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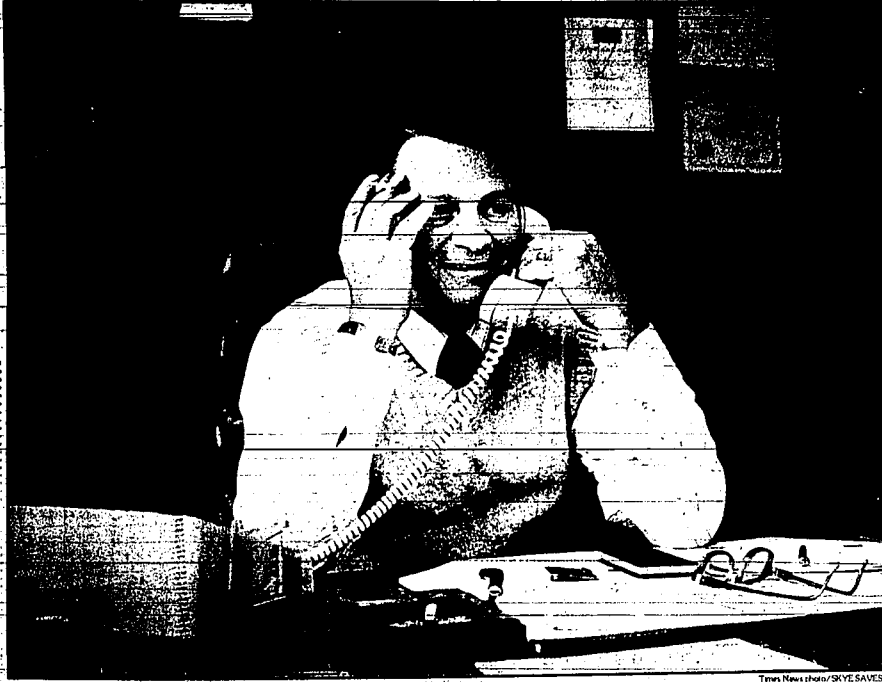
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Successful again, Hank Herrgesell confers by telephone with a client from his insurance office in Gooding

Moving ahead

Former farmers start new careers but remember days on land

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

In the fall of 1983, Hank Herrgesell walked his pastures and fields in Gooding County for the last time.

This dream of turning and leaving a legacy of earth to his children lay dead beneath his feet, and he cried at the loss.

In other business ventures he had been a success — until his farm and dairy operation.

"It's always hard to admit failure," says the 45-year-old Herrgesell. "It's not only hard for me, but for everybody doing anything in life. And farm people are very proud. They hate defeat and will put themselves through the most financial misery that anyone could realize to hold onto something they consider sacred."

Now Herrgesell is a success again, as an insurance agent with the Farm Bureau Insurance Co. in Jerome. These days, he's behind a desk instead of cattle.

Reared on a farm in New York, he has owned marinas, fished in Alaska and artificially inseminated cattle. But he wanted to farm because it combined his interests of working with people and animals. And, he wanted to farm in Idaho, a state that attracted his interest since pheasant hunting in his college days.

His new farm was more than a livelihood. It was a heritage for his children.

"I knew that I probably would never in my lifetime see that thing paid for, but it would give them a

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start in life for something they wanted to do. If you're not spending anything anyway and you're already working 18 hours a day, what good is it going to do you?"

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Afterward, Herrgesell relied on his good education and business background. He started the insurance job in March 1984. He had wanted to remain in Idaho and to work with farmers.

Herrgesell loves what he's doing now and is gaining financially. He won't return to farming because, he says, he sees no future in it.

He occasionally thinks of his farm and what could have been. But he also remembers what was. When his oldest son wrote him from Germany that he missed the cows, Herrgesell replied, "How can you miss something that caused that much misery in your life?"

Duane Esterbrook has almost gone full circle. He was a mechanic before he farmed. After losing his farm, he's a mechanic again.

It seems like hard times and Esterbrook are old acquaintances. But Esterbrook is the kind to come out fighting.

When Esterbrook, now 38, first started farming in 1974 in Gooding County, there were good times, good years with a new tractor and car.

"We was making it, but it was tough," says Esterbrook, a big, booming man.

Then hard times showed up in a disease that infected a majority of his cattle. Just as he was getting that licked, he says, the FmHA would no longer work with his operation so that he could stay in business. Meanwhile, rising operating prices and falling crop prices took their toll. But he hung

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Fresh course for nation's farm policy

By JIM DRINKARD
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress on Wednesday gave final approval to a major rewrite of U.S. agriculture policy, a farm bill designed to boost farmers through tough times and nurse anemic exports back to health.

The House endorsed the 1,397-page compromise bill on a 325-96 vote, and the Senate approved it 55-38 a few hours later. The bill, which promises near-record spending on farm subsidies for the foreseeable future, was sent to President Reagan.

While the White House has been mum on whether Reagan will sign the bill, several farm-state lawmakers have reported positive signals from the president, and Rep. Edward Madigan, R-Ill., said Agriculture Secretary John Block was recommending approval.

"This gives the president everything he wanted in the way of change, except for the schedule on which he wanted those changes to occur," said Madigan, the senior Republican on the House Agriculture Committee.

A presidential veto would be "a political disaster in the farm belt for the Republican party," Madigan said.

Both of Idaho's representatives — Democrat Richard Stallings and Republican Larry Craig — voted for the bill.

Idaho Senators James McClure and Steve Symms, both Republicans, voted for the bill.

The five-year bill is the result of a year of struggle to balance several powerful and competing forces: a deep and extended depression in the farm economy; massive budget deficits — and the need to cut federal spending; and a sharp in farm costs, which traditionally have been the backbone of U.S. foreign trade.

"I think this farm bill ... is the

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beginning of a transition to a market-oriented farm policy," said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Despite the heavy bipartisan vote in favor of the bill, some members opposed it as insufficient to help their farmers, and others objected to what they saw as too high a spending figure.

"Farmers wanted a change of policy, but instead they're getting the same old, tired programs," said Rep. Dan Claitor, D-Kan.

Sen. Frank Lautenberg, D-N.J., said the bill was at least \$2.5 billion over budget, portraying it as Congress' first "temptation" to chicken out on a balanced-budget promise it made in recent legislation. "We will be picking the pockets of other programs to pay for this bill," he said.

To address the export problem the bill makes immediate and substantial cuts in federal price supports for the most export-dependent crops: wheat, corn, cotton, rice and soybeans.

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But in response to farm-state complaints of suffering, concentrated primarily in the midwestern grain belt, Congress has provided a safety net that essentially guarantees farmers their net income will not suffer from the support cuts. Every dollar that makes immediate and substantial cuts in federal price supports for the most export-dependent crops: wheat, corn, cotton, rice and soybeans.

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Congress agrees on spending terms

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Weary lawmakers, driving toward agreement, reached agreement Wednesday night on a \$36 billion catchall spending bill that provides a large increase for the Pentagon and a \$7.5 billion hike in the amount that senators may earn from outside speaking fees.

The measure, which would freeze or cut funding for many domestic programs, also would make it more difficult to block an expected congressional pay raise in 1987.

Even as legislative leaders established today as their new footing, the elimination of some business for the year, the House and Senate remained at odds, over legislation to cut federal deficits by \$80 billion through 1988.

But on the other side of the ledger, both houses passed and sent to

President Reagan a major, \$32 billion five-year farm bill and a companion measure to bail out the financially ailing Farm Credit System.

Negotiations on the spending bill dragged on throughout the day, with the elimination of Senate Majority Leader Robert's Dole's morning greeting to reporters.

"Last day," he said, but that was before lawmakers disappeared for hours on periodic, closed-door negotiations over defense spending.

The spending measure is considered as a "must" bill, since it is needed to provide money for the Pentagon and several other federal departments through the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year.

On shakier ground was the deficit-reduction bill, deadlocked over rival proposals to finance the Superfund program to clean up toxic waste dumps. Negotiators had

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Lab celebrates yule in small way

The Associated Press

LIVERMORE, Calif. — Technicians at a federal nuclear weapons lab decided to celebrate the holidays in a small way this year by creating the world's tiniest Christmas ornament.

The decoration, the team from Lawrence Livermore Laboratory came up with a glass ball barely visible to the human eye which nevertheless has a Christmas tree and the words "Merry Christmas 1985" Target Cell" etched on it.

"It's so small that several human hairs can block it from view," said lab spokeswoman Sue Stephenson, before Wednesday's official unveiling.

Scientists at Livermore say the ornament, which is 100 millionths of a meter in diameter, is so small that it's small enough to fit between two plates of the device Monopole on the back of a penny, said Stephenson.

Target Fab's stands for the lab's target fabrication group, which makes the targets for the lab's nuclear weapons studies, Stephenson said.

In their normal work, Target Fab technicians make small glass balls that are used with helium gas to create a laser spark, the target energy, in a nuclear weapons test.

For the Christmas ornament, the technicians plated the glass ball with gold, which allowed them to etch the tree and words on it, and strip the helium gas from the ball.

They said to expect to have many more such ornaments made for the Christmas season. Stephenson said they had already made several.

Gloom laces Evans' message

The Associated Press

BOISE — Faced with continued deterioration in the already-weak Idaho economy, Gov. John Evans on Wednesday continued work on a pessimistic budget message to the state that he has already conceded will leave many issues unsettled even though it will call for higher taxes.

Although the specifics will not be disclosed until the speech over statewide public television this evening, the governor has been letting few options for offsetting a deficit of as much as \$26 million in the present budget year, and just maintaining services during the spending year that begins next July 1.

Spending reductions "on top of the \$14.4 million Evans has already ordered withheld, another year

without the promised increase in state teachers' salaries, expansion of the sales tax to at least some services, and the elimination of some exemptions and quarterly, instead of annual, collection of corporate taxes remained the focus of the governor's efforts, aides said.

"It's not an optimistic report," the Democratic chief executive has admitted as he faces the second major budget crisis of his nine-year administration — one that "hits him as he moves closer to formally leaving the 1986 race for the U.S. Senate."

When faced in December 1982 with even greater deficits than those looming today, Evans said he believed the "long-term outlook for Idaho's economic future is very good" but he now admits that may have been optimistic.

Political forces coupled with economic forces beyond the state's control will mean that many justified demands on the state "are not going to be able to be met fully by this legislative session or in the near future," Evans told the Associated Taxpayers of Idaho.

