Royals and going against the Yankees was unfair.

"Once again, MacPhail has favored the culprit," Steinbrenner said over the summer. "He's bending over backward to accommodate the team that perpetrated the crime. I like Lee but I feel sorry for him. He made a very dumb decision. It was a stupid decision. I don't question his integrity or his decency, but you have to question his decision."

"I wouldn't want to be Lee MacPhail living in New York. Maybe he should go house-hunting in Kansas City."

The game was halted in the top of the ninth inning after George Brett's two-run homer off reliever Rich Gossage gave Kansas City a 5-4 lead with two out. Umpires Tim McClellan and Joe Brinkman ruled Brett had excessive pine tar on his bat.

Brett originally was declared out and the Yankees were declared the winners, but MacPhail ruled the game had to be resumed and Brett's home run counted. The game was finished at Yankee Stadium on Aug. 18 and there was no change in the score.

Fans who came to see the last four outs at Yankee Stadium on Aug. 18 were charged separate admissions and that was the basis of two lawsuits brought by the fans over the ticket policy for the game.

Although imposing his fine on the Yankees, Kuhn specifically said the hearings he held on the matter disclosed that Steinbrenner was in no way involved in bringing about the suits by the fans.

Even though Steinbrenner was exonerated by Kuhn on the lawsuits issue, he will be responsible for at least a portion of the fine as principal owner of the club.

Steinbrenner has had disciplinary action taken against him five previous times by Kuhn in Kuhn's 15½ years as

commissioner. Steinbrenner has also been suspended twice by baseball officials during his tenure.

Kuhn suspended Steinbrenner from baseball for two years on Nov. 27, 1974, after the Yankees' owner had pleaded guilty to making illegal political campaign contributions.

Steinbrenner was reinstated after 15 months.

Last May 31, MacPhail suspended Steinbrenner for one week for statements made on May 27 questioning the integrity of umpires Darryl Cousins and John Shulock.

Steinbrenner's shoot-from-the-hip style also has caused him to be fined three previous times by Kuhn. On Nov. 11, 1976, he received a \$3,000 fine for tampering with Brian Downing of the California Angels and he was fined \$5,000 last Jan. 3 for remarks made about Chicago White Sox Owner Jerry Reinsdorf.

Kuhn also levied a \$50,000 fine against Steinbrenner last April 19 for remarks he made with regard to National League President Chub Feeney. Steinbrenner said Feeney had told his umpires to favor the NL against the AL in exhibition games.

Steinbrenner also received a stern reprimand from Kuhn on June 26, 1980 for tampering with free-agent pitcher Billy Cannon, Jr.

Kuhn's general policy is not to make public any fines he imposes unless the club or individual to whom they are levied requests it.

The Yankees revealed Friday's penalty in a statement which said: "The New York Yankees today announced they have been notified by Baseball Commissioner Bowie K. Kuhn following hearings completed Dec. 19, 1983 on the 'Pine Tar Game,' that the commissioner is imposing a fine of \$250,000 plus certain legal fees on the Yankees.

"Mr. Kuhn advised the Yankees that on the basis of the evidence received during these hearings, he had concluded that Yankees principal owner George M. Steinbrenner was in no way personally involved in bringing about the Davis or Morrison lawsuits, which involved the pine game lawsuits brought by fans in New York State Supreme Court.

"However, the position espoused by other representatives of the New York Yankees in connection with these lawsuits, and certain public statements by Mr. Steinbrenner, he felt, 'contravened the best interests of baseball.'"

"While we feel the penalty to be excessive, we will abide by the commissioner's decision," he said. "We certainly do not wish to cause him any problems in his last few days as commissioner."

In some ways, it is ironic, the owner went on. "We were not the team using the illegal bat in the first place but yet we seem to come out worse in the whole matter. Nonetheless, we will abide by Bowie's decision."

Kuhn originally planned to give Steinbrenner a hearing in September, but it was postponed. Then in November Steinbrenner succeeded in getting a restraining order to block the hearing on the grounds that Kuhn was prejudiced in his dealings with the Yankees.

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# Better technology, finances contribute to U.S. advance

NEW YORK (UPI) — A former U.S. Olympic ski coach views Europeans as being terrified that Americans are taking the lead in the sport now — but they've mastered the technology and receive the financial backing required to produce championship teams.

"Moose" Barrows was a prominent member of the American downhill men's ski team during the mid and late 1960s and brought his skills to the 1980 Olympic training camp where the Mahre Brothers, Phil and Steve, perfected their technique.

Phil Mahre won a slalom silver medal at Lake Placid and was the overall World Cup winner for three straight years. Tamara McKinney of Squaw Valley, Calif., was the 1983 women's overall champion.

"I never had a doubt that we would come dominate world skiing," says the 5-11, 220-pound Barrows, who takes his weight to be a competitive advantage as a downhiller on the 1988

U.S. Olympic team. "What we were confronted with in past decades has been overcome.

"There's now an availability of cash and there's tremendous support at home. From the mid-60s to the mid-70s there was a change in our philosophy. It wasn't that Europeans were better trained. It was that they had more support. We were lagging, particularly in engineering support and technology. They had skis that went faster, adopted better waxing techniques and wore proper clothing. We tended always to be a year behind, copying their methods after they perfected them."

Barrows feels the U.S. has been fortunate to have the Mahre Brothers and Tamara McKinney sking on American products.

But there's another side to competitive skiing, too, he says.

Combining his skills as a skier and instructor, Barrows currently is involved in the Equitable Family Ski

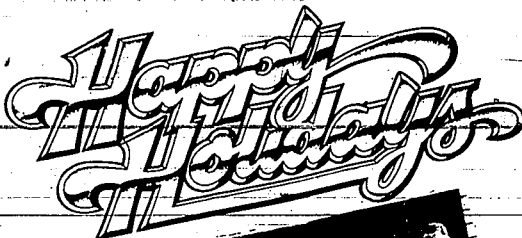
Challenge, which he says is designed with the average skier in mind.

"This purely amateur racing program gives families a chance to participate in an exciting activity together, as well as introduce them to the thrill of athletic competition," says Barrows, who operates out of Steamboat Springs, Colo.

"We usually try to have teams race in head-to-head competition. Instead of combining times, we give them two runs and count the fastest effort."

Asked to choose the best family combination, Barrows says that from an outsider's standpoint the most enjoyable is the father-son relationship.

"The sons usually do better than their dads. Here is where the shoe is on the other foot because the father's choking point comes a little quicker. In terms of success, however, the mother-son category is tops. The juices really flow."



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**Headphones deafen skiers**

## Music a problem on the slopes

SNOWMASS, Colo. (UPI) — Accidents involving skiers deafened by stereo music are a growing concern to ski resort officials.

"Our safety personnel are very concerned about this," Jack Brendlinger, marketing director for the Aspen Skiing Co., said of the increasing popularity of personal headphones by skiers.

"We tolerate them, but we certainly don't encourage their use," said Bill Kanda of Tulluride ski patrol.

Their concern is that skiers wearing headphones might not hear oncoming skiers or vehicles.

Such was the case with Olympichopeful downhill racer Paul Maher earlier this month.

Mahre, a U.S. Ski-Team member, was listening to music on his personal stereo headphones while skiing at Snowmass, when he skied into a snowcat, broke his arm, and probably destroyed his Olympic hopes.

Nevertheless, this week Vail will

become the nation's first ski resort to rent headphones to skiers and broadcast music and news to them.

The use of personal stereo headphones while driving a car has been deemed dangerous by ten state legislatures which have passed laws prohibiting their use in automobiles, said a member of the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Five other states have introduced such legislation this year, including a Wisconsin bill that would extend the ban to bike riders.

**Boxing**

## Police look for former contender

UPPER MARLBORO, Md. (UPI) — A former contender for the world bantamweight boxing crown faces charges in the robbery and shooting of a Christmas tree salesman from Kentucky, police said Friday.

Prince George's County police issued an arrest warrant for Derrick Holmes, 28, of New Carrollton, charging him in the Tuesday night shooting and robbery. Police spokesmen said investigators are searching for Holmes and a second suspect, but no other warrants have been issued.

The salesman, whose name has been withheld for his protection, was shot four times during the incident at his tree stand in Clinton. He has wounds in the stomach, scalp, arm and face and is listed in stable condition at Prince George's General Hospital, police said he is expected to survive.

Police said the salesman had been asleep in his truck when two suspects, at least one armed with a handgun, approached him and demanded money. The salesman turned over the money and was shot. "It was unprovoked," a police spokesman said.

The salesman escaped and the suspects conducted an unsuccessful search for the man who managed to call police before the two suspects fled the scene by car in an unknown direction, police said.

Holmes challenged super bantamweight champion Wilfredo Gomez in August 1980, he was knocked out in eight times and was knocked out in the fifth round at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. He suffered a broken jaw in the bout.

## Volunteer coaches can be hindrance

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (UPI) — Volunteer youth coaches often do more to turn youngsters away from athletics than promote interest in sports, a Florida State University sport psychologist said Friday.

Dr. Robert N. Singer, a former chief of the U.S. Olympic Committee's sport psychology division, blames the turnoff on uninformed coaches trying to force adult competitive values on youngsters.

"The evidence shows that far too many children quit sports by the time they reach their teens and it's no wonder," Singer said.

"I've asked kids how they're doing in a sports program and they don't talk about the exhilaration and the pleasure of the sport. Instead, they say, 'Look, I've got this trophy.'"

Singer said much of the problem lies with volunteer coaches who know little about the sport, don't know how to motivate children and try to impose adult competitive values on children who are not ready for them.



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The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend. - Robertson Davies.

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## She takes a leap Into music

By LORAYNE O. SMITH  
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**KIMBERLY** — Deciding to earn one's living as a performing musician is like standing on the edge of a deep chasm, according to Nancy Bondurant, now a student in Philadelphia, who soon will be in just that situation.

"You have to take the leap or stay where you are," says the young musician, who grew up in Kimberly.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Bondurant, she is home for the holidays and presented a "thank-you" recital Thursday night, in appreciation for local individuals who have helped her by providing summer jobs and encouragement in her budding career as a bassoon player.

While talent is the obvious prerequisite — followed by much study and hard work — Bondurant believes another ingredient is vital in the highly competitive world of the performing arts.

"You have to believe in yourself and convince others you are good. People are very willing to believe you're not good, so you have to sell yourself."

Many musicians play well, she says, but when it comes to the final decision of who gets jobs with major symphonies or chamber groups it often depends on "you and your personality," she says.

Bondurant sees herself as fortunate in this regard, since she "always has been able to communicate well with people."

Next spring, at age 22 and with a master's degree in performance after eight years of serious study, Bondurant will be following her own advice as she seeks full-time employment as a performer.

But she already has a toehold in the climb to become self-supporting. She has part-time teaching jobs in the Catholic school system in Philadelphia and as a faculty member at the Pennsylvania Conservatory of Music there.

While many people believe aspiring young musicians must choose between full-time teaching or the more difficult, albeit exciting, performing route, Bondurant believes the two complement each other.

"The more you teach, the more you think about what you should be doing (when you perform)," she says.

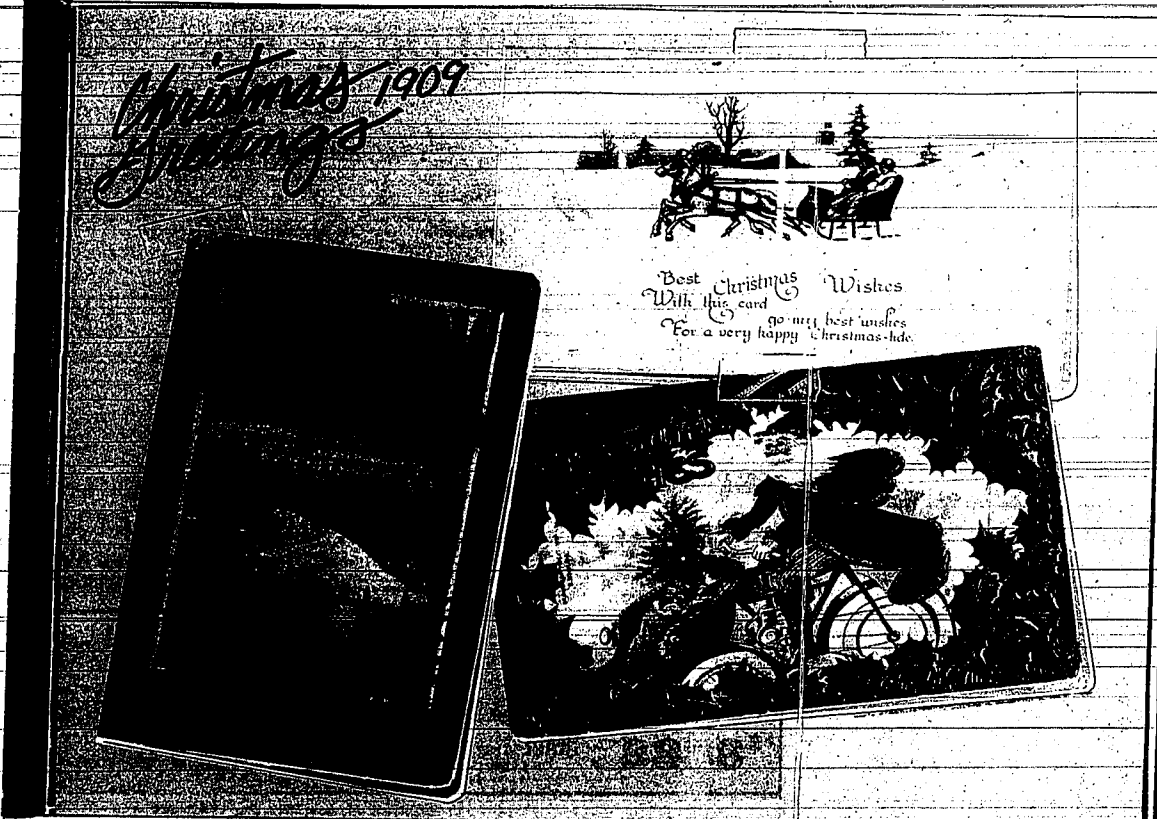
And teaching usually is necessary from an economic standpoint, "unless you're super-talented or your parents are rich and know the right people," she says.

Teacher-musicians, she believes, fall into three categories — performers who are horrible teachers, good teachers who can't play and those who can do both.

The third type, which she describes as rare, fits her teacher, Bernard Garfield, the principal bassoonist with the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Bondurant credits much of her musical achievement to Garfield, who

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### Bygone greetings

Christmas postcards were popular in the first decade of this century and were heavily embellished with ivy, berries and a wealth

of detail, as evidenced in these selected from a collection owned by David Freshour of Jerome. He has accumulated them over the

years from various sources, such as garage sales and old houses. Many of them were addressed to the L.W. Laird family of

Morland, Kan., and their antiquity is evidenced by the fact it cost only a penny to wish someone merry Christmas.

## Church continues its annual caroling tradition

Caroling is one of the many traditions brought from Europe that enrich Christmas observances in this country.

Many church groups participate in the old English custom of singing carols outdoors, but instead of walking through the streets at random, as is done in England, Americans are more inclined to go to nursing homes or other more defined areas.

Members of the United Methodist Church in Twin Falls have established a singing tradition of their own over the past decade, with an annual caroling party that takes participants — singers and non-singers alike — on a church bus to the homes of the elderly or ill who are housebound.

Sponsored by the United Methodist Men, the caroling party has long been a highlight of the Advent season. This year, it drew more than 50 persons, including adults, youth and even a three-generation family.

Jennifer and Heather, the young daughters of Doug and Mary Jones of Twin Falls, added both appeal and cheery accompaniment to the im-



Lorayne O. Smith  
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prominent front-step performances with their use of sleigh bells during the opening "Jingle Bells."

After completing their "appointed rounds," which drew tears of appreciation at more than one home, the singers returned to the country home of Duke and OraLee Wiseman, to be warmed by good fellowship, as well as Vernon Smith's homemade chili, and a potpourri of holiday goodies brought by the carolers.

The Wiseman's hospitality has added to the event ever since the activity was initiated back in the early 1970s, when Wiseman was president of the men's club.

Army Lt. Col. S. Vern Juchau, the son of

Leslie J. and Freda Juchau of Route 1, Eden, has been awarded the coveted "A" professional designation.

Juchau is chief of the microbiology section, department of pathology and area laboratory services, at Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas.

A graduate of Valley High School, he has a bachelor's degree from what was then Idaho State College in Pocatello, a master's degree from the University of California at Berkeley and a Ph.D. from the University of California at San Francisco.

He has been in the Army for 18 years and was with the 10th Medical Laboratory in Landstuhl, Germany, before coming to Brooke. His wife, Mary, is the daughter of Ruby Huetig of Route 11 Hazelton.

The "A" designator is awarded by the surgeon general of the Army to a limited number of "A" professionals in recognition of their outstanding qualifications in their respective medical fields.

The recipients of the award are teaching

professionals who have specialized in their field for a minimum of 10 years. The award elevates them to the status of a university professor.

The spirit of giving seems much apparent in Twin Falls this year, with persons of all ages helping to provide for those less fortunate. High school students enthusiastically brought canned goods for Salvation Army baskets, amidst a contest to see which homemom would contribute the most.

Richard Milward's homemom was the winner, according to Rod Laird, who said his classmates brought 588 cans for the project. The school's Key Club sponsored the contest between the homemoms for the canned goods, which were picked up Wednesday by Salvation Army workers.

Among the many other organizations and individuals participating in the impressive community effort to assist everyone needing help at Christmas were members of the Loyal Order of the Moose and the Women of the Moose

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## Grandma DePew helps children

By LORAYNE O. SMITH  
Times-News writer

**KIMBERLY** — Faye DePew laughingly says she's "helped raise half the kids in Kimberly."

Grandma DePew, as she is affectionately known to many, has baby sat for innumerable area children and also tended to many children in her home, along with her own grandchildren.

Not long ago in a Twin Falls store, a clerk whom she didn't remember recognized the tiny Kimberly woman as her former baby sitter.

The modest house off Monroe Street in Kimberly in which Mrs. DePew has lived for 55 years still echoes to the noise and enthusiasm of young people. Her 14-year-old great-grandson comes in every day after school and many times brings his friends.

"They all call me Grandma," she says, "and in summer, sometimes three or four come for a handout at noon."

Obviously, Mrs. DePew enjoys having the boys, although their hearty appetites can stretch her light Social Security income.

As she talks freely about her life, which she describes as one of hard work — from keeping boarders to doing housework for others — the 87-year-old Mrs. DePew exudes a

### Elder

sense of appreciation for the love and attention that comes not only from her children and grandchildren, but from faithful church visitors and helpful neighbors.

There have been times of hardship in past years — when her husband was hospitalized with ulcers and her children were "tittle" — when she received Christmas baskets and neighbors brought in loads of wood.

"I appreciate every single favor people have done," she says, adding that it sometimes worries her because "my children spoil me."

"I don't for a minute want them to be away from their own families on my account," she says. Therefore, she is determined to maintain her own independence in her home, despite considerable physical odds.

However, it's obvious that her children must enjoy her company. In the fall of 1982, she was invited to go to Disneyland with some of her children and grandchildren. At first, she declined because she knew her legs "couldn't keep up," but her children rented a wheelchair, and they "had a hilarious time."

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Faye DePew, who says she has helped raise half the kids in Kimberly, is affectionately known as "Grandma"

Times-News photo by SWEET SAVISON



# Tot must learn that three is a crowd

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 21-year-old woman with a 3-year-old daughter, Tammy. I'm not married (never was) but I would like to be. Tammy and I live with my parents. They have been wonderful to us, but I want Tammy to have a daddy.



Abigail VanBuren Dear Abby

I met a fine gentleman about three months ago, and he is courting me. Russell is the first man I've gone out with since Tammy was born, and I like him a lot. My problem is that Tammy cries and fusses when Russell comes to take me out. We finally have to take her along. Then all the time she's with us, she carries on and fusses and spoils our evening. I am torn between Tammy and Russell. I love Tammy with all my heart, but I want the relationship between me and Russell to work out. I'm afraid I never will. What should I do? I don't want to lose Russell. He's getting impatient with me, and I can't blame him.

**TAMMY'S MUMMY**  
**DEAR MUMMY:** When Russell

comes to take you out, visit with Tammy for a while, then tell her you are going out and kiss her goodbye. There is no need to take her with you.

She's young, but not too young to understand that you need adult company and a few evenings out occasionally. If you continue to take Tammy along on your dates with Russell, you can kiss HIM goodbye.