Conservative legislative leaders, who stood firmly in the way of any tax increases during 1983's non-election year session, have repeated their pledge to oppose any tax hikes again this winter. Both Senate President Pro Tem James Risch of Boise and House Speaker Tom Silvers of Twin Falls continued to argue for further cuts in state spending that has already been labeled as totally inadequate to meet government responsibilities.

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He, his wife and five children lived on about \$700 a month for a time because most of the profit from his farm was going to his wife, Esterbrook says. To cope, his wife Marton worked as a cook for a restaurant.

His children began to worry about their situation and their grades dropped, he adds.

Esterbrook appealed to the FMHA for a year to allow him to continue farming. He called for meetings and wrote letters. Angry at what he saw as the lending agency's insensitivity to his problem, he stalked his fight, he says.

He blamed the agency for putting him in a position where he had to hand back the land. He sought financing for improvements on leased land, resulting in more than \$180,000 in loans. That, he says, was the beginning of the end.

David Shaver, FMHA's Gooding County supervisor, says he can't comment on Esterbrook's case because of privacy regulations. Generally, he says, the FMHA goes out to help a farmer who is in trouble. But in many cases, there comes a time when a farm can't make money to pay the outstanding debts. The agency must protect the taxpayers' dollars by saying, "no."

When the agency says that, usually it's labeled uncooperative, Shaver says.

Esterbrook says he lost his battle and everything else in 1982 in a bankruptcy.

"It took me a year to get my head screwed on enough to take the bankruptcy. I watched many, many people go through it since," he adds.

During the good times, his income had been about \$1,000 a month, after expenses. Now, "I'm just doing OK, like everybody else."

He admits he became bitter and disillusioned. When President Reagan visited Idaho earlier this year, Esterbrook was there protesting and attempting to call attention to the troubled farm industry.

"And, he's still angry 'or else I wouldn't be here talking to you," Esterbrook says.

Yet, he is not bitter about farming.

"I would like to go back to milking cows. I enjoyed it," he says, adding a deep laugh. "Some people say I'm crazy, too."

Hard times reappeared in October when Marton was in an accident. She's now in a coma in Boise. Esterbrook hadn't worked for 56 days, going back and forth to Boise and raising his children. Fortunately, the family had insurance.

"I wasn't for the support in this town. I've been in a lot of trouble," he adds. Even as he speaks, a friend

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And when Sen. James A. McClure returned to the bargaining table to announce he would make the cuts from Interior Department programs, the Idaho Republican smiled wilyly and said, "This the season to be jolly."

back at the wrong time." He laughs about it now. Then, it wasn't funny. Sheep and wool prices dropped, operating prices rose and a large debt hung over them like an overcast sky.

He and Les struggled through for two years. His wife's teaching job helped his family survive, Bolan says. He survived the struggle by working.

"You lose yourself in what you're doing and try to forget. I know for me as long as I could keep working out there, I didn't know what was going on around me."

The brothers, however, couldn't obtain refinancing to stay in business. They attempted to sell the land and keep the livestock operation, but were unsuccessful. They decided to quit, sold their livestock and the land was deeded back to the sellers.

"It was quite a blow," he says. "You always think things could get better the next year. You could see it (the farm) wasn't going anywhere and yet, you hated to give up. By the same token, you know the end was coming."

"Personally, it's hard to look back and say, 'I learned this or this,' because it's still so close."

says, scratching the gray streaking his beard. "It was that when it was gone, here you are 38 years old and starting over."

He worked for other farmers afterward because his family opted to remain in Idaho instead of returning to his city life. Bolan began work March 1984 as city clerk, after the former clerk retired.

"As far as making big strides ahead, we're not doing that," he says. What's left from his house in Michigan went into the farm.

Bolan admits he was bitter and depressed after the farm was gone. But the worry over the farm also is gone and he's more relaxed now. Bolan says he's not sure if he will return to farming.

People don't realize the farming industry is in trouble when they see some farmers still buying new trucks and tractors," Bolan says, looking out the window of the city office, as snow began to fall.

"When he sees a farmer in a new truck, he thinks, 'How can he do that? What's he doing right that I did wrong?'" Bolan says. "I always felt I had done the best I could under the circumstances, and it didn't work out. I couldn't understand it. It was something I wanted to do for so long — why I can't do it? I think it's just hard to give up a dream."

(Friday Effects on communities.)

Congress

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already agreed on \$52 billion in spending cuts, though, and were moving one final attempt to reach a compromise on the sticky toxic waste issue.

Another measure suddenly popped up in the final hours of the session, as the two houses passed separate bills to give extended housing benefits and increased death payments to dependents of the 248 servicemen killed in last week's airplane crash in Gander, New-

foundland — both houses were expected to approve compromise legislation on the issue on Thursday.

The spending bill was needed to replace one that was defeated in the House on Monday night, and would not initially shield the Pentagon from budget cuts expected early next year.

The negotiators also agreed to one House-passed proposal for cost-savings in military procurement practices — that would limit the types of costs that companies

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Today's weather

Sounds right for the winter solstice

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding.

Today and Friday, partly cloudy with areas of smoke and fog. Highs both days near 20. Lows tonight near zero. Camas Prairie, Valley and the Lower Wood River Valley.

Today and Friday, partly cloudy with areas of valley fog. Highs both days to 25. Lows tonight zero to 10 below zero.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah — Areas of valley fog and low clouds, especially night and morning hours in the western valleys. Otherwise, partly cloudy through Friday. Highs mostly in the 20s. Lows in the teens and lower 20s except near zero coldest northern valleys.

Nevada — Clear nights and sunny days through Friday. Lows 5 below zero. Highs in the upper 30s.

Synopsis: Wednesday afternoon saw more cold temperatures around Idaho. Mid-afternoon readings ranged from the teens across the southern valleys to the 20s to lower 30s in the north and mountain areas.

Challis, Boise and Mountain Home Air Force Base were the coldest in the afternoon with 15 degrees. Grandville was the warmest with a relatively balmy 31 degrees.

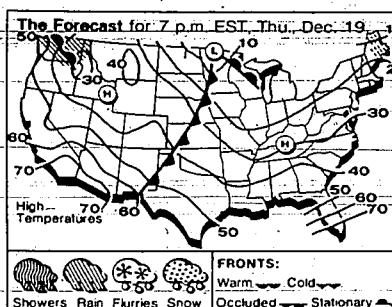
Only Pocatello and Malad had any precipitation, reporting a trace from rain.

Smoke and fog continued to reduce visibility in the valleys. Distances ranged from a quarter mile in Coeur d'Alene to between 2 and 3 miles in the Snake River Valley.

The highest temperature in the state Wednesday was reported at Grandville with 39 degrees, while Fairfield registered the low of 9 degrees below zero.

The extended forecast for Southern Idaho, Saturday through Monday, calls for continued cold and dry. Areas of valley fog and low clouds. Highs mild and milder. Lows 5 below to 15 above zero.

Elsewhere in the nation Wednesday, a heavy snowstorm hit the Pacific Northwest, Calif., and the low of 30 degrees below zero was recorded at Huron and Canon, both in South Dakota.



National Weather Service/NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

nesday night, reported by the Idaho Transportation Department: Boise — Broken snow floor; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, dry, icy spots; Sandpoint-Canadian border, icy spots; broken snow floor; Blaine-White Bird Hill, dry, icy spots; fog-over-Whitebird Hill; Grandville-Whitewater, wet; Lewiston-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Welser-New Meadows, dry; icy spots; fog; Marsing-Oregon border, dry, icy spots; fog.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, broken snow floor, snow floor, chains advised on towing rigs.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Orofino, dry; Orofino-Koonkia, dry; Koonkia-Lowell, wet; Lowell-Lolo Pass, wet.

Interstate 84 — Caldwell area, dry; Boise area, dry; Boise-Clemson Ferry, dry; Bliss-Twin Falls, dry; icy spots; Twin Falls-Burley, dry, icy spots; broken snow floor; Grand-Twin Falls, dry, icy spots; night-fog, drifting.

Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Dannely, snow. U.S. 20 — Dannely-New Meadows, broken snow floor.

Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, dry to icy spots; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots; broken snow floor; Grand-Stanley, icy spots; broken snow floor.

U.S. 21 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, broken snow floor; Fairfield-Carey, snow floor; Carey-Arco, snow floor; Arco-Idaho Falls, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ashton, icy spots; Ashton-Montana border, broken snow floor.

U.S. 25 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming border, icy spots; broken snow floor. Idaho 51 — Mountain Home-Nevada border, broken snow floor.

Interstate 86 — Hart River-American Falls, icy spots; dry; American Falls-Pocatello, icy spots, fog.

Interstate 15 — Utah border-Pocatello, icy spots; fog; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, icy spots; fog; Idaho Falls-Burley, icy spots; broken snow floor; Montida Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 20 — McCallam-Soda Springs, icy spots; fog; Soda Springs-Montpelier, icy spots; fog; Montpelier-Wyoming border, icy spots, fog.

U.S. 91 — Bonanza, Preston-Utah border, wet, icy spots, fog.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — Road conditions Wed-

City	High	Low	Pcp
Kansas City	10	4	0
Las Vegas	16	6	0
Los Angeles	84	52	0
Albuquerque	47	12	0
Atlanta	46	35	0
Miami Beach	75	58	0
Milwaukee	10	17	0.4
Chicago	10	9	0.9
St. Louis	42	31	0
Denver	18	11	0
New Orleans	56	41	0
Phoenix	47	21	0
Oklahoma City	79	22	0
Omaha	82	68	0
Honolulu	79	59	0
Houston	58	47	0
Portland Me.	28	12	0

City	High	Low	Pcp
Portland Ore.	38	25	0
St. Louis	14	0	0
Salt Lake City	28	27	0
San Francisco	51	32	0
Seattle	38	32	0
Suzhou	61	42	0
Washington	25	18	0

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Judge overrules exit poll ban

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GOV. EDWIN EDWARDS Looks to fourth term

Governor elated at mistrial

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A judge declared a mistrial in the racketeering case against Gov. Edwin Edwards and four codefendants Wednesday after a jury heavily favoring the state could not reach a unanimous decision.

"How sweet it is," Edwards said, calling it a clear vindication. He said he will serve out his term as Louisiana's governor and run for re-election for an unprecedented fourth term in 1987.

U.S. Attorney John Volz refused to say whether he would seek a retrial, but said the jury's votes showed it was "apparently content with the type of activity that's been shown to them."