**DEAR ABBY:** When I was 17, I became involved with a so-called "religious" that, at the time, placed restrictions on me which helped me refrain from sex, drugs, cigarettes, etc. The people claimed to love each other, and I gained many friends.

At first, it did not matter that my "religion" did not allow such things as blood transfusions, saluting the American flag, voting and getting involved in politics. I read their publications, attended five meetings each week and knocked on doors to spread the word. The illusion lasted several years. As I got older, I began to look into the organization's history and learned many things that distressed me. I got to the point that I no longer believed in that faith.

I thought I could just simply stop going to meetings. But when I voted in the primary election last spring, my husband told the elders and they "disfellowshipped" me, formally kicking me out of the congregation. I am now considered "dead" and no one of that faith is permitted to speak to me for the rest of my life.

I have paid a dear price for my spiritual freedom — my husband is divorcing me, my family members of that faith refuse to speak to me, and I have lost 13 years worth of "friends." Abby, please advise your readers to

closely examine ALL the teachings of these door knockers before joining. Otherwise, they may lose their families like I lost mine. Sign me. — FINALLY FREE IN FRANKLIN, N.O.

**DEAR ABBY:** Upon reading your comment regarding the "barklessness" of the African-besant dog, I must interject a word of caution to those who plan to rush out and buy one.

While basenjis do not bark, this does not imply that they are noiseless. They let out an unearthly whine that is very annoying!

I should know; I've worked in animal hospitals for nearly eight years.

— WITNESS  
(If you're single and want to know how to meet someone decent, see Page 20 of Abby's booklet, "How to Be Popular." Send \$2 plus a long stamped (37 cents), self-addressed envelope to Abby, Personality, P.O. Box 3822, Hollywood, Calif. 90038.)

# A fashion 'Q and A'

By PATRICIA SHELTON  
Chicago Sun-Times

**Q:** I have an ostrich feather bolero jacket. What can I wear it with besides an evening gown and gitty jewelry?  
T.I.P.

**A:** A lot of things, including evening pajamas and a simple little dress in silk or wool. I doesn't have to be black. For more pizzazz, mix moods and wear your ostrich with tweed trousers or a skirt and a silk shirt. You don't have to wait until the sun goes down to wear the jacket with your tweeds.

**Q:** I'm 12-year-old girl. Am I too young to wear jewelry to school?  
D.K.

**A:** You're not too young to wear simple jewelry or a little fun jewelry. But don't pile it on like there's no tomorrow. You'll have plenty of time later to play Sparkle Plenty.

**Q:** I have a Spaurke suede suit. The color is real dull. What color blouse should I wear with the suit?  
B.D.

**A:** You need something lively to counteract the drabs. Look for a multicolor stripe with a deeper red that harmonizes with the mulberry. The deeper red will tie it all together. If you can't find that, ivory and pale blue would be your best options.

**Q:** Can you suggest a hat style that is both warm and stylish?  
T.S.W.

**A:** The warmest, stylish hat you could own would be a fur (mink, sable, lynx or fox) beret large enough to pull down over your ears in freezing weather. Otherwise, get a wool or felt cloche that covers your ears.

**Q:** Are slightly fitted, 23-inch suit jackets going to go out of style? I'm petite and am wondering if mine will look dated after a few years.  
C.E.

**A:** Jacket lengths, like hemlines, are up, down and all around. The type you mentioned is pretty classic and long-lasting, although not very interesting. If it goes out it will come back in.

# Musician

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not only to teach her a great deal but believes in her, she says.

How she became a pupil of Garfield, considered one of the leading bassoonists in the country, also tells something about Bonurant.

She had gone to New York City to visit her older sister, Kathleen, a private flute teacher, and although already had been accepted by the Cleveland Institute of Music, she decided to call Garfield because she knew of his excellence.

She had written him previously, but he had indicated he already had enough students. But after her personal phone call, he agreed to an interview, which she describes tersely as "intensive," listening to her play and questioning her closely.

As a result, she was accepted as his student and transferred to Temple University in Philadelphia, where at age 20, she received her bachelor's degree in performance and is now completing work for her master's

degree in April. She believes having a master's degree is that essential for a performer, but she wanted to study four years under Garfield, so decided to stay on for graduate work.

Bonurant began studying the bassoon in the eighth grade, when at the suggestion of Larry Curtis, a College of Southern music instructor, she switched to the larger instrument from the more-popular flute.

She had played flute since grade-school days at Kimberly, but by the time she got to eighth grade, the competition with her sister who was three years older and better made switching instruments the harmonious solution.

And, as Curtis said, there are few bassoonists than flutists, making competition for scholarships easier. Her decision to seek a musical career was nurtured in her early years through attendance, on scholarships, of many area music camps, in addition to playing in the Magic Valley Symphony under Curtis and in Carson Wong's chamber orchestra, then at Temple.

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Each year, her children also give her a big birthday party.

She gradually does it become apparent that this indomitable little woman, who "wants to keep working till the last day I live," has problems that could leave a person weaker and isolated and bitter.

She is blind in one eye and has only marginal sight in the other. She can no longer see to read, but a son, who lives with her although he is out of town during the week, reads her highlights from the newspaper.

"I fall down all the time," she says cheerfully, "because I don't have any sense of balance any more."

But surprisingly, considering her age, her bones don't break. She broke a leg once, but that was when she was kicked by a cow.

"I guess they're rubbery," she says. Despite her impaired mobility, she still has a big garden, and last summer, she cautioned her grandson

not to remove a big thistle in her yard because "that told me where the ditch was."

Although every foot of her house is familiar after a half-century of living there, she still takes a small tumble. "I always scramble around and get up and hope no one sees me."

She has to get down on her hands and knees to see to pull weeds, and she says she wears out slacks in the summer because she's on her knees so much.

For many years after her marriage on May 1, 1918, to Dick DePew, she kept rooms. Every fall, men would come to the area to work in the harvest, and some stayed through the winter to work for her husband, who ran a spud-sorter.

She not only cooked meals for as many as 23, including her five children who were then in school, but she also fixed lunches for the men. The boarders also roomed with the DePews, overflowing their three bedrooms into two cabins on the rear

of their lot. As a girl, she was used to hard work before coming to Idaho in 1917 with her parents, John and Jennie Cooper.

In Grenola, Kan., where she was born on March 25, 1896, she helped haul water for their stock from a creek and shucked corn.

Her family came West with several other families to escape the constant droughts in Kansas and because "everybody was coming to Idaho."

In Twin Falls, she did housework and odd jobs, such as picking berries for a neighbor, Ed Vance, northeast of town, prior to her marriage. The DePews moved to Coatsville, Calif., after a few years, but her husband wanted to return to Idaho and farm.

Her husband was ill for many years, and in addition to, their own five children, Mrs. DePew raised a granddaughter, Lucretia Boyd, of Twin Falls, whom she considers a daughter. Her three living children include Vera Lee Carroll of Twin Falls, Joe DePew who lives with her and Willie

She estimates there are some 300 top-notch flutists, compared to about 75 bassoonists.

"There are some 15 good bassoon players right in Philadelphia," she says, "but I'm good in Philadelphia. I can go anywhere."

Although she enjoys solo work, which was apparent in her recent last week at the Twin Falls United Methodist church, the bassoon is impractical as a solo instrument because the reeds, which is where the music originates, are affected so much by both altitude and weather.

A complex woodwind instrument, the bassoon evolved from the ancient dulzian and grew in complexity from one key in 1562 to seven in Mozart's time, before reaching its present 24.

Bonurant shipped cane, a form of bamboo that is used for reeds, home three weeks early so it could be climatized for the reeds; which displayed her competence in both sound and technical expertise, as well as her gracious rapport with the audience.

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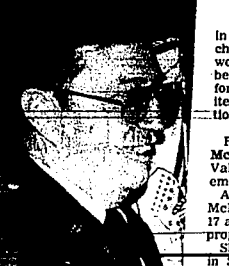
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**VERN JUCHAU**  
Receives award

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In Twin Falls, Pat Cogswell, the chairman, estimates that some \$200 worth of food was donated by members, who the lodge furnished meat for baskets for two families. L leftover items were turned over to the Salvation Army to help with their baskets.

Registered nurse Rosemary McRoberts has been named Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's employee of the year.

A nurse in the surgery department, McRoberts received her award Dec. 17 at the hospital's annual Christmas program and dinner at the Elks Lodge.

She started working at the hospital in September 1975 and was named employee of the month last May.

Douglas McClure, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Richard F. McClure of Jerome, performed with the New England

Conservatory Symphony Orchestra and Chorus at Lincoln Center in New York City on Dec. 10. He is a cello student at the conservatory, located in Boston.

The conservatory groups were invited by the Beethoven Society to present an all-Beethoven program, which included "Overture to Fidelio," Symphony No. 2 and Mass in C Major.

**Now you know**

French chemist Hilarie Benignaud, comte de Chardonnay, used nitrocellulose to invent artificial silk in 1883.

# Bottled water not always better

THACA, N.Y. (UPI) — Bottled water is not necessarily better for you than tap water, says an environmental specialist for Cornell University's Cooperative Extension Service.

Ann Lemley says that even bottled water that meets state drinking-water standards may contain low levels of chemicals found in many water supplies.

In a recent random check of 22 bottled water products, organic chemicals were found in 15, Lemley said, but all were below the state's maximum containment levels and guidelines for public-water supplies.

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# Anniversaries

# Telethon might help loneliness

# Wedding



Mr. & Mrs. Frank Coleman

**WENDELL** — Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coleman will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary this Tuesday at the Presbyterian Church in Wendell. Friends and relatives are invited to call between 5 and 7 p.m.

Coleman and the former Emma Porter were married Dec. 27, 1933, in Twin Falls.

The event will be hosted by their children: Leo Coleman of Wendell, Rene Rousehall of Boring, Ore., and Rick Coleman of Portland, and their spouses.

The Colemans have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Moon

**TWIN FALLS** — Mr. and Mrs. Ray E. Moon will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at 7 p.m. this Wednesday at the I.O.O.F. Hall in Twin Falls, at 225 Third Ave. E. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

Moon and the former Ethel M. Goss were married Jan. 17, 1934, at the Church of the Brethren in Bowmont, Idaho. Since that time, they have lived in Twin Falls, where they operate Moon's Rock Shop.

Hosting the event will be their children: Colton Moon, Veary of Tonto, Wash., and Ray E. Moon Jr. of La Verne, Calif., and their families.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cleveland

**GOODING** — Mr. and Mrs. George Cleveland, former Gooding residents now living in Boise, will be honored at an open house in observance of their golden wedding anniversary this Saturday, Dec. 31, in Boise.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the home of a daughter, Mary MacGregor, who lives at 2718 S. Roosevelt St.

Cleveland and the former Mary A. Darling were married Dec. 31, 1933, in Gooding, where they lived for a few

years, and again for about five years in the late 1940s, when he was in the dairy business. Cleveland worked as a county agent and later was an Extension Service dairyman for Idaho, retiring 10 years ago.

The couple has lived in Boise for some 20 years.

Hosting the event will be the couple's children: G.W. Cleveland Jr. of Billings, Mont., Yvonne Hess of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, and MacGregor, as well as their spouses.

We all know what loneliness feels like.

It's sleeping in the middle of the bed. It's eating an omelet by yourself and the more of it you eat, the bigger it gets.

It's not talking all day and saying something dumb just to see if your voice still works.

It's frozen bread, a washer set at MINT-LOAD, and clocks that may just as well be calendars.

From a nursing home in Texas comes a Christmas story on loneliness sent to me by "Janis," whose 92-year-old grandmother lives there.

"You cannot imagine how they all looked forward to Christmas. The nurses gave them corsages to wear and the halls were decked out in decorations. They had been given baths and their hair fixed and every lady had a red dress on. Christmas music played in the background and those who could walk got up to wait."

"It was into this atmosphere that I walked on Christmas eve. Every head raised and looked at me curiously. At that moment, one woman strained to see through her glasses. Then she smiled and said, "Linda?"

"No," I said, "I'm Janis."

"As I found my way to my grandmother's room, but several times they reached out and said, 'Are you here to see me?' 'Aren't you my granddaughter?' I almost felt like I should say 'no.' Why not? They were



Erma Bombeck At wit's end

forgetful and wouldn't remember me the next day anyway, but they would remember the disappointment and loneliness for a long time. It was the saddest thing I had ever seen.

This year, I may not be able to visit my grandmother but I will visit a nursing home near where I live and when they say, "Are you here to see me?" I will answer, "Yes."

"I hope to someone who visit my grandma and compliment her on her new permanent and her 20-year-old red dress and when she raises her head and asks some brunette woman with glasses, 'Janis?' maybe that woman will have the love in her heart to say, 'Yes, Grandma, it's me.'"

I've always thought there should be a telethon for loneliness. There would be the usual Las Vegas stage with six or seven banks of telephones manned by volunteers.

No money would change hands. No matching pledges. No easy credit card numbers to be taken down. Just a union of two people. One who needs the time to talk. The other who makes the time to listen.

**WENDELL** — Darlene Peterson and Barry Brackett were married Nov. 12 at the Wendell Presbyterian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. LaVar Peterson of Wendell and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brackett of Twin Falls.

The Rev. Richard Klein officiated with Valerie Peterson as organist.

The bride wore a satin princess-style gown, made by her mother, featuring long fitted sleeves, veil of net and lace and long train trimmed with lace. Her bouquet was silk flowers of fall colors.

Vickie Blaylock of Boise, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. Valaine Sackinger of Salem, Ore., sister of the bride, was the bridesmaid.

Richard Melton of Boise served as best man. Dennis Lampe of Jerome was the groomsman. Fred Mohr and Craig Holmes ushered.

Mrs. Verle Christensen, grandmother of the bride, was a special guest.

A reception was held after the ceremony.

The bride, a 1980 graduate of Wendell High, attended Boise State Uni-



Peterson-Brackett

versity and graduated from Idaho State University.

The groom is a 1977 graduate of Twin Falls High School and also graduated from the College of Southern Idaho.

Following a trip to Jackson Hole, Wyo., the couple is living in Jerome where they are opening an upholstery shop.

## Favorite area recipe

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1/2 cup honey  
1/2 cup margarine or butter  
1 clove garlic crushed  
1 teaspoon soy sauce

2 tablespoons apple juice  
1/4 teaspoon ground ginger  
To make sauce—heat orange juice, mustard, honey, butter and garlic. Stir and cook over low heat. When butter is melted stir in soy sauce, apple juice, and ginger. Cook until heated. Cook ham at 325 degrees for 2 1/2 hours. Take ham out of oven and stud with whole cloves if desired. Also seeo ham 1/4-inch deep. Brush sauce over ham thickly. Put back in oven and bake for another 30 minutes.

# Engagements



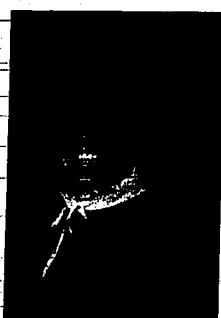
Cheryl Cary

**KIMBERLY** — Dr. and Mrs. John W. Cary of Kimberly announce the engagement of their daughter, Cheryl Ann, to Barry Henry O'Brien, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. Douglas O'Brien of Idaho Falls.

Cary is a graduate of the University of Idaho and is employed by the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as a structural engineer.

O'Brien earned a master of science degree in chemical engineering from the University of Idaho and is employed by Exxon Nuclear Idaho Co. Inc.

The couple plans a March 17 wedding at the Kimberly United Methodist Church.



Roberta Anderson

**GOODING** — Mr. and Mrs. Bob Anderson of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Roberta Jean, to Brad Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Payne of LaGrande, Ore.

Anderson, a 1981 graduate of Gooding High School, attended Boise State University for two years. She is employed as a secretary for the power company in LaGrande.

Payne is a 1978 graduate of LaGrande High School and a 1980 graduate of Treasure Valley College in Ontario. He is manager of the LaGrande Municipal Airport and owner of the LaGrande Air Service. He is a charter pilot and instructor.

The couple is planning a Jan. 21 wedding at the home of the bride's parents in Gooding.

# Senior centers' news

- Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center**  
839 Fourth Ave. W., Twin Falls
- Menu:  
• Monday, center closed.  
• Tuesday, fish sticks.  
• Wednesday, goulash.  
• Thursday, chicken fried steak.  
• Friday, Salisbury steak.  
• Saturday, center closed.
- Activities:  
• Monday, center closed.  
• Tuesday, blood pressure check from 9:30 a.m. to noon, exercise class at 11 a.m. and bingo at 1 p.m.  
• Wednesday, crafts and quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; grocery delivery — call order to Marty's Market on Tuesday, and bingo at 7 p.m.
- Thursday, pinocle at 1 p.m.  
• Friday, Friendship Day, and Bible study at 9:30 a.m.  
• Saturday, Sunday and Monday, center closed for the New Year holiday.
- Ageless Senior Citizens**  
310 Main St. N., Kimberly
- Menu:  
• Wednesday, Christmas dinner, turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, peas, cranberry and orange-salad, rolls and butter, pumpkin and mince pie, coffee and milk.  
• Friday — Hamburger steak, potatoes and gravy, creamed carrots and peas, apple and orange slices, bread and butter, butterscotch pudding, coffee and milk.

## Kimberly sets blood drawing

**KIMBERLY** — The Snake River Regional Red Cross bloodmobile will be in Kimberly Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Kimberly Elementary School.

Joy Vouras of Hansen, chairman of the blood drawing in Kimberly, said donors are urged to call 423-4589 for an appointment for a convenient donation time.

"Blood saves lives, but the Red Cross can't supply blood, only people can," she said. "The Red Cross simply helps get the blood from donors to those who need it."

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# Adjusting to life as a widower can be a rough assignment

By SUE MILLER  
Baltimore Evening Sun

BALTIMORE — Bernie Miller lost his wife of 43 years to cancer four months ago. No woman will ever take her place, but when you are older, the single life can be devastating, says this new widower.

He has realized something many widowed people never do until it is too late: that life rolls on despite death.

The 69-year-old customer relations

officer loves people and enjoys dancing and golf. So he will wait a year, as he promised his wife, and then seek to marry again.

"I need companionship and loving care, and the same as I want someone to do for me, I want to do for them," he explains. "I do not consider myself an old man. I'm not going to dry up and die. I'm not going to be a hermit or a recluse. I'm going to live life."

Cooking is a challenge he could do without, however, so he relies on

frozen foods, which soon taste alike. Caring for his clothes and sewing on buttons are a nuisance.

To fill those many, many hours alone, he went from semi-retirement back to part-time work.

Miller wants to be independent. He has two grown children, but he does not want to "use them as a crutch," he says. "Already—he has died a few times because "I really want to meet someone nice and I know I will. Sixty-nine is not too old."

It's been eight years since Vito Vignale of Baltimore became a widower. He and his wife had been married 21 years when she succumbed to complications of her primary disease of lupus, which had weakened her lungs.

At 57, the chemical engineer became father and mother to two sons. One is now in medical school at the University of Texas, the other lives at home with his father.

Life has forced Vignale to become a

reluctant expert in shopping, cleaning, cooking and holding the family together.

He wishes the church would do more for widowers—the neglected minority, as he calls them. He wishes that he lived in a more closely knit community and that he could do something about his limping social life.

"Trying to socialize—that's the most difficult part," says Vignale. "Where are all these widows? I don't seem to connect with them. I've had no luck at church, and I'm even trying a new parish in Catonsville. I don't like bars. I've heard of some groups, but they meet in the afternoons when I work or they are 95 percent women, and that's not good, either."

It is hard to find the time to search out female companionship, he says. Still, Vignale is not giving up hope because, like Bernie Miller and most other widowed persons, he does not want to be alone as he grows older.

"I've cracked tougher nuts than this in my lifetime," he says.

The loss of a spouse to death is the greatest stress, say mental health experts, and men seem to be most

vulnerable. A high percentage of widowers die during the first year of their bereavement.

A 1981 Johns Hopkins University study of more than 4,000 widowed persons showed the mortality rate for widowers was 26 percent higher than for married men and 61 percent higher in the 55 to 64 age group.

Like women who have lost their husbands, widowers must assume new roles. But it seems women can cope better, having spent a lifetime trying to please ends for their families. Traditionally, a man has only had to worry about bringing home the bread.

Further, women have always had their support networks in female friends to turn to when they needed to talk out a dilemma. But a man's best friend has usually been his wife, and when she dies, he suffers acute isolation.