"There was not much dispute about the facts in this case. Apparently the people of this state aren't ready to change what is going on," Volz said.

Edwards, his brother, Marion, and three business associates were accused of making a \$10 million profit illegally from the sale of state certificates for hospitals and nursing homes.

"There was no basis for this indictment, and the results today confirm that," Edwards told a news conference packed with supporters.

"Of course, anticipating your question, I would have preferred a unanimous verdict."

Edwards said he was not surprised that one of the 12 jurors voted against him "made a mistake."

The 3-month-old trial ended in early afternoon when U.S. District Judge Marcel Livaudais said the jury that had deliberated for a week told him there were no prospects for a verdict unless it reviewed months of testimony. He said jurors wanted to see too much and said he had been presented with a motion for a mistrial.

"I will grant that motion," Livaudais said.

TACOMA, Wash. (AP) — A state law banning exit polling within 300 feet of a voting place is unconstitutional, a federal judge ruled Wednesday in a challenge brought by two newspapers and the major television networks.

U.S. District Judge Jack Tanner ruled in favor of a challenge of the law by ABC, CBS, NBC, the Everett Herald, which is owned by the Washington Post Co., and The New York Times. The plaintiffs contend the real purpose of the 1983 law was to prevent the use of exit polls for early network election outcome projections.

The state had contended the law was an effort to maintain order at

voting places.

The ruling was a reversal of a previous decision by Tanner, when he ruled without a trial that the law was constitutional. On appeal, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeal sent the matter back to Tanner's court for a trial to establish a background of facts.

The appellate court sent back a series of questions to be answered at the trial, including whether the true aim of the law was to block vote projections and how close to a voting place pollsters should be allowed.

Tanner said he could not determine what would be a proper distance for voter sampling, but that pollsters vigorously must be excluded from the polling booth and the room where voting takes place.

He said he could find no evidence to support allegations that clusters of media pollsters had disrupted voting and "there was not a single case of a voter discouraged from voting."

"We are pleased at Judge Tanner's decision because it will enable us to resume exit polling in Washington and get the most complete picture possible of the reasons Americans have when they cast presidential and congressional votes," said Adam Clymer, head of polling operations for The Times.

Added Warren Mitofsky, CBS News chief pollster, "Judge Tanner said what we had said all along: that there was no evidence that exit polling is disruptive, and that seemed to be a key part of the judge's ruling."

Jim Johnson, the attorney representing the state, said he would likely recommend an appeal.

Bill faces few changes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate tax writers indicated Wednesday that President Reagan will be disappointed if he expects them to make major changes in the massive tax overhaul plan passed by the House.

"Oh, yeah," the Senate will have to accept the basic elements of the House bill, said Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., who will manage the legislation. He specifically said there is little chance the Senate will go along with the president's proposal to repeal the deduction for state and local taxes. The House rejected that recommendation.

Packwood's Finance Committee will hold about two weeks of hear-

ings, probably in February, on the House-passed bill. But because the legislation affects so many different interests, there is little chance it can become law before mid-August. Most changes probably would take effect Jan. 1, 1987.

The bill passed by the House Tuesday night, would provide a tax cut averaging 9 percent for most Americans while raising taxes on corporations by more than \$40 billion over five years. Tax rates would be cut for individuals and corporations; the personal exemption (now \$1,040) would be raised to \$2,000 for people who don't itemize deductions and \$1,500 for those who do.

Suit seeks release of Nixon's papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal court suit was filed Wednesday to have languished in the National Archive government officials to release "chives since he resigned in disgrace the presidential papers and tape 11 years ago.

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Idaho Power chose instead to take part with Portland General Electric in construction of the Boardman, Ore., plant and with Sierra Pacific in the Valmy, Nev., plants, perhaps considering shared resources more

Perry Swisher

cost-effective than a stand-alone plant. I wasn't on the Commission when the Orchard site was rejected, but I don't find a record supporting Mr. Barry's contention that it was the Public Utilities Commission who delayed that decision. That may be the folklore.

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embedded rate. Since then, unmentioned by Mr. Barry, this Commission has twice lowered co-gen rates, taking into account not only plant deferral on the IPC system, but the region's surplus capacity.

5. The All Electric home rate was based on the premise that the more electricity you use, the less it costs — as if electricity were the same as a commodity. It isn't.

As the rest of Mr. Barry's letter demonstrates, additional generation costs many times as much as the old cheap hydro. In Idaho Power's case, from eight to twelve times as much per kilowatt hour.

Therefore, we've already saved IPC ratepayers millions of dollars by changing

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Tentatively in mid-March, we will hold the second round of hearings, for the intervenors and the IPUC staff and the cross examination of OPEC. Mr. Barry, by contrast, at least does his homework.

That's definite at this writing is that it will be in Twin Falls. The date and building will be announced soon. Thank you for your extensive coverage of energy and telephone issues.

Perry Swisher, Boise, is president of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Letters/ Teen pregnancies ruled by hormones, not reason or forethought

Culture promotes teen sex

The issue of teenage pregnancy seems to be gaining attention in the media lately. The usual answers given are "Let's educate them about what happens to unwed mothers and how it ruins their lives" or "Let's make contraceptives available to them."

This is foolishness. I have worked with teenagers for seven years as a teacher, and no young person makes such decisions based on reason and forethought. Nearly every decision a teenager makes is based on emotions.

In the case of premarital sex, it is emotions controlled by hormones. They won't stop to reason about an upcoming sex act or take the time to use a contraceptive.

The reason teenage pregnancies have increased so dramatically is not because contraceptives are unavailable — they are many times over more accessible now than ever before. The reason is a lack of morals.

We surround our children with a world that coarsens sensually. Every television program has its bedroom scene and idolizes scantily dressed heroines and macho, amoral heroes. The movies targeted at teenagers are the same — only worse.

Take a look at the tiny-toe thrillers (Care Bears, etc.), they are pulpy works of sex, violence, and hate.

The music they listen to is full of smutty lyrics sung by rock idols who advocate unrestrained living based on an "If it feels good, do it" ethic.

world and do nothing to help them defend themselves. Parents, who have the greatest responsibility, refuse to teach their children.

They live the kind of example that encourages their children to be promiscuous. They say "let the school teach them" (as this paper does), or send them to Sunday school expecting a Sunday school teacher to accomplish in one hour a week what should be teaching daily. Many do nothing, letting their children grow into little animals with no control over their animal instincts.

We can't do too much about parents of teenagers, but how can anyone possibly think that "sex education" in the public schools is the answer? Many texts contain discussions about sexual positions and "how-to-do-it" discourses.

Nearly all start from the standpoint of situation ethics which allows a child to do what he or she feels is right and wrong. To an emotional teenager this means, if it feels good, do it.

Usually when I hear about making contraceptives available, it is in the context of "without the knowledge of the parent."

Why, when the root of this problem lies with the parent, make it harder for the few parents who really are trying to do a good job and teach their children the right way of living?

The answer to this problem of teenage pregnancies is not sex education or contraceptives. It is morality.

Teach them that premarital sex is wrong. That sex can only be really enjoyed within

the context of a marriage. Teach them that touching the private areas of the opposite sex is forbidden. Encourage the use of chaperones — in fact, insist on it. Let's become puritans again and give our children a chance to live clean and happy lives.

JOHN T. REAGAN
Gooding

Moonie ideology 'creepy'

It shocks and scares me to think that our legislators are being taken in by the Moonies. I hope during their visit with him, they ask him why he is against Communism — is it true he has some pretty big investments in Honduras?

Also, I think our government officials — along with the rest of us, should visit the Cult Awareness Center in Nampa, or learn all we can about what really is going on.

This is a frightening thing, and I sincerely hope Mr. Callen and Mr. Anderson are not endorsing this very creepy ideology or what ever Mr. Moonie claims to be. Take heed!
BETTY GALVIN
Wendell

Stranger in a strange town

It is amazing, the way some people plan a formal venture. When they don't know the difference between a mouse and an elephant, that is the way it goes.

Only amateurs do things in a metaphorical way. It is ridiculous that an out-of-state stranger endeavored to act like a local per-

son. But as a fly in a web, the ignorant fellow couldn't read, or at least didn't know what 2/T means.

Isn't that something? Doesn't it take the cake?

Firstly, why don't you get yourself an education, and come back in a hundred thousand lightyears, and see if you can do better, PAUL W. SCHNASE
Twin Falls

Tax raises resemble chess

With the continued practice of uncontrolled deficit spending, locally and nationally, the time has arrived that huge tax increases must be imposed on us. There are two ways this can be done. The first is to rewrite all tax laws, increasing assessments where ever raises are possible, adding to an almost unbearable tax burden. The second is called planned inflation. Of course, both can be used together.

When taxes presently are at a level which threatens rebellion, the planners then must be very clever and shift the collection of additional taxes onto others who should the tax collectors from blame and responsibility. In 1973 we saw this method used most effectively, as the nation's energy producers together with politicians created phony energy shortages, and unrestrained pricing. The end result was the complete overhaul of product and labor prices overnight, with energy costs doubling and all else quickly following. Using energy as the tool effects

everything and is the logical tool for inflation.

The politicians have reaped the harvest of greater sales tax, higher property taxes, huge gains in personal incomes and income taxes, and no fault from raising taxes. The third way is to use the tax collector's office. The public supported the entire exercise, believing they had gained a new world in higher income, and double values on their property. The utilities and energy producers were thrilled. It was like having a key to Fort Knox, as politicians used them for pawns in a chess game where all the moves were in their favor.

Isn't accidental that we now have 27 percent rate increases submitted by the Idaho Power. This is a replay of 1973 and the odds are against us. The commission who makes the decisions is composed of hand picked men who will do the bidding of the insiders. The commission is nothing short of a farce, intended to deceive the people into believing we have protection against the monopolies.

If our economic problems are to be solved we must force a discontinuance of all the extravagant spending on social programs, foreign tax awards, and waste. We must restore freedom to the free enterprise system, and depend on it for our jobs and security. Where will the food, and consumer goods come from and the money to pay for them when all have become dependent on the government, and the industrial and farm strength has vanished from America?

NOLAN VICTOR
Twin Falls



JEFFREY MacDONALD
Accused of slaying family

Former Army doctor denied another trial

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Jeffrey MacDonald, a former Army doctor found guilty in 1979 of murdering his pregnant wife and two children nine years earlier, was denied a new trial Wednesday by a federal appeals court.