## Having colors done not just a bunch of hokey

By Diane White  
Boston Globe

I laughed when I sat down to have my colors done. But I wasn't laughing when I stood up.

Why? Because I no longer have anything to wear. Because almost everything I own is all wrong.

Assuming that is, I believe what the color consultant told me. And you can't imagine how much I hate to admit this—I do.

I date to admit it because the idea of having your colors done is one of the dumbest things I've ever heard of. The very phrase is ridiculous; "Having your colors done" it sounds like something people might do in Beverly Hills, to kill time between divorces.

When I first heard about color consulting, a few years ago, I assumed it was just another fashion-puff ad. It couldn't last. How many people would be willing to pay to be told what colors they look good in? Anybody with half a brain should be able to figure it out on her own, right?

But the fad didn't go away. Carole Jackson's book "Color Me Beautiful" became a fixture on best-seller lists. Color consulting companies sprang up and flourished. I heard women talking

about how their lives had changed since they'd had their colors done. They claimed they looked better, they were more organized, they spent less money on clothes. I still thought it sounded like a lot of hokey. So naturally I did it. I made an appointment to have my colors done.

For \$51 I joined four other women in a storefront office for a group session conducted by Mary Lenentine, 25, who's been trained to represent "Color Me Beautiful." This firm's approach to color consulting involves typing each person according to her, or his, coloring as a season, winter, spring, summer, fall. Lenentine takes large swatches of fabric in a variety of colors and drapes these, one by one, around a person's shoulders to determine which shades are most flattering.

The process sounds silly and looks even sillier. But the results are surprising. I watched as Lenentine, a winter, draped and analyzed. I was amazed to see the dramatic effects certain colors had on the way each woman looked. There were colors that minimized wrinkles and double chins, colors that made under-eye circles almost disappear. Some colors made people look years younger.

There were even colors that seemed to make people look thinner. The minute I saw that, I was

convinced. I'd wear any color if it would make me look thinner. Puce. Cheetah. Khaki. Which is just as well, since they happen to my colors, more or less.

Because, unfortunately, I am an Autumn. Color me drab. Lenentine had this to say about Autumns: "If it's dull, it's Autumn. The more muted the better. The drabber the better."

I hate most of my colors. Office suits this is common. You don't have to like a color to look good in it. One woman in the group, a Spring, looked gorgeous in peach. "It's disgusting," she said, studying her peach-peached reflection. "I look like the Easter Bunny."

Later, at home, I stared into the mess that is my closet. There was nothing moss green. There was nothing terra cotta. You could count on one finger the number of items that were chocolate brown.

"Don't go home and throw out all your clothes," Lenentine had advised.

I won't, but only because I can't afford to. I'm stuck wearing the wrong colors until my clothes wear out. I don't like wearing the wrong colors. I don't like looking at everybody I meet and trying to figure out if his or her colors are right or wrong. But most of all I don't like having to admit that color consulting isn't a lot of hokey.

## Calendar

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**TUESDAY**  
Buhl Dr. DeLesta Bridge Club  
Pat's play begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Courts community building at 1310 Main St.  
Buhl Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Haak's Band will play for a dance at 8 p.m.  
Edna-Hazelton Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center in Eden.  
Filer Kiwanis Club  
Meets at noon at the Filer United Methodist Church.  
Filer Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the Filer Senior Haven.  
Glenns Ferry Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the Three Island Senior Center.  
Gooding Al-Anon  
Meets at 8 p.m. at the Walker Center.  
Gooding Alcoholics Anonymous  
Meets at 8 p.m. at the old hotel off South Main Street.  
Gooding Optometrist Club  
Meets at noon at the Lincoln Inn.  
Gooding Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Jerome Rotary Club  
Meets at noon at the Fireside Hall.  
Jerome Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Ketchum-Sun Valley Rotary Club  
Meets at 12:10 p.m. at Louie's restaurant in Ketchum.  
Shoshone Golden Years Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Shoshone Square Dining Club  
Begins at 7:30 p.m. at 218 Second Ave. E. in Jerome.  
The Network  
Meets at noon for a luncheon and business meeting at the Colonial Gardens restaurant in Twin Falls.  
Twin Falls Magichords Barbershop Chorus  
Meets at 8 p.m. at the Twin Falls First Baptist Church, at Ninth and Shoshone streets.  
Twin Falls TOPS  
Chapter No. 3 meets at 1 p.m. at City Hall.  
Twin Falls Toastmasters Club  
Meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn.  
Veterans of Foreign Wars  
Post No. 4068 meets at 8 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Jerome.

### WEDNESDAY

Wendell Kiwanis Club  
Meets at noon at The Iron Skillet restaurant.  
Buhl Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Filer Senior Citizens  
Meets at noon for quilting, handicrafts and a potluck dinner at the Filer Senior Haven.  
Hagerman Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Jerome Chamber of Commerce  
Meets at noon at the Elks Lodge.  
Jerome Optometrist Club  
Meets at 6:30 p.m. at the Pizza Co. restaurant.  
Jerome Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Richfield Grange, No. 151  
Meets at 8:30 p.m. at the Grange hall.  
Shoshone Golden Years Senior Citizens  
Brunch from 8:30 a.m. to noon at the senior center.  
Singles Pinocch  
Meets at 8 p.m. at the Disabled Veterans Hall, at Harrison and Shoup streets in Twin Falls.

### THURSDAY

Sinks River Canyon Kennel Club  
Meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Simplot Sodbusters building, off Eastland Drive South.  
Burley Overeaters Anonymous  
Meets at 7:30 p.m. in the law-enforcement center, conference room, 129 E. 14th St.  
Buhl Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Edna-Hazelton Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center in Eden.  
Filer Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the Filer Senior Haven.  
Glenns Ferry Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the Three Island Senior Center.  
Gooding Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Jerome Kiwanis Club  
Meets at noon at the China Village Restaurant.  
Jerome Kung Fu Club  
Meets at 4:30 p.m. at the Magic Valley Dance Center.  
Jerome TOPS Club  
Meets at 3 p.m. at the Jerome Public

### FRIDAY

Library.  
Stop Light Club  
A diet club, this group meets at 1:30 p.m. at the senior-citizen center in Hagerman.  
Twin Falls Optometrist Club  
Meets at noon at the Mandarin House restaurant.  
Twin Falls TOPS  
Chapter No. 268 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 1955 Shoup Ave. E.  
Buhl Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Filer Senior Citizens  
Dinner at 6 p.m. at the Filer Senior Haven.  
Gooding Rotary Club  
Meets at 12:15 p.m. at the Lincoln Inn.  
Hagerman Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Jerome Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.  
Shoshone Golden Years Senior Citizens  
Dinner at noon at the senior center.

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Most of them understand spoken English well enough to get through their day without too many complications. At least, one assumes that they do. However, to understand what is said is only a small part of their language needs. The desire to communicate, to speak correctly and effectively, is the thing that distinguishes these young people from the other members of the student body. This desire is driving them to learn our language at a far more rapid pace than one would expect.

The smallest one cries a lot. He loves to draw pictures, and through his pictures, I learn something of his growth. I have yet to hear him speak above a whisper, and never more than



**Fran Widener**  
Let's talk language

one word, yet whatever I tell him to do, he understands.

He smiles rarely. When he first came to our school he drew pictures of boats only — boats full of strange figures, and I understood that he was trying to tell me how he got here. I have asked him to draw other things for me, such as kitties, rabbits, dogs. Not one did I get for weeks. Just boats.

Then, last month, a new image appeared on the board. It was definitely a cowboy, no doubt about it, and nearby was another familiar figure — an Indian. My little boy is becoming an American.

Last week, I asked him what he wanted for Christmas, and he

whispered, "chipmunk." I asked him to draw one, and he did so. Then, he printed on it the one word "Alvin." I think we are beginning to get somewhere.

Another of my boys, a third-grader, speaks rather well for his age, and when I queried, "Do you think Santa will come to your house?" he said, "No, he not know where I live. He not know my name. He not come."

I have written a letter to Santa. Hope he gets it in time.

The older boys and girls in my class are hard at work. They never need to be motivated; they never goof off in class, and they learn new concepts and master vocabulary at an amazing rate. Their motivation is far above that of most American students, and their curiosity about everything American is a constant challenge.

The one problem that I have is their frustration at not being able to learn our language and our ways fast enough. In some ways, they are like pre-schoolers. Learning is its own reward. No gold stars are necessary, and grades are meaningless. All that matters, really, is the satisfaction of learning to communicate.

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it is to be homeless. Now, they are here among us, guests. If you will, in our country. They are different and they are isolated still by the barrier of language, but that barrier is coming down fast. They are going to be Americans.

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The Times-News



## Rustling turns bullish

### Cattle theft becomes nationwide problem costing ranchers millions

By WILLIAM H. INMAN  
United Press International

Investigators felt they had closed the book on a criminal legend this spring. They captured Roger Marlow, a rustler. Marlow's arrest in a frost-coated pasture in the Ozarks made few headlines. But his captors called him an extraordinary cattle thief. In the past two and a half years, the

professional calf roper stole nearly 800 head of cattle and horses from five states. He used triple-axle trailers, two-way radios and "couped-in" pickups to whisk them to seven remote "cooling off" pastures in Arkansas, where he fattened, branded and sold them as his own. The booty was worth more than \$350,000. But Marlow, 49, lived well and still owed money on two bank notes when he was arrested. "That man took more cattle in less

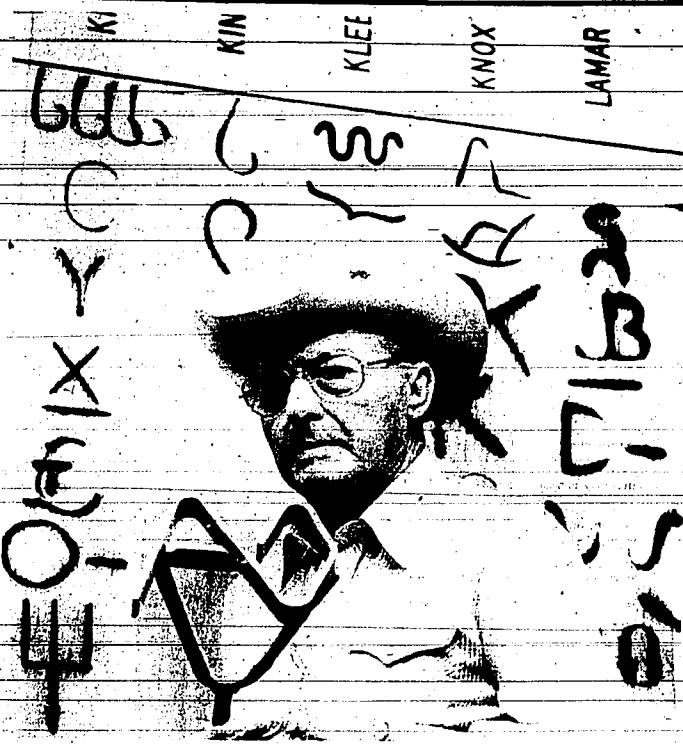
time than any other rustler I've ever heard of," said Sheriff Don Bystrom of Bentonville, Ark., one of a score of lawmen who helped in the investigation. "Marlow was a pro," he said, "but there are lots of others waiting to take his place. It's big money and relatively easy pickings." Nobody keeps track of the number of cattle or horses stolen across the United States, but the scope of the crime, a growth industry by any standards, is reflected in some basic statistics:

- In Missouri, the nation's second largest beef cow producer, roughly 5,000 cattle worth \$2.5 million were taken in a single year, according to published reports;
- In Texas and Oklahoma, ranked first and third respectively for beef cows, special agents worked 195 livestock theft cases last year and recovered 649 strayed-or-stolen-bulls-and-sows, 883 cows and heifers, 25 calves, 27 weanings, 71 horses, 55 saddles, 20 trailers and miscellaneous gear worth more than \$1.143 million.
- In parts of Wyoming, Colorado and Utah, hard-pressed ranchers hired a full-time stock detective and crack shot-to-frigate rustlers who had reduced herds by up to 10 percent.
- In Louisiana, officials estimated at least 200 head of cattle were slaughtered in pastures last year and sold for meat.

"Cattle stealing is a multimillion-dollar business," said Steve Munday, spokesman for the Texas and Southwest Cattle Raisers Association, a much bigger problem now than a hundred years ago. "Thieves have gotten smarter," he said. "They use big trucks and computers and benefit from the good roads. They steal cattle one day in Texas and sell them the next day in Iowa or Nebraska."

Techniques vary. In the swamps of Florida, rustlers haul livestock in boats. In California and Texas, they use motorcycles. In Kansas, Missouri and other plains states, they locate their quarry with helicopters and small planes. Rustlers have been doctors, lawyers and motorcycle gang chieftains. One big ring was made up of Texas A&M students, linked to 52 separate thefts, who sold cattle as far away as Montana and Colorado.

In addition to livestock, the thieves filch saddles, trucks, trailers and valuable farm equipment. In a bizarre Wisconsin case, they took 238



Texas brand inspection supervisor Cullen Robinson examines traditional branding iron

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straws of frozen bull semen, worth \$30,000, from the celebrated sire, Round Oak Reg Apple Elevation, Vernon Driver, 53, a disabled Oklahoma welder, was fairly conventional. He took nothing but cattle, but he took a lot of them. He hauled two to three loads a week for a year from ranchers in Texas, Oklahoma and Colorado. By the time of his capture, he'd stolen nearly 600 head. "I looked for fat cattle," he told investigators, "small pastures and good cows with a wing running up to the road."

"When we'd find a place that we thought we might hit," he said, "we'd mark it. We'd tie a dark string or a thread to the bottom of the gate — something too small to see unless you knew it was there. "Then later we came back to hit a place, we'd check to see if the string was broken. "Another thing we'd do," he said, "is to sweep all the tire tracks out of

the dirt road leading into the pasture. If we saw that there were no new tracks in the gateway or coming in the back when we returned, we'd know he didn't check his cattle that day and the way would be clear for us. "If we thought it might be foggy that night," he said, "we'd paint the pavement white near the entrance to the pasture so we'd be able to find the right gate. I've also sprayed road signs to lead me back to the right pasture."

An adult cow brings between \$400-\$600. But when cattle prices are low, horses are preferred. Only about 30 percent of the nation's horses are branded, compared to 70 percent of cattle. And horses are considered easier to handle. "The sad thing is that many of these horses are pets, members of the family," said Mike Kovac, Louisiana's brand commission director, "and they end up in the killer plants."

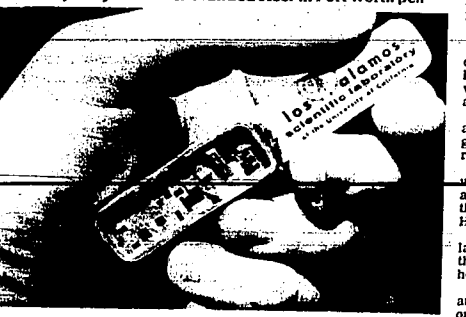
"Recently we traced the loss of two show horses, both worth about \$15,000, to a slaughter house in Texas. They were sold for \$1,100 and \$500 each. "One of them," Kovac said, "belonged to an 11-year-old girl. She felt she'd lost her sister."

The Dallas-Fort Worth area boasts more horses per square mile than any place on earth and leads the nation in horse thefts. "City horses are much easier to take," said R.A. "Slim" Hulen, a Texas field inspector. "Unlike horses in the country, they are usually kept closely concentrated and are quite familiar with humans. In Europe and elsewhere, there's big demand for horse meat."

Not all horses end up in packing houses. In one recent Texas case, two running quarter horse stallions, worth \$150,000 and \$50,000, were stolen and hidden by a trainer who planned to use them in breeding studs. Sheep, too, are favorite targets. But only two states — Wyoming and New Mexico — have sheep inspection programs. **See RUSTLING on Page D8**



Larry Gray looks over branded steer in Fort Worth pen



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### Vigilance cuts down on complaints

## Idaho's rustlers home-grown variety

By HAL BERNTON  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The big-time rustlers who spend dozens of cows across state lines with the aid of helicopters and computers have rarely — if ever — ventured into the Magic Valley area, according to area law-enforcement authorities and cattlemen.

Instead of imported rustlers, south-central Idaho appears to be largely the province of the home-grown variety, although a few rustling incidents in recent years may have involved Nevada residents. "A lot of it appears to be just people who are without jobs and see this as a way to make a few bucks," a Twin Falls County deputy sheriff, who has spent the last three summer seasons patrolling the South Hills in four-wheel drive vehicles. But although the Magic Valley's rustlers may lack some of the finesse of the big-time operators, they still have managed to create some major headaches for area ranchers.

This year, however, reports of missing or stolen animals have dropped from the 1982 total of 47 to only 175, according to Dave Bivens, the executive director of the Idaho Cattlemen's Association. And 10 of the 25 definite rustling cases reported to the

state's brand department have resulted in some sort of criminal prosecution, Bivens says. Bivens attributes the dip in rustling to better surveillance efforts through a new cooperative enforcement program involving both cattlemen and county sheriffs.

A new law passed by the 1983 Legislature also may have helped reduce rustling by mandating stiffer penalties for those convicted of the offense, Bivens says. But catching rustlers is still a tricky business, Thornquest says. "Sometimes, I have come across cows that have been butchered," Thornquest says, "but I've had no luck finding who has done it." "It's nearly impossible to do," he continues, "unless you can just walk right up and catch them in the act, and that might be a little spooky."

One of the only area cases this year in which rustlers actually were apprehended occurred in Jerome County, where three brothers were caught with the bloody carcass of a bull in the back of their pickup truck. The brothers eventually were tried and found guilty of rustling in a Jerome County court. The five men who reported the rustling were rewarded with

\$1,000 of the grateful Idaho Cattlemen's Association.

In other recent incidents, animals have been shot and butchered in the field, but the rustlers never were apprehended. From time to time, sheep rustling has also been a problem in the valley. State Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, who runs a ranch south of Twin Falls, says that one Bush-area rustler made off with a couple of hundred head of sheep before he was finally apprehended by authorities.

Another form of rustling comes at the auction block, where bogus traders buy local cattle with the aid of bad checks, pick up legitimate bills of sale and then cross over into another state to resell them to other buyers. Because of the bill-of-sale, the buyers believe the transaction to be on the level. In addition to the cattle and sheep rustling, there is another livestock crime that has surfaced recently. And this crime enrages ranchers even more than rustling, due to its wanton nature.

"Recently, a lot of cattle have just been shot and left lying. These are the ones that really make ranchers uptight," Thornquest says. "I don't know, though, if you call that rustling — I guess you just call that ignorance."

## Nation's winter wheat crop up 4% at 64.9 million acres

By SONJA HILLGREN  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Farmers have seeded 64.9 million acres of winter wheat this fall, up 4 percent from a year ago but less than expected.

Analysts had said the Agriculture Department report Thursday, which provided the first indication of the size of the 1984 wheat crop, might show record seedings. However, the total was 3 percent less than a record 66.5 million acres seed for the 1982 crop.

In Kansas, the No. 1 winter wheat state, seedings were up 2 percent to 13.5 million

acres, the department said. The winter wheat crop, which accounts for about three-fourths of wheat production, is harvested in spring and early summer.

Because much of the 1983 crop was harvested before the drought hit and yields hit record levels, wheat surpluses remain large and the Reagan administration instituted a second year of payments to kind giving wheat to farmers who cut acreage and required wheat farmers to cut acreage in return for farm program benefits. The payment-in-kind provision was discontinued for other crops for 1984.

The 1984 wheat program is less generous than the 1983 version, which was reflected in

the decline in seedings. America's 1983 wheat harvest, with record yields partly off setting a massive acreage setback, was 2.43 billion bushels — nearly 1 percent larger than projected and 14 percent less than last year's record, the department said Thursday.

Harvested acreage was up 22 percent from 1982, but the decline was partially offset by a record yield averaging 34 bushels per acre, up 3.8 bushels from a record set in 1982. When the harvest was completed, the department slightly raised its estimate of the crop above the October projection of 2.41 billion bushels.

Based on a Dec. 1 survey, the department

said the 1983 winter wheat crop was 1.99 billion bushels, off 6 percent from the 1982 record. Farmers harvested 18 percent less acreage, 47.7 million acres, but the record yield of 41.8 bushels per acre eclipsed the previous record for winter wheat set in 1979. The previous record was 36.9 bushels-per-acre.

The 1983 durum wheat crop, planted in spring and harvested in fall, was 73 million bushels, down 51 percent and the lowest production level since 72.9 million bushels were harvested in 1973. Durum wheat yields were down to 29.3 bushels per acre, off 5.7 bushels from 1982.

Acreage harvested was off 41 percent to

2.49 million acres and the smallest since 1970. Production of other spring wheat totaled 359 million bushels, down 35 percent from the 1982 record and the smallest crop since 1974.

Yield averaged 31.7 bushels per acre, off 2.3 bushels from the 1982 record. Area harvested was down 30 percent to 11.3 million acres.

The oats crop was 477 million bushels, 23 percent less than in 1982 and the smallest output since 1982. The barley harvest was 519 million bushels, 1 percent below the 1982 record. Rye production of 22.2 million bushels was up 34 percent and rice production was 99.7 million hundredweight, down 35 percent.



# On the move

## Branch office for Gooding

**GOODING**—Mountain State Savings and Loan of Ketchum will place its third branch office in the area this spring, at Gooding. In an attempt to catch some of the lending business that is leaking out of the community to Twin Falls.

"We think there's \$3 million to \$5 million in savings and loans going to Twin Falls," says Ron Stocum, the company president.

With an aggressive marketing program, Stocum says he feels Mountain States can deflect some of that business, as well as take on the Gooding offices of two statewide organizations. First Interstate Bank of Idaho and First Security Bank of Idaho.

Mountain States plans to open its newest office along the town's Main Street about May 1, Stocum says. When completed, the \$130,000 project will offer a drive-in window with waiting space for five autos, safe-deposit boxes and lending facilities.

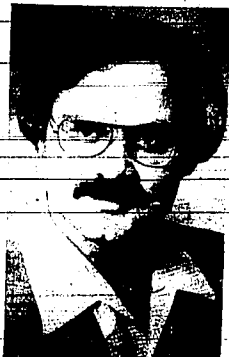
State chartering authorities already have approved the move into Gooding, he says. The institution currently is negotiating with landowners for purchase of its preferred property, Stocum says.

Mountain States, which was founded at Ketchum more than five years ago, currently operates offices in Salmon and Halley, to serve its 5,000 depositors. It also is looking at two or three other areas for expansion, he says.

"We operate our savings and loan as much as a bank as we do a full-service savings and loan," says Stocum, adding the president of the Bank of Idaho, which now is First Interstate Bank of Idaho.

With deregulation, Mountain States has become extensively involved in commercial and consumer lending, reaching beyond the residential real-estate market that traditionally has been the specialty of savings and loan associations.

Mountain States earned \$321,000 after taxes during the fiscal year



**JOHN T. ALTMAN**  
Becomes department head

that ended June 1983, close to triple its 1982 earnings. It has \$40 million in assets.

## Firm merges into Western

**TWIN FALLS**—Western Realty Co. of Twin Falls has absorbed Snake River Real Estate and Investment of Twin Falls, in a move designed to strengthen Western's commercial property and investment division.

James Koutnik, the company president, announced late last week. Snake River owner John T. Altman will head that department after the merger, which was to be sealed Friday, Koutnik said.

"It was the area we needed to expand in. We felt we had more room to grow than in any other way in the commercial and investment division," Koutnik said.

Western wanted Altman because of his expertise in investment and income properties, Koutnik said.

Altman holds industry certification as a specialist in commercial

and investment properties, and has taught classes at Idaho universities, as well as for the Graduate Realtors Institute. In real estate taxation, creative real estate financing and other topics. He also is experienced in constructing syndications for property dealers.

A licensed broker, Altman has been in the real-estate business for the past seven years.

Western operates farm, residential, commercial and appraisal divisions. It also has branches in Sun Valley, Jerome and Butte.

## Fabric design firm expands

**HAILEY**—Two Hailey seamstresses have moved a growing fabric design business out of their homes and onto the town's Main Street.

Sage Hill, owned by Terri Symons and Peggy Goulet, produces a wide variety of designs for interior items, such as pillows, curtains, cushions, quilts and tablecloths, and for clothing.

It also does some custom design work for patrons.

"It's all original work, and that's what makes our things different, Symons says. She describes their style as having a Pennsylvania Dutch flavor.

Sage Hill had been selling its hand-sewn designs through local stores.

"Every store around here wanted to do a 30 percent mark-up, and we felt that type of mark-up warranted us going ahead and starting a store of our own," Symons says.

The two owners also rent space to other artists with compatible works. They contract stencils for their handwork from another Hailey seamstress, Karen McCall.

The two women operated a store earlier, but abandoned a custom sewing business to create their own designs.

"The market in the Hailey area is good, Symons says. "We definitely are swamped with orders. They want things that are unique."

# Sales of cars booming

By MICHELINE MAYNARD  
United Press International

**DETROIT**—Domestic automakers got an early Christmas present Friday.

It was the report of sales up 25.2 percent in the middle 10 days of December, their best performance for the period since 1979.

The six companies sold 179,749 cars in the Dec. 11-20 period, up 25.2 percent from 143,530 last year. The daily rate of 22,468 was the best since 24,265 cars were sold per day five years ago.

The annual rate for the period was an impressive 7.9 million, compared to 6.1 million in the first 10 days of the month and 6.1 in the period last year.

"Considering the weather damage, these sales look good," said a Ford Motor Co. analyst.

So far this month, the firms have sold 352,811 autos, up 23.2 percent from 286,426 last year. For the year to date, sales of 6,590,364 cars are up 17.6 percent from 5,593,035 last year.

General Motors Corp. led the major automakers with a 25.1 percent increase in the 10-day period. It sold 106,284 autos compared to 84,953 in the period last year.

GM sales for the month so far are up 22.2 percent. In 1983 to date, GM sales are up 14.3 percent.

Ford's reported a 22.1 percent increase in the 10-day period, selling 41,358 autos versus 33,848 last year. Ford sales for the month to date are up 25.8 percent and are up 16.4 percent for the year so far.

Chrysler Corp. had an 18.1 percent sales increase in the middle 10 days. It sold 22,922 autos versus 19,395 last year. Chrysler sales so far in December are up 12.2 percent and are up 22 percent for the year.

Among the smaller companies, American Motors Corp. reported an 8 percent sales increase in the 10-day period. It sold an estimated 4,000 autos, versus 3,700 last year. AMC sales for the month are up 15 percent and are up 7 percent for the year.

Volkswagen of America had a surprising 35.7 percent increase in sales in the 10-day period. It sold 2,163 autos versus 1,594 last year. VW sales for the month are up 3.4 percent but are down 7 percent for the year.

Honda sold 3,022 American-built autos in the 10-day period. Its sales for the month are 5,101 while its sales of Ohio-made cars so far this year are 40,197.

# Trade winds

**Ronald E. Melton**, the son of Mrs. Joe Boster of Twin Falls, has been named executive vice president of **Farm Bureau Insurance of Idaho**, based in Pocatello.

A "certified public" accountant, Melton joined the firm in August 1977 as vice president-controller and later served as vice president-treasurer. A graduate of Twin Falls High School, Melton holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Idaho State University. Both he and his wife, Shirley, are Twin Falls natives. They have lived in Pocatello since 1957.

Jay Cobb of Filer has been elected to the **Twin Falls County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Committee**. He replaces R.W. "Woody" Pierce, also from Filer, who was required by federal rules to leave the local ASCS leadership, after serving on both county and community committees for 17 years.

United Dairymen of Idaho has presented three Twin Falls restaurants with its **Real Seal Food Service Award**—Blue Lakes Country Club, the Depot Grill and the Rancher's Cafe have received the award, which recognizes "outstanding" places that serve only 100 percent dairy products, such as milk, cream, butter and cheese.

Colleen Nemeth has been promoted to branch office administrator of the **Edward D. Jones and Co.** office at 135 Shoshone St. in Twin Falls. Nemeth, who formerly was a secretary, has worked at the office for nearly two years.

Keith Hill of Wendell has been elected to the board of directors of the **Idaho Hereford Breeders Association**.

The **Idaho State Board of Dentistry** has announced the licensing of **Tamela Beason** of Twin Falls as a dental hygienist.

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# CATS offered in markets

**NEW YORK (UPI)**—Salomon Brothers Inc. announced formation of a new nationwide marketing group for an offering of \$500 million of Certificates of Accrual Treasury Securities to both institutional and retail customers.

The certificates, called CATS, are similar to a zero coupon bond but with the security and marketability of U.S. government issues. They are sold in minimum denominations of \$1,000 and maturities range from May 1984 through November 2011.

B. Craig Coates, Salomon managing director in charge of government bonds who helped conceive the CATS, said the group of national brokerages was formed "in response to retail and institutional demand. This will enhance the marketability of the security—you don't have to call only

Salomon to buy them."

Members of the group are Kidder, Peabody & Co., Prudential-Bache Securities, A.G. Edwards & Sons, Dan Bosworth Inc., and Piper, Jaffray & Hoopes Inc.

Here is the way CATS works: A Treasury bond bought directly has two components—coupons which are clipped and redeemed every six months and the bond itself, called the coupon by bond traders.

The yield to maturity on a bond assumes reinvestment of coupons at the same rate over the life of the bond. If interest rates drop your yield to maturity goes down.

CATS strip the coupons from the bond and note and they are sold at a deep discount, effectively locking in your yield. Coates said, for example, a \$1,000 Treasury note of Nov. 1993

sold at an interest of 12.15 percent would be purchased for \$11. The purchaser would get no dividends (coupon interest), but in 1993 would get \$1,000.

"You can buy \$5,000 worth of Treasury notes for \$35," Coates said. "If you have a child who will be going to college in 10 years CATS allows you to plan for it. With a small amount of money you can match up specific liabilities, such as college."

Coates said Salomon currently has approximately 50 CATS maturities to choose from. The CATS are marketable if they must be sold before maturity.

The CATS also are being marketed for professional and corporate pension plans, profit-sharing plans, charitable trusts and as an alternative to a bank certificate of deposit. Money market funds also have been buying them.

# ICC lifts rail merger ban, watches partners

**WASHINGTON (UPI)**—The Interstate Commerce Commission Friday lifted its order temporarily blocking the proposed merger of the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Railroads into the third largest railroad in the country.

The ICC said, however, that the two railroads would have to accept certain conditions and that the ICC will retain jurisdiction during the merger process to ensure that shippers are protected.

Involved is a merger of the holding companies that control the two railroads, forming a new Santa Fe Southern Pacific Corp. The actual merger is the dominant railroad in California.

themselves still is subject to further ICC action.