"I thought they would rule on the merits, on the evidence that proves 'innocent,'" MacDonald, 42, said from prison in response to the ruling by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

The former Green Beret called the ruling by a three-judge panel "judicial insanity."

But Alfred Kassab, stepfather of MacDonald's slain wife, Colette, said he was "positive the decision would come down the way it did."

The decision left standing MacDonald's conviction of fatally stabbing and bludgeoning his 26-year-old wife and daughters Kimberly, 5, and Kristen, 2, while he was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C.

MacDonald, who is serving three consecutive life sentences at the federal prison at Bastrop, Texas, has contended a band of drug-crazed hippies killed his family.

AIDS virus seldom in saliva

BOSTON (AP) — The AIDS virus rarely exists in the saliva of infected people, so there is little chance that contact with their saliva is a serious hazard, researchers report.

They say their findings support health guidelines suggesting that casual, non-sexual contact with AIDS victims doesn't endanger healthy people.

"I can't say that saliva is incapable of ever transmitting the virus," said Dr. Martin S. Hirsch. "If it occurs, it's a very rare event."

Hirsch and colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital tested the saliva of 71 homosexual men who carried AIDS antibodies, indicating past exposure and possible infection with the AIDS virus. The germ could be recovered in the saliva of only one of them.

However, when they tested the blood of 50 of these men, they found the virus in 23 of them, or 46 percent.

"We did isolate it (the virus) from saliva. It can, on rare occasions, be there," Hirsch said. "But the

research "would suggest that saliva is not a major mode of transmission" of AIDS.

The study, directed by Dr. David D. Ho, was published as a letter-in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Hirsch said that at least five other research groups have conducted similar saliva studies, and "I think they are coming up with the same answers. They are all finding the rate-of-saliva positivity is quite low."

Prison uprising in Oklahoma ends

MALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Knife-wielding inmates ended a 17-hour siege at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on Wednesday, freeing seven hostage guards unharmed after telling the warden of the grievances that triggered the bloody prison riot.

Three officers at the maximum-security prison were stabbed when up to 150 inmates rioted Tuesday night, breaking windows and taking control of two cellblocks. The stan-

doff ended peacefully even though officials made no specific promises about improving conditions.

"We had no alternative but to riot. Everyone knew it would happen," said inmate James Chytrik during the meeting with Warden Gary Maynard that ended the siege.

"The hostages-taking was the result of ongoing grievances," inmate Terry Kinney said, adding that inmates had been restive and a disturbance appeared inevitable.

"We have had meetings with officials but nothing has been done about the grievances. Some of us have humbled ourselves, gone on our knees to get action."

At the meeting with prison officials and three reporters, inmates pressed demands for better food, more jobs, vocational-technical education and better recreational facilities.

Clayton, wearing a blue bandanna, said there are 610 inmates and only 160 jobs.

Last of 101st men fly home

PORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — The 101st Airborne Division's last unit on duty with the Midwest peacekeeping force in the Sinai is expected to return here Thursday, one week after 248 soldiers in the unit died in a fiery plane crash while on their way home.

The final contingent will contain about 243 soldiers who will arrive in two military aircraft, instead of a chartered airliner, said Bill Taylor, a spokesman for the division.

The returning soldiers will meet privately with their families at the post gymnasium, he said.

The division had committed about 975 soldiers to the six-month peacekeeping force in the Sinai. There will be another, larger service on the division parade grounds Friday involving 17,000 troops from the division and an estimated 20,000 civilians.

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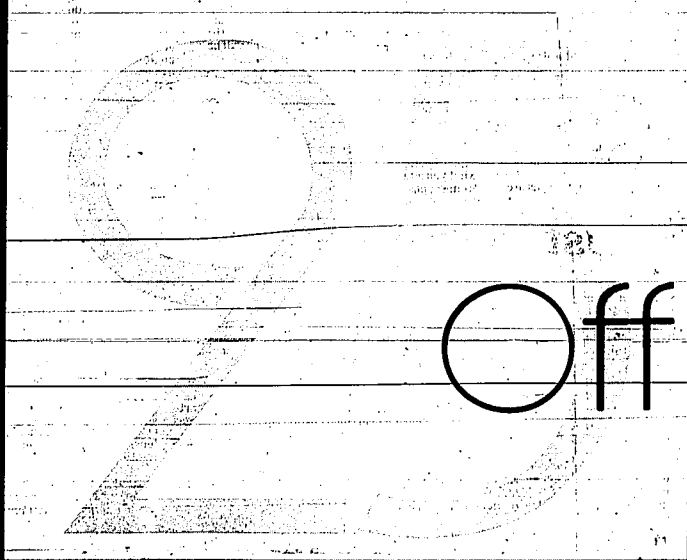
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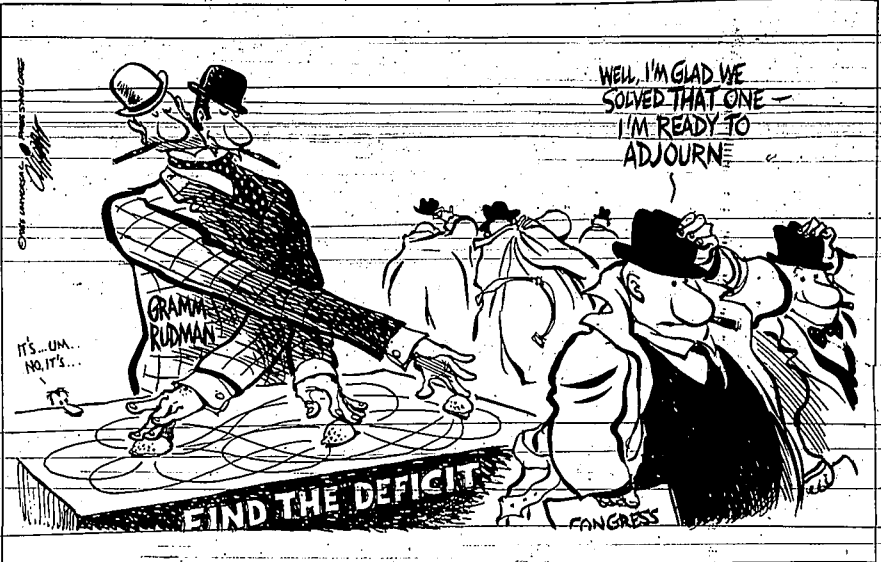
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IPUC's held down power cost to lowest private rate in U.S.

This is a point-by-point reply to the op-ed piece by Warren Barry, published Dec. 15:

1. The IPUC has not determined a rate of return for Idaho Power in this case, contrary to Mr. Barry's assertion. The decision he apparently refers to came down in October, 1982, when both interest rates and the related cost of capital were double today's levels.

2 & 3. Idaho Power Co. didn't ask the IPUC to consider Blls and American Falls as alternative sites or its proposed Pioneer coal-fired plant at Orchard.

Idaho Power chose instead to take part with Portland General Electric in construction of the Boardman, Ore., plant and with Sierra Pacific in the Valmy, Nev., plants, perhaps considering shared resources more

Perry Swisher

cost-effective than a stand-alone plant.

I was on the Commission when the Orchard site was rejected, but I don't find a record supporting Mr. Barry's contention that it was the Public Utilities Commission who delayed that decision. That may be the folklore.

4. By federal law, co-generation rates must equal the utility's own avoided cost. Thus, the reason the original co-gen rates set more than four years ago exceed Idaho Power's embedded rate is the same reason the cost of new IPC plants exceeds the

embedded rate.

Since then, as mentioned by Mr. Barry, this Commission has twice lowered co-gen rates; taking into account not only plant deferment on the IPC system, but the region's surplus capacity.

5. The All Electric home rate was based on the premise that the more electricity you use, the less it costs — as if electricity were the same as a commodity. It isn't.

As the rest of Mr. Barry's letter demonstrates, additional generation costs many times as much as the old cheap hydro. In Idaho Power's case, from eight to twelve times as much per kilowatt hour.

Therefore, we've already saved IPC ratepayers millions of dollars by changing

from rate designs that promoted consumption to rates that delayed and outright avoided the need for expensive new plant. Idaho Power and Washington Water Power rates aren't accidentally the cheapest private rates in the nation. It was intended, and it has been successful.

Valmy It would not have been built if the Idaho Legislature had not opted against inverted rates and if the Idaho Supreme Court had not overruled cost-based hookup charges for new electric space-heating. We accept both those decisions, but the price for them, to oversimplify, is Valmy.

No comment on his claims on Idaho Power management. The case is before us and we'll handle it on an evidentiary basis.

I'm aware that Jim Koutnik has for years preached that the IPUC is responsible for every outrage from the \$5000 pay phone call to OPEC—Mr. Barry, by contrast, at least does his homework.

Tentatively in mid-March, we will hold the second round of hearings, for the intervenors and the public. We will also have the testimony of our witnesses in Twin Falls. All that's definite at this writing is that it will be in Twin Falls. The date and building will be announced soon. Thank you for your excellent coverage of energy and telephone issues.

Perry Swisher, Boise, is president of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Letters/ Teen pregnancies ruled by hormones, not reason or forethought

Culture promotes teen sex

The issue of teenage pregnancy seems to be gaining attention in the media lately. The usual answers given are "Let's educate them about what happens to unwed mothers and how it ruins their lives," or "Let's make contraceptives available to them."

"This is foolishness. I have worked with teenagers for seven years as a teacher, and no young person makes such decisions based on reason and forethought. Nearly every decision a teenager makes is based on emotions.

In the case of premarital sex, it is emotions controlled by hormones. They won't stop to reason about an upcoming sex act or take the time to use a contraceptive.

The reason teenage pregnancies have increased so dramatically is not because contraceptives are unavailable — they are many times over more accessible now than ever before. The main reason is a lack of morals.

We surround our children with a world that oozes sensuality. Every television program has its bedroom scene and idoles scantily dressed heroines and macho, amoral heroes. The movies targeted at teenagers are the same — only worse.

Take a look at the movies advertised today. Except for the tiny-lot thrillers (Care Bears, etc.), they are puritw words of sex, violence, and hate.

The music they listen to is full of smutty lyrics sung by rock idols who advocate unrestrained living based on an "if it feels good, do it" ethic.

We surround our children with this kind of

world and do nothing to help them defend themselves. Parents, who have the greatest responsibility, refuse to teach their children.

They live the kind of example that encourages their children to be promiscuous. They say "let the school teach them" (as this paper does), or send them to Sunday school expecting a Sunday school teacher to accomplish in one hour a week what they should be teaching daily. Many do nothing, letting their children grow into little animals with no control over their animal instincts.

We can't do too much about parents of teenagers, but how can anyone possibly think that "sex education" in the public schools is the answer? Many texts contain discussions about sexual positions and "how-to-do-it" discourses.

Nearly all start from the standpoint of situation ethics which allows a child to "make up his own mind" about right and wrong. To an emotional teenager this means, if it feels good, do it.

Usually when I hear about making contraceptives available, it is in the context of "let the school teach them" about right and wrong. Why, when the root of this problem lies with the parent, make it harder for the few parents who really are trying to do a good job and teach their children the right way of living?

The answer to this problem of teenage pregnancies is not sex education or contraceptives. It is morality.

Teach them that premarital sex is wrong. That sex can only be really enjoyed within

the context of a marriage. Teach them that touching the private areas of the opposite sex is forbidden. Encourage the use of chaperones — in fact, insist on it. Let's become puritans again and give our children a chance to live full and happy lives.

JOHN T. REAGAN
Gooding.

Moonie ideology 'creepy'

It shocks and scares me to think that our legislators are being taken in by the Moonies. I hope during their visit with him, they ask him why he is against Communism — is it true he has some pretty big investments in Honduras?

Also, I think our government officials — along with the rest of us, should visit the Cult Awareness Center in Nampa, or learn all we can about what really is going on.

This is a frightening thing, and I sincerely hope Mr. Callen and Mr. Anderson are not endorsing this very creepy ideology or what ever Mr. Moonie claims to be. Take heed!

BETTY GALVIN
Wendell.

Stranger in a strange town

It's amazing the way some people plan a rebellion. When they don't know the difference between a mouse and an elephant, that is the way it goes.

Only amateurs do things in a metaphorical way. It is ridiculous that an out-of-state stranger endeavored to act like a local per-

son.

But as a fly in a web, the ignorant fellow couldn't read, or at least didn't know what I/T means.

Isn't that something? Doesn't it take the cake?

Firstly, why don't you get yourself an education, and come back in a hundred thousand lightyears, and see if you can do better.

PAUL W. SCHINASE
Twin Falls

Tax raises resemble chess

With the continued practice of uncontrollable deficit spending, locally and nationally, the time has arrived that huge tax increases must be imposed on us. There are two ways this can be done. The first is to rewrite all tax laws, increasing assessments where ever raises are possible, adding to an almost unbearable tax burden. The second is called planned inflation. Of course, both can be used together.

When taxes presently are at a level which threatens rebellion, the planners must be very clever and shift the collection of additional taxes onto others who shield the tax collectors from blame and responsibility. In 1973 we saw this method used most effectively, as the nation's energy producers together with politicians created phoney energy shortages, and unrestrained pricing. The end result was the complete overhaul of product and labor prices overnight, with energy costs doubling and all else quickly following. Using energy as the tool effects

everything and is the logical tool for inflation.

The politicians have reaped the harvest of greater sales tax, higher property taxes, huge gains in personal incomes and income taxes, and no tax on rising taxes. The inflation took care of the entire exercise. The public supported the entire exercise, believing they had gained a new world in higher income, and double values on their property. The utilities and energy producers were thrilled. It was like having a key to Fort Knox, as politicians used them for pawns in a chess game where all the moves were in their favor.

Isn't accidental that we now have 27 percent rate increases submitted by the Idaho Power. This is a replay of 1973 and the odds are against us. The commission who makes the decisions is composed of hand-picked men who will do the bidding of the insiders. The commission is nothing short of a farce, intended to deceive the people into believing we have protection against the monopolies.

If our economic problems are to be solved we must force a discontinuance of all the extravagant spending on social programs, foreign give aways, and waste. We must restore freedom to the free enterprise system, and depend on it for our jobs and security. Where will the food, and consumer goods come from, as the money to pay for them when all have become dependent on the government, and the industrial and farm strength has vanished from America?

NOLAN VICTOR
Twin Falls

AIDS virus seldom in saliva

BOSTON (AP) — The AIDS virus rarely exists in the saliva of infected people, so there is little chance that contact with their saliva is a serious hazard, researchers report. They say their findings support health guidelines suggesting that casual, non-sexual contact with AIDS victims doesn't endanger healthy people. "I can't say that saliva is incapable of ever transmitting the virus," said Dr. Martin Hirsch. "If it occurs, it's a very rare event."

Hirsch and colleagues at Massachusetts General Hospital tested the saliva of 71 homosexual men who carried AIDS antibodies, indicating past exposure and possible infection with the AIDS virus. The germ could be recovered in the saliva of only one of them. However, when they tested the blood of 50 of those men, they found the virus in 28 of them, or 56 percent. "We did isolate it (the virus) from saliva. It can, on rare occasions, be there," Hirsch said. But the

research "would suggest that saliva is not a major mode of transmission of AIDS." The study, directed by Dr. David D. Ho, was published as a letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine. Hirsch said that at least five other research groups have conducted similar saliva studies, and "I think they are coming up with the same answers. They are all finding the rate of saliva positivity is quite low."

Congress extends cigarette tax a day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress on Wednesday night approved a 24-hour extension of the 16-cent-a-pack tax on cigarettes to avoid a temporary backsliding of the levy to 8 cents. The bill, approved by the House and then the Senate in voice votes, allows time for consideration Thursday of a package of longer extensions of expiring laws needed before the lawmakers adjourn for the year.



JEFFREY MacDONALD Accused of slaying family

Former Army doctor denied another trial

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — Jeffrey MacDonald, a former Army doctor found guilty in 1979 of murdering his pregnant wife and two children nine years earlier, was denied a new trial Wednesday by a federal appeals court. The former Green Beret called the ruling by a three-judge panel "judicial insanity." But Alfred Kassab, stepfather of MacDonald's slain wife, Colette, said he was "positive the decision would come down the way it did." The decision left standing MacDonald's conviction of fatally stabbing and bludgeoning his 26-year-old wife and daughter Kimberly, 5, and Kristen, 2, while he was stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. MacDonald, who is serving three consecutive life sentences at the federal prison at Bastrop, Texas, has contended a band of drug-crazed hippies killed his family.

Prison uprising in Oklahoma ends

McALESTER, Okla. (AP) — Knife-wielding inmates ended a 17-hour siege at the Oklahoma State Penitentiary on Wednesday, freeing seven hostage guards unharmed after telling the warden of the grievances that triggered the bloody prison riot. Three officers at the maximum-security prison were slabbled when up to 150 inmates rioted Tuesday night, breaking windows and taking control of two cellblocks. The stan-

doff ended peacefully even though officials made no specific promises about improving conditions. "We had no alternative but to riot. Everyone knew it would happen," said inmate James Clayton during the meeting with Warden Gary Maynard that ended the siege. "The hostage-taking was the result of ongoing grievances," inmate Terry Kinney said, adding that inmates had been restive and a disturbance appeared inevitable.

"We had meetings with officials but nothing has been done about the grievances. Some of us have humbled ourselves, gone on our knees to get action." All the meeting with prison officials and three reporters, pressed demands for better food, more jobs, vocational-technical education and better recreational facilities. Clayton, wearing a blue bandanna, said there are 610 inmates and only 160 jobs.

Last of 101st men fly home

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. (AP) — The 101st Airborne Division's last unit on duty with the Midwest peacekeeping force in the Sinai is expected to return here Thursday, one week after 248 soldiers in the unit died in a fiery plane crash while on their way home. The final contingent will contain about 243 soldiers who will arrive in two military aircraft, instead of a chartered airliner, said Bill Taylor, a spokesman for the division. The returning soldiers will meet privately with their families at the post gymnasium, he said. The division had committed about 975 soldiers to the six-month peacekeeping force in the Sinai. There will be another, larger service Friday involving 17,000 troops from the division and an estimated 30,000 civilians.

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Tax reform bill stirs confusion in Idaho

POCATELLO (AP) — Tuesday's vote by the U.S. House of Representatives on tax reform legislation seems to have stirred confusion and concern in Idaho.

Policemen, firemen and other public employees are concerned about provisions in the bill placing a 15 percent surcharge on early retirement benefits. Sen. Steve Symms predicts a real downpour when the bill comes before the Senate.

"The bill passed by a voice vote, meaning technically that no one is on record supporting or opposing the bill."

"There are high expectations that the Senate can fix this bill up," said Symms, who sits on the Senate Finance Committee that will handle the bill. "But that's a rather difficult situation with an election year and the way the Senate rules are. With no requirement for germaneness, no limitations on debate or amendments, there's going to be a lot of posturing for the election."

Symms has opposed President

Reagan's tax reform plan from the beginning. At retirement, he would like to get a look at the 1,300-page plan that the House passed Tuesday night, Symms said. "Thank God, I'm on the Finance Committee."

Both Reagan's plan and the House bill would shift taxes onto producers such as the timber, mining and agricultural industries, Symms said.

By pressing for tax reform, Reagan has put Republican senators in a very difficult political position, Symms said.

"I think the president has got us cut different ways," said Sharon. "I all set up to be painted as people who are disinterested in fairness, equity and simplicity," said Symms.

Symms isn't the only Idaho politician feeling the heat on tax reform. Rep. Richard Stallings' office has been getting calls from public employees who don't like the idea of taxing early retirement benefits.

Craig Sharon of Stallings' office said the House bill would place a 15 percent surcharge on any retirement benefits taken in a lump sum before the age of 65.

"That 15 percent tax will only be levied if it (benefits) are taken out, cashed, or taken in something other than in an annuity payment that is paid out in equal payments over a person's expected lifetime," said Sharon.

Sharon, admitted his office has fielded a number of calls from people who are upset about the provision, but he hopes they will evaluate the entire package, not just that part of the bill.

"There are some things that will cut different ways," said Sharon. "I suspect most firemen and policemen are middle income. They'll benefit from a 9-10 percent tax cut."

But Gary Moore, head of the Pocatello firefighters union, said Stallings' support for the bill could cost him votes among the many policemen and firemen in the state.

"You bet — it's a strong consideration for us," said Moore. "The amount of money firemen pay into their retirement fund is substantial compared to what most people pay. You can't be a professional

firefighter and be over 60. The amount of stress and physical exertion kills you."

Moore said the bill would affect any policeman or firefighter in Idaho.

Meanwhile, because the final vote to approve the tax reform plan was a voice vote, there is no formal record of whether Stallings or Idaho Rep. Larry Craig supported it.