On Dec. 14, the ICC issued a cease-and-desist order blocking the merger of the holding companies, angering both railroads. The request for the order had come from the largest competitor of the proposed new system, the already combined Union Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railroads.

The Santa Fe runs from Chicago to California and Texas while the Southern Pacific runs from the Pacific Northwest through California to Louisiana and the Midwest. Southern Pacific is the dominant railroad in California.

# FARM FOR SALE

The Government is offering for sale a five acre dry lot dairy farm located seven miles Southwest of Wandell, Idaho.

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The sealed bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m., on January 10, 1984, at the State Office of the Federal Home Administration (FmHA) located at Room 429, 304 North Eighth Street, Boise, Idaho. The bids must be delivered to the FmHA State Office no later than 10:00 a.m., January 10, 1984. The outside of the sealed envelope will clearly be marked with following identification: Bid Opening 02. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The property will be sold without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or marital status.

# Oil lines sold

**TULSA, Okla. (UPI)**—Mid-Continent Pipeline Co. will buy Champlin Petroleum's 473-mile crude oil gathering system in Oklahoma, officials announced Thursday.

Sun Pipeline president John P. DesBarres said Sun Refining and Marketing Co. of Philadelphia announced at the same time plans to expand its existing crude oil purchasing and truck gathering operations in north-central Oklahoma.

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# Cattle tales of a Texas field inspector

By WILLIAM H. INMAN  
United Press International

CLARISVILLE, Texas — A faint gray mist rises from a Red River creek, rimmed in green pasture and

dark shadows "pasture belly" trails against the evening chill and rain.

"This is prime rustler country," said R.A. "Slim" Hulén, 63, a Texas field inspector for nearly 170 decades and former rodeo rider, calf roping and county sheriff.

"It'd take just a few minutes for a thief to drop his portable corral into this isolated field," he said, "rattle a feed bag and fill up his trailer with fine Texas beef."

Hulén knows about rustlers. They're the college students he arrested a few months back. They're the big-time professionals who haul in double-digit "pasture belly" trailers. They're the ranch hands, service station mechanics and pregnant women on horseback.

"There's no such thing as a typical rustler," he said. "It's quick and easy money for anybody who knows anything about cows."

Hulén also knows about cows. A rancher, he knows the foraging habits of the Angus and Hereford crosses with those in the boggy country of northeast Texas. He knows his neighbors' brands and can identify their marks from a distance. He once recovered a stolen bull by reading a number off the animal's ear tag. He was hovering in a helicopter at the time.

Sometimes his senses have been strained to the limit. "I'll never forget the big manure

trial," he said, grinning broadly. "A cow was stolen," he said. "Our case rested on being able to identify a pile of manure in the rustler's trailer. I was the expert, of course."

"The defense lawyer asked me how I could tell the stuff was from 'a calf and not a mature cow,'" he said. "I went into detail. We won the case."

The testimony was easier than other aspects of the case: "We had to hold the evidence for more than a year," he said.

Sometimes stealing is a family affair. "Recently a woman called and said her cow was missing," he said. "It had an upside-down 'T' brand and she knew exactly what day it disappeared."

"We ran a computer check on the cow," he said. "Sure enough, it shows a cow with the same brand, sold the day after she last saw it. It turns out the man who stole it was her son."

"She didn't seem too surprised," he said. "She just sighed and said she'd make her pay her back."

Another time, Hulén received a report about a "real big pregnant" woman riding horseback in pastures where unbranded cattle had been taken.

"We inspected her trailer and found it was pretty messed up," he said. "Apparently, somebody had dehorned cattle and applied blue-colored medicine to stop the bleeding."

"Later," he said, "we located the cows with the blue stuff still on them. The medicine was better than a brand." The woman was arrested.



R.A. 'Slim' Hulén, 63, reflects on 20 years as field inspector

## Idaho horse awards won by 2 area youths

MOSCOW — Two area 4-H youths have received Idaho Horsemanship Awards, which recognize the most talented riders in the state.

Florida Vedvig, 15, of Buhl, and Jim Ruby, 16, of Wendell, were two of 11 winners in the state, Charles M. Thomas, 4-H specialist with the University of Idaho's Cooperative Extension Service at Moscow, announced.

Vedvig, a member of the High Hopes 4-H Club, has worked on 4-H horse projects for the past seven years. Ruby is a junior leader with the United Livestock 4-H Club and also is active in Future Farmers of America.

To merit the state award, 4-H members must pass a written test and show excellent riding, grooming and handling skills in performance judging.

## Agency again making emergency farm loans

TWIN FALLS — Prompted by a federal court order, the Farmers Home Administration has resumed making economic emergency loans after a two-year layoff.

The state of Idaho now has \$8 million to lend to farmers who face financial difficulty beyond their control, said James G. Robbins, FmHA supervisor for Twin Falls County.

"They must show that they have tried unsuccessfully to get a loan from another source before coming to FmHA and that they can repay the loan over a period of time, depending on the use of the funds," Robbins said.

Loans can be used to finance 1984 crop production, to refinance delinquent farm and family operating de-

bits and other agricultural expenses. Interest rates for direct loans depend on government borrowing costs, while interest rates for private loans guaranteed by the federal agency are negotiated between the borrower and lender.

Robbins said late last week four or five farmers already had applied in Twin Falls County. Magic Valley farmers should apply at their county Farmers Home Administration office.

The state's allotment of \$8 million is expected to disappear quickly, Robbins said. The maximum loan available to each, qualifying farmer is \$400,000.

A federal court recently ordered the U.S. Department of Agriculture to release \$600 million worth of emergency loan money it had been holding from a program that ended on Sept. 30, 1981, Robbins indicated.

## Now you know

By United Press International

The celebration of Halloween has its roots in old Celtic customs practiced on the eve of Nov. 3, the beginning of winter. Nov. 1 also is celebrated by Roman Catholic and Anglican churches as All Saints' Day, on which all saints are glorified.

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## Violence occurs today as in Old West

# Rustlers are traditionally tough guys

By WILLIAM H. INMAN  
United Press International

Dusk. Easter day. Two cowboys push open the swinging doors of the Galasso Hotel in Seminole, Texas, and stride into its gaily lobby.

One raises a shotgun. Another pulls a revolver. Shots. Two men resting in cane-back chairs slump to the floor. The killers empty their weapons into the limp forms and escape into the West Texas twilight.

The victims of Easter, 1923, were brand inspectors. The killers were cattle rustlers. Inspectors Dave Allison and Horace Robinson were given Christian. Killers Ed Hill, Goode and Tom Ross were given prison sentences. Ross escaped, shot another man and committed suicide.

The history of rustlers — the term comes from cowboys who "rushed and hustled" unbranded cattle on the open range — and the men who pursue them is studded with episodes of violence and bloodshed. Even today, inspectors are stabbed, shot and beaten in the line of duty.

"Sometimes I put myself in danger and I never know it until later," said R.A. "Slim" Hulén, a Texas field detective. "Some of these thieves are real cunning. They can talk fully armed. You just have to be tougher or smarter than they are."

The tradition goes back at least 140 years. That's when a group of vigilantes galloped away in several counties of the free Republic of Texas. They called themselves Regulators. They regulated so well that more than a hundred men were shot, burned to death, drowned or hanged. Whole cattle herds vanished. Sam Houston mobilized 600 militiamen to put down the rustler revolutionaries.

Stuart's Strangers of the northern Rockies grew wealthy on unregulated

livestock trade, and Quantrell's rustlers, who "wiped out" the Missouri and Kansas, plucked herds from Union and Confederate sympathizers alike.

Terrorized ranchers in Wyoming were forced to hire a Pinkerton agent, the notorious gunlinger Tom Horn, as a stock detective. Horn was eventually hanged in Cheyenne for killing a 14-year-old boy.

Arizona's notorious Tonto Basin War, the 1880s clash between the Graham and Tewksbury families which killed 20 men, was sparked by "trouble over cattle."

"Even the little children absorbed the fear around them," said a witness in Wayne Gary's "Crossed Justice."

"I recall a day when three of us, all heavily armed, rode up to a cabin on Tonio Creek and saw a little girl, about 5 years old, carrying a white pitcher to water."

"When the child sighted us, she gave a scream, dropped the pitcher and ran ... to the creek bottom, shouting at the top of her voice, 'Daddy! They're coming to kill you.'"

"She already understood," he said, "that her presence in the cabin might deter her father from shooting at the enemy."

In 1877, 40 cattlemen met in a Graham, Texas, saloon on a gunsmith shop — accounts differ — and created what became the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association for the purpose of wiping out "damn

cow thieves."

They established a cash reward system and hired cowboys — many skilled gunfighters — to help cut their losses. Some even purchased the services of "trail cutters," who inspected herds headed to the railheads in Kansas and Missouri and sifted out stolen cattle.

The cattlemen's most effective deterrent over the years has been the brand inspector. But even this stalwart was occasionally overwhelmed by the odds.

"When we reached the Red River station," recalled Leo Tucker, a former trail driver, "two inspectors came up and looked over our herd and found two unbranded heaves."

"Mr. Butler (the herd owner) instructed the boys to capture the two inspectors and put them in a wagon," he said. "They were taken into the Indian Territory (Oklahoma), across Pond Creek, where they were turned loose, and they had to swim the creek to get back home."

"This," he said, "was the last trouble we had with inspectors."

Since the 19th Century, inspectors from California to Texas have carried lists of legal brands to help locate stolen cattle or fraudulent markings.

In the early days, the agents were stationed at rail delivery points — cities like Amarillo, Houston, San Antonio, El Paso, and Texarkana, in Texas; Denver, Oklahoma City, Okla.; St. Joseph, Mo.; and Wichita, Kan.

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## Rustlers

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"They're much easier to steal than cattle or horses," said Dean Prosser, Wyoming's chief brand inspector. "You just pop them into the back of a truck or car and you're off. A grown ewe brings \$80 to \$200."

The most grisly thief is the so-called "deep-freeze" rustler. He kills animals in the field at night, butchers them, buries the hide, freezes the meat and sells it on the underground market.

"In these parts," said Louisiana's Kovac, "cowboys use chainsaws to do the butchering. They sometimes cut off the hindquarters of a cow and leave the rest to rot."

Butcher cases are the toughest to solve because of lack of evidence. "We usually don't find enough of the carcass to identify anything," said G.M. "Dodge" Jones, New Mexico livestock board member.

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