However, on an earlier motion, Craig voted to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee, while Stallings voted against it.

Stallings later issued a statement saying he supported the measure despite "its imperfections and fully understanding it is not ideal tax reform."

The freshman Democrat said he supported the bill because he agrees with Reagan that the process must be kept moving.

"I have to believe the voters of the 2nd District of Idaho support this major policy initiative of a president who received eight out of 10 votes cast in that district," said Stallings.

Ice barrier studied

SALMON (AP) — An ice barrier caused flooding almost every year on the Salmon River could be a downstream ice jam, but at \$4 million in Lemhi County in could create the same problem. The river's ice jam is caused by floating ice and is generally Engineers officials says.

A permeable ice barrier one mile upriver from Salmon could create an icejam extending 25 miles to Elk Bend, says Joe Zuleti, a research engineer for the Corps.

Zuleti and other Corps officials attended a public meeting here Tuesday to discuss ways to end the ice jams on the Salmon that have caused perennial flooding.

The Salmon River has been targeted for tests of ice barriers as part of a larger Corps study on ice jams, Zuleti said.

Testing is scheduled to begin shortly after Christmas, and will last about a week, he said.

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Proposed eligibility cuts bring gripes

POCATELLO (AP) — Welfare recipients, nursing home administrators and county officials are blasting proposed cuts in eligibility for state health and welfare funding.

Many in attendance at a hearing said they have been able to find jobs, move out of nursing homes and live on their own. However, they said, loss of state funding would leave them no alternative but to move back into a nursing home.

"We want to do our own, and we want to do our part," said Pocatello Mary Jo Lucero. "You people want to get out of a nursing home."

Jim Zelm, administrator of

Eastgate Healthcare Center, said even moving back to a nursing home may not be an alternative. He testified that eight Eastgate patients would lose \$88,000 in state money and would probably have to leave the home.

The proposed cuts would lower the income ceiling for health and welfare funding eligibility. Currently, single persons with an income of up to \$665 a month are eligible for state aid. The proposal would cut that cap to \$512.

The proposal, an attempt to cut the state's projected \$26.4 million budget shortfall, is likely to go before the state legislature by February.

While most speakers criticized the

human costs of the cuts, others focused on the economic costs — many of which would be shouldered by county property owners.

But Gary Moore, administrator of Hillcrest Haven Convalescent Center, said the center has 12 residents who would lose state aid as a result of the cuts. If these bills were picked up by Bannock County, it would be a \$6,450 increase in the county's indigent budget.

Bannock County Commissioner Tom Katsilometes said the cuts would be "one of the most negative impacts on county government in the last five years."

Since a catastrophic indigent pool, with its \$10,000 deductible, would pick up little of the new budget de-

mand, responsibility would go to the property owner, adding \$34,000 to the county property tax levy, he said.

Many of the 90 people in attendance also criticized the hearing notification procedure. Health and Welfare hearing officer Steven Thompson said the meetings were announced through public notices in several newspapers, according to law.

However, some said nursing home residents and the indigent often do not have access to a newspaper or are unable to read the small print of a public notice.

Easier coverage rule to be sought

BOISE (AP) — Skyrocketing liability insurance rates have prompted the Idaho Health and Welfare Board to ask the Legislature to amend a requirement for complete coverage on construction of wastewater treatment facilities.

The Health and Welfare Board meeting in Boise Wednesday agreed to ask lawmakers to review a regulation the panel adopted last March requiring architects and engineers to provide professional liability insurance at 100 percent of the estimated construction cost of a wastewater facility.

"Its general intent was to insure

quality engineering and prevent the state from having to finance reconstruction to correct engineering errors," the Department of Health and Welfare said in an issue analysis submitted to the board for consideration.

"However, a general crisis has developed in all facets of the liability insurance industry," the analysis said. "As a result, coverage has been severely limited or discontinued and insurance premium costs have skyrocketed."

In some cases contractors have been unable to buy the amount of liability coverage required under the

rule, and in others the high cost of the coverage has inflated the cost of construction projects, the department said. Small engineering firms in particular have complained that the regulation discriminates against them.

The board approved a recommendation to the Legislature that it eliminate two subsections of the regulation under its legislative review process.

The proposal would reduce the required liability coverage to \$100,000 or twice the "engineer" fee, whichever is greater, as the rule read before the change last March.

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Ruff gives support to Leroy campaign

GARDEN CITY (AP) — A "financial seer" and chairman of a national political action committee has pledged his support for Lt. Gov. David Leroy's campaign for governor.

Howard Ruff was the keynote speaker in Boise Wednesday night at a fundraiser for the Republican hopeful. The event was dubbed "An Old Fashioned Idaho Christmas for the Future."

"The eyes of the nation will be watching this race," Ruff said in a prepared statement.

The founder and chairman of REP-PAC said former governor and Interior Secretary Coell Andrus, the likely Democratic candidate contends government can provide the "answers for our pressing problems."



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Rajneeshee firms injunction target

THE DALLES, Ore. (AP) — Evidence suggests that disciples of Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneeshee may have tried to gain control of Wasco County government "through a pattern of racketeering activity," a judge has said.

Wasco County Circuit Judge John V. Kelly's finding is contained in a written opinion granting a preliminary injunction against several Rajneeshee corporations. The injunction was requested in lawsuits filed by four restaurants in the Dalles in connection with a large salmonella outbreak there in September 1984.

Kelly said Tuesday that he plans to sign the order enforcing the injunction after a telephone conference with lawyers on Monday.

The injunction would allow the Rajneeshee corporations to continue regular business, but profits and income from the sale of assisted would have to be placed in a separate account to be applied toward any judgment awarded the restaurants.

A restraining order, which has similar re-

quirements, will remain in effect until Kelly signs the injunction order.

The restaurants filed the lawsuits last month under the Oregon Racketeer Influence and "Corrupt Organizations Act, they seek millions of dollars in damages from several Rajneeshee corporations on grounds that Rajneeshee disciples poisoned restaurant food, causing the salmonella outbreak.

The lawsuits allege the outbreak was "part of a conspiracy to inhibit the ability of non-Rajneeshee registered voters to participate in Wasco County elections," in fall 1984, two of the three positions on the Wasco County Court, as the county's governing board is called, and the jobs of district attorney and sheriff were on the ballot.

No official cause of the outbreak was determined, but a year later the guru alleged that Ma Anand Sheela, his former secretary, was responsible for the outbreak. The outbreak left 750 people ill.

Rajneeshee's allegations, made after Sheela and other leaders of the sect's central Oregon commune left the country in September, touched off an investigation by federal and state law-enforcement agencies. No charges have been filed in connection with the salmonella outbreak.

The injunction will not affect Rajneeshee Neosannyas "International" Commune, which is under control of federal bankruptcy trustees as a result of other litigation.

Kelly said he could not find that any of the Rajneeshee corporations "had a corporate purpose of poisoning the residents of The Dalles," or that the corporations "ratified the actions of those who may have done so."

The judge added, however, that in September 1984 Sheela and a small group of disciples controlled several Rajneeshee entities and individual members of the sect. Kelly said the attorneys for the restaurants had presented enough evidence to indicate they were entitled to the injunction.

Portland nuclear-free zone plan dies

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — The City Council Wednesday unanimously clear arms and urging that rejected a proposal to make resources spent on the weapons in Portland a nuclear-free zone. Instead by used to pay for social and economic problems.

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Jury clears Parton in movie song suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Singer Dolly Parton was cleared of plagiarism allegations Wednesday in a \$1-million copyright infringement suit involving her hit song "9 to 5."

"I'm happy and delighted with the verdict and was confident the jury would believe me," Miss Parton said after the jury's decision was announced in U.S. District Court. The panel deliberated about 35 minutes.

Neil and Jan Goldberg claimed Miss Parton, 39, stole the chorus

from their song, "Money World," in writing "9 to 5," the title song for the 1981 motion picture starring Miss Parton, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin.

Miss Fonda and her husband, Tom Hayden, also were named as defendants in the lawsuit.

During the trial, Miss Parton testified she had never heard plaintiff's song, "Money World," which they said they mailed to Miss Fonda and her husband, Miss Fonda and Hayden said they never met the

Goldbergs.

"I was surprised how quickly the jury came back and even more by how it went," said Mrs. Goldberg. "It's only money."

Miss Parton said last week that she tried to settle the suit out of court but the offer was rejected by the Goldbergs.

The singer-songwriter said the cash settlement was "of course," "because we didn't want the public embarrassment."

Miss Parton testified that the

Goldbergs' suit was not the first to be filed against her involving "9 to 5." She said Benny Martin, a bluegrass artist from Nashville, Tenn., sued her several years ago, alleging that her song infringed on a tune he wrote in 1954, "Me and My Fiddle." Martin, she said, settled out of court for a small amount of money.

Jury awards store owners \$1.5 million

BUTTE, Mont. (AP) — A jury in Butte Wednesday awarded \$1.5 million from First Bank Butte to the owners of a meat market.

Daniel and Leo Noonan, operators of Excelsior Meats, had contended the bank wrongfully forced them into bankruptcy. Their civil suit sought \$6.6 million in damages from the bank.

The Noonans contended the bank froze their checking account and caused their business to be shut down, driving them into bankruptcy in June 1982.

Later that year the bankruptcy court released the Noonans from creditors' claims and the meat market re-opened in 1983.

The bank contended claimed that the Noonans provided incomplete, inaccurate and false financial statements, and that the business had been insolvent back to 1976.

The jury of 10 women and two men, after 5 1/2 hours of deliberations, awarded the Noonans \$800,000 for loss of profits, wages, business opportunities, credit and other benefits.

The other \$700,000 was in general damages for emotional distress, anxiety, humiliation, mental anguish and altered lifestyles.

No punitive damages were awarded.

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Latin debtors plan proposals

By KEVIN NOBLET
The Associated Press

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay — Eleven Latin American nations said Wednesday they will ask creditors for emergency help in rescuing them from an economic morass created by huge debt, high interest rates and falling prices for their goods.

They said—social upheaval may threaten democracies in the region if the aid is not forthcoming, and debtors might have to set their own limits on how much they can pay.

The proposals include requests for more loans, reduced interest rates and an easing of demands for austerity—made by lenders—the 11 nations account for all but \$20 billion of Latin America's total foreign debt of \$560 billion.

Enrique Iglesias, who is Uruguay's foreign minister and secretary of the

Cartagena Group of debtor nations, said the proposals would be delivered "as quickly as possible today or tomorrow" to Montevideo embassies of the United States and other industrialized countries. Much of Latin America's debt is to U.S. banks.

"We don't expect any specific reaction," immediately, Iglesias told a news conference. "We do expect a careful examination of the document."

The Montevideo Declaration, subtitled "Emergency Proposals for Negotiation on Debt Growth," was approved Tuesday night after a two-day meeting of foreign and economy ministers. The 11 nations took the name Cartagena Group from the site of their first meeting, which was last year, in Cartagena, Colombia.

The document requests more more

loans from commercial banks, the International Monetary Fund, World Bank and Inter-American Development Bank. It appeals for lower interest rates, less stringent austerity conditions attached to loans and restructuring of some countries' debts.

Iglesias said the proposals were not a rejection of U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker's recent proposal for increased credits to the 15 developing nations in the world with the highest debt burdens.

Baker suggested \$20 billion in new loans from commercial banks and \$9 billion more from the World Bank and regional development banks.

According to the Montevideo Declaration, the Baker plan is a "positive step" in recognizing that the debt crisis cannot be resolved by conventional negotiations between debtor countries and their creditors.

White House fears rigged election

By R. GREGORY NOKES
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Senior Reagan administration officials said Wednesday if Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos rigs the Feb. 7 election it would be "windfall for the communists" and could lead to a major setback in U.S. funds, in-

cluding money for American bases.

The practical effect is that the administration would be so irate as to make it almost impossible for the administration to come up and argue for funds either for security forces in the Philippines or for the assistance of economic funds, said the Philippines government, said

Richard L. Armitage, an assistant secretary of defense.

Armitage's testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee reflected concern in the administration and Congress that Marcos may, with the help of Communist military officers, try to guarantee his election in the Feb. 7 election through fraudulent means.

White farmer suspected victim of guerrillas

By TOM BALDWIN
The Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — A white man was killed on his farm near the Mozambique border, increasing fears Wednesday of stepped-up guerrilla attacks and retaliatory strikes by South Africa at its black-ruled neighbors.

Police reported a rioting against apartheid Wednesday in six townships, but no deaths. More than 500 people have been killed in nearly 16 months of violence over the laws with which 5 million whites rule South Africa's 24 million blacks, and thousands have been wounded.

Iglesias said the 39-year-old farmer, Lukas Marais, was shot down Tues-

day night when he went into his yard to investigate a power failure. Cutting electric and telephone lines to lure farmers into the darkness are common guerrilla tactics.

Two pro-government newspapers, Die Vaderland and Die Transvaler, said without attribution that guerrillas killed Marais.

Soviet poet criticizes historical lies

By ALISON SMALE
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — In a free-swinging attack on Soviet practices, poet Yevgeny Yevushenko has criticized the rewriting of events to suit political goals, official silence on such things as purges and peasant exterminations and the discarding of once-prominent figures to the historical ash can.

Yevushenko, one of the most famous Russian writers, also criticized leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev's calls for more openness in Soviet society by criticizing government-sanctioned censorship and the continued policy of scrutinizing all domestic works of art.

His speech last week before the Union of Writers of the Russian Republic, which included a rare reference to "merciless extermination" of Communist dissidents and others during the purges of Josef Stalin, indicated Gorbachev's remarks sparked debate among intellectuals.

The comments on Stalin and several other statements did not appear in excerpts of the Dec. 12 speech that were published Wednesday by the weekly Literary Gazette.

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The Times-News

Soviets plan countermeasures, not a version of 'Star Wars'

By ROXINNE ERVASTI
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Soviet Union said Wednesday it does not plan its own "Star Wars" research but will respond with strong measures if President Reagan pursues his "religious dream" of such a space-based shield against attack.

Soviet officials also told a news conference the U.S. project, officially known as the Strategic Defense Initiative, would destroy the arms control process.

The news conference was held two days after two Soviet military writers outlined possible responses to any deployments under the Star Wars program. They included putting space "mines" in orbit; coating missiles to deflect lasers and increasing the number and accuracy of long-range nuclear missiles.

Appearing before reporters Wednesday were physicists Evgeny Velikhov and Roald Sagdeev, Kremlin adviser Georgy Arbatov and Lt. Gen. Viktor Starodubov, identified as a deputy chief of the armed forces general staff.

Asked whether the Soviets would try to match the Strategic Defense Initiative, Velikhov replied: "We are not getting involved in any adventures of the character we now see in the Star Wars program."

He said countermeasures would "not only be instrumental in maintaining the strategic balance but also have a sobering impact on those who try to disrupt such a balance through the SDI Initiative."

Velikhov added that Soviet scientists were developing responses that would be twice as cost-effective as SDI.

Velikhov, a specialist in space research, declared it a paradox that nuclear weapons, "the most powerful created by Man, cannot be used" and now the United States proposes something that could open the door for one side to consider using them.

"It's a critical moment in the history of the world," he said.

Sagdeev, director of the Soviet Space Research Institute, said U.S. deployment of a Star Wars system would result in a Soviet buildup of long-range weapons.

"This means the first victim (of SDI) would be the very process of disarmament," he said. "Not, as Washington claims, that it would 'put the (nuclear weapons) genie back in the bottle.'"

Arbatov, the Kremlin's chief adviser on the United States, claimed there is a "whole range of SDIs."

"There is President Reagan's SDI, and I have no reason to doubt his sincerity; it is a dream, almost a

religious one, of an absolute shield," he said. Arbatov added, however, that more dangerous visions of Star Wars are held by military planners and policy-makers, who he said would hold sway.

Velikhov said the Soviet Union is not against basic research into space-based defense, but he contended that the Pentagon wants more.

"They proposed to spend \$1 billion on lasers," he said. "We know what

lasers are. We are not talking fundamental research in the field of lasers, but about particle research, that is to develop a system of targeting and so forth."

The United States has said the Soviet Union has its own Star Wars program. The Kremlin claims its space-based defense is purely for peaceful purposes, with no military application.

So far, Britain is the only U.S. ally that has agreed to participate in

Star Wars research. But West Germany on Wednesday took its first step toward joining when its Cabinet approved the opening of negotiations for an accord to regulate participation by German firms.

Arbatov was asked how the Soviets view the political line taken by the United States since the summit in Geneva last month between Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

"President Reagan in general has given a balanced, I would say unobjectionable assessment, but in practical terms nothing has been done," he responded.

Gorbachev, after meeting on Wednesday with the U.S. and Soviet founders of the international physicists' group that received the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize, said:

"Reactionary, aggression-minded circles in the U.S. which some time ago tried hard to disrupt the Geneva meeting are now 'attacking' its results," apparently in an attempt to thwart the follow-up summit planned for next year.

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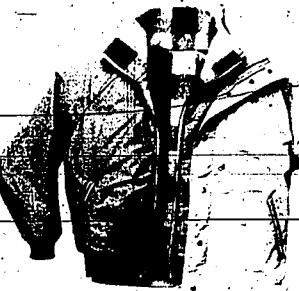
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YIPE!!

EVERYWHERE-LUE-GO, MARCIE, YOU EMBARRASS ME!

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BUT I CAN MAKE THEM FOR MY FAMILY.

BECAUSE THEY'RE NO PROBLEM TO RESIST!

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IT'S HEREDITY.

YOU GET IT FROM YOUR KIDS.

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NICE COAT THAT PET A NEW ONE?

THAT'S THE ONLY HONORABLE DUD.

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MUST GET HER TO WEAR IT. WHEN I TAKE HER AWAY FROM EVER COMES TO THAT!

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L.M. Boyd

What's what

ancestors of today's dairy cow was an animal labeled "bos primigenius." Note that Latin "bos." As earlier reported, it's the origin of "boss," the most common nickname name of a "boss." Last of the "bos primigenius" died in Poland in 1627.

Aristotle is frequently quoted as saying, "Mothers are fonder than fathers of their children." But rarely is his remark quoted in its entirety. What Aristotle said was: "Mothers are fonder than fathers of their children, because they are more certain they are their own."

Another of Murphy's laws: "People who snore always fall asleep first."

Said that political sage of yesteryear James H. Boren: "When in charge, ponder. When in trouble, delegate. When in doubt, mumble."

ORCHESTRA

Q. What's the difference between the Boston Pops Orchestra and the Boston Symphony Orchestra?

A. The Boston Pops is the Boston Symphony without its first chair players.

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Q. Why's the game of "soccer" called by that name?

A. It evolved from "association football" through "assoc." through "soc" to "soccer."

Do you know Mary Kelly? Tell her she bears the name of the last known victim - found dead in London in 1888 - of Jack the Ripper. No, don't tell her. Too depressing.

Booker T. Washington's middle name wasn't Toliver, but it was pronounced that way. Was Taliaferro.

Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: A good time to get at whatever shopping you have to do with the confidence that you will be able to find exactly what you want. Don't act too impulsively.

right to work on this new course

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You will get good friends who are dynamic and have fine ideas that can help to make your future brighter.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Handle civic and credit affairs wisely during the daytime. Let bigwigs be more aware of your finest abilities.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) A good day for changes and making new associates since this brings real progress. Plan a trip.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You can get your business affairs handled more wisely so that you can have greater progress in the future.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Improve conditions around you and stop feeling so lackadaisical. Make arrangements with partners.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You can get much done today because the air is full of enthusiasm so get busy early. Put your best ideas to work.

SAGITARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Study into the amusement that you particularly like, one which you have not enjoyed of late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Give more attention to kin and show

that family means a great deal to you. Invite guests in who can bring pleasure.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You are full of good ideas and can get to everything that is happening around him or her and will be eager to learn and gain new ideas. Send to schools which will give an opportunity to test different facets of various interests. Then the right profession will be decided upon for life.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Put new ideas to work that can bring you the benefits, so stop wasting time. Entertain friends tonight.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TO DATE-he or she will be alive and going around him or her and will be eager to learn and gain new ideas. Send to schools which will give an opportunity to test different facets of various interests. Then the right profession will be decided upon for life.

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A year later, survivor of Wilberg Mine blaze faces ridicule

BY PEG MCENTEE
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY—In the year since Kenny Blake groped his way through choking coal smoke to freedom, the sole survivor of the Wilberg mine fire has been subjected to taunting, resentment and ridicule.

Unlike 27 fellow workers, Blake made it past the fast-spreading blaze that erupted in the Wilberg's main tunnel a year ago today. Remors that he somehow was

responsible for their fate have haunted him ever since.

"I would love to get out of the coal mine. Not because I don't like the mine, it's the people I can't stand," Blake said in a rare interview. "They tried to associate me with that fire, and it's just crap."

The cause of the fire that killed 26 men and one woman can't be determined until investigators make it to the spot where it started. A federal investigation won't be completed until next fall.

And although Blake passed a grueling FBI polygraph test, arson remains one of several possible causes being examined by the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

Little information has been made public, but Blake doesn't think it would make any difference for the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration.

"Even if the evidence is there, they still want to blame me," he said, or take out their resentment on his wife, Lorraine, and their three children.

Blake, who refuses to speculate about the fire's origin, blames just a few miners for most of his troubles. "I can't do anything without them

watching me like a hawk. It makes it tough to work," he said.

But Blake, the night maintenance foreman in the new Cottonwood Mine, formerly the western half of the Y-shaped Wilberg, is stubbornly holding on.

"I really like coal mining. It gets in your blood," he said. "And besides, I'll be damned if they're going to run me out of here."

Blake was general maintenance foreman for the Wilberg's longwall mining systems when the mine manager asked him to work a double shift the night of Dec. 19, 1984. The regular crew of the 5th Right section, along with five top officials of Emery Mining Corp., the mine's operator, were trying to set a coal-production record.

Two hours into Blake's second shift, a fire a mile inside the mine began spewing thick smoke and lethal carbon monoxide into the 5th Right. Grabbing emergency breathing gear, most of the miners started toward the blaze, apparently trying to skirt around it to safety.

Blake was handed an oxygen tank by a man he didn't recognize, but quickly lost contact with the others. "Eyes closed against the acid coal smoke and at times on his hands and

knees, he felt his way hundreds of feet through the pitch-black tunnels, actually circling behind and around the fire to safety.

Blake still dreams occasionally about that night, but has been spared nightmares.

"I don't really dream of how it was. I dream about the people I was working with the way it used to be," he said. "I try not to think about it too much. I handle it in my own way, because if I didn't I'd be in the nut house."

Before the fierce blaze forced of-

tening to seal the mine three days after it erupted, would-be rescuers found but could not safely remove the bodies of 25 of the 27 victims. All five right, although many were buried.

After the mine was unsealed in February, it took recovery crews until early November to retrieve the 25 bodies.

But the last two victims weren't found and removed until Monday.

One was lying more than half a mile from the fire and had reached an unobstructed path to safety before being overcome.

Blake mourns the victims, but doesn't feel guilt that he alone survived.

"I'm glad to be here. Who wants to be dead? I do wish the other people would have made it out," said Blake, whose story is the subject of a book scheduled for publication next spring.

Naval Academy honors two

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — A special graduation ceremony was held Tuesday at the U.S. Naval Academy for two departing midshipmen, one a football hero who stayed an extra semester to play and another who overcame cancer and Navy health rules.

Degrees and commissions as military officers were awarded to Napoleon McCallum of Millford, Ohio, and Bernard Mimms Jr. of Richmond, Va., described by Rear Adm. Charles R. Larson as "young men who have demonstrated significant courage, different kinds of courage and significant courage."

Larson lauded McCallum for his football exploits that included 26 Naval Academy records and a national college record for all-purpose career rushing.

The praise was just as full and the applause from the audience of 250 people was just as long for Mimms, who likely would have graduated unnoticed if he hadn't shared the ceremony with McCallum.

As a sophomore, he was struck with testicular cancer and underwent four operations and months of chemotherapy before doctors told him there was a 99-percent chance he was cured.

But then, while the Academy allowed him to stay an extra semester to finish his course work and get his degree, he was told last spring he would not be commissioned as a Marine Corps lieutenant for health reasons.

The Pentagon agreed this month to a commission for Mimms — after Mimms wrote to President Reagan saying that if the president could run the country after colon cancer, he could serve as a Marine Corps officer.

Larson said the Naval Academy supported him all along, and we're glad the medical corps finally agreed.

McCallum said he was pleased to share the day with Mimms.

"I might have gone through a lot, but he went through a lot more," he said.

McCallum was granted a rare one-year extension at the Academy so he could play a final year of football after a broken leg wiped out most of his senior year.

Larson said his decision to grant McCallum the extension was made "because of all he has given ... to the Naval Academy by his commitment to stay here."

That commitment came at the end of McCallum's sophomore year, when he had to leave the academy or agree to serve five years in the Navy after his graduation.

At the time, professional football scouts were giving him high marks and civilian colleges were ready to recruit him if he decided to leave the academy and opt for a possible pro career.

But McCallum decided to stay with the Navy, for \$1,224.30 a month plus allowances and benefits as an ensign, at the urging of his father, also named Napoleon.

"This is a great place. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity," the elder McCallum said. "In the end, he'll be happy. That's the most important thing."

The younger McCallum said that if he wants to play professional ball five years from now, "I can make it. It all depends on what I really want to do."

But for now, "I kind of like the way I look in this uniform," he said of his blue, double-breasted coat with six gold buttons and new gold ensign's stripes.

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Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones discussed consumer protection efforts at a press conference on Wednesday

Jones stirs dormant issue

Attorney General hits road to fund consumer protection effort

By DEAN S. MILLER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In an upcoming legislative session likely to be dominated by debate over whether or how to raise funds for prison improvements and education, Idaho Attorney General Jim Jones will be seeking funding for his dormant consumer protection division.

Speaking at a press conference in Twin Falls on Wednesday, Jones said he will also be seeking a bill to prevent evidence in criminal cases from being thrown out of court as a result of technical errors in search and seizure procedures.

Hoping to improve enforcement of Idaho's 1971 consumer protection laws, Jones will seek \$129,000 to pay four staff members.

Funding for consumer protection research was cut by the 1981 Legislature.

"We haven't done anything at all in the last few years," he said.

Jones said Idaho's law is up-to-date and deals with pyramid sales schemes, investment scams, and other shady businesses.

It may be hard to sell the Legislature on consumer protection when consumers are taken in by outrageous schemes that are plainly too good to be true, Jones said, but he added that protection is cost-effective because of the money that is saved to be spent on honest business.

"You can look at the people being preyed upon — farmers in dire straits. A lot of times they're not seeing things as straight as they would in normal circumstances," Jones said.

This will be Jones' second try for funding. He said he went to the Legislature for funding two years ago and was denied. Since then, he

has asked Idaho attorneys to donate time to the state for consumer protection cases and has just this week filed the first case, involving a dentist in Boise.

The funds he is seeking will pay for two lawyers, a paralegal, and a secretary.

In other legislative plans, Jones said he will seek, with the backing of the Idaho Prosecuting Attorneys Association, a bill to excuse police for technical errors in the use of search warrants.

Passage of the bill would make public policy of a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision. In that decision, technical errors in the search for and seizure of evidence would not result in the exclusion of that evidence where prosecutors

could prove police made a good-faith effort to follow the law.

If, for example, a search warrant named the house to be searched as 1125 Zephyr St. and the correct address was 1126 Zephyr St., the law he is seeking would prevent defense attorneys from having evidence thrown out of court that was collected with the faulty warrant.

Jones said most other states have adopted the rule set by the Supreme Court. He hasn't run into any opposition so far, Jones said.

The new rule will not encourage police to break rules governing searches and seizures, Jones said, and will stop some criminals from going free when evidence that ties them to a crime is thrown out of court on technicalities.

"We've gotten to a point where there's too much nit-picking over the exclusionary rule... You're punishing society," he said.

Stivers warns state schools: 'clean hands'

Says fund requests deceptive

By DEAN S. MILLER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Hitting Idaho universities and colleges for deception, House Speaker Tom Stivers, R-Twin Falls, warned community college administrators they will have to have "clean hands" this year when they come asking the Legislature for funding increases.

"My hands are clean, but they are empty," shot back College of Southern Idaho President Gerald Meyermeier at a Wednesday night meeting between legislators and CSI administrators, faculty, and trustees.

Stivers said he has mixed emotions about what higher education has been doing "to us and to us." He called administrators in Idaho's universities "soap salesmen."

"They can hide more things than we don't know about until we adjourn and go home," said Stivers, apparently referring to federal grants to Idaho Universities that were announced after the Legislature adjourned last year. Stivers has criticized state schools before for asking for funding increases without letting legislators know possible federal grant awards.

Increased taxes are not a likelihood this year, he said. "There are limits, absolute limits," and people in "Outer Idaho" cannot afford higher taxes, the Twin Falls Republican said.

Offering a view from the other side of the state-house, Sen. Laird-Noh-

R-Kimberly, said no hard and fast positions for or against tax increases were established in a Senate Republican Caucus earlier this week.

"I personally came away with the best feeling I've had from one of those meetings since I came into the Senate," Noh said.

While he did not offer the promise of a tax increase to benefit education, Noh said there were discussions of "long range" solutions to revenue problems in Idaho.

CSI Board of Trustees Chairman Leroy Craig spoke in support of a sales tax increase and said a penny increase will not be an undue hardship for working Idahoans and will raise some revenue from tourists.

Predicting tight budgets for state operations across the board, Stivers said he is not able to bring good news about education funding. "Don't count on a lot of extra money," he said.

"I can't offer hope of expanded programs, expanded budgets... If there is anything in there that can be cut, you'd better be doing it, and you'd better be doing it above."

While he offered little hope of increased funding, Stivers said the Magic Valley delegation is supporting a \$1.5 million increase for state operations and see CSI damages.

Blasting public school superintendents for saying education funding has been cut, Stivers said there hasn't ever been a year in which education funding has decreased.

"There's too much misinformation in education funding," Stivers said.

Rupert chemical spill inspires proposals

By DEAN S. MILLER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The April 11 herbicide truck spill in Rupert that hospitalized 12 people has resulted in a proposal to insure safer transportation of hazardous materials on Idaho roadways.

Attorney General Jim Jones said Wednesday he will push legislation this winter to require permits for trucks hauling hazardous cargo. Permit fees will pay for staff and training for an inspection and safety enforcement program.

That would be enough to cover the 20 needed, in the event one or two were not on the city registration books.

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Blackfoot as examples of "unacceptable incidents where Idahoans have been exposed to substantial risk by inadequate safety precautions."

Jones' proposal would allow most Idaho police officers to enforce transportation-safety rules, although the state police would still be the primary enforcers.

The attorney general and Idaho prosecuting attorneys would be able to seek civil and criminal penalties from \$300 to \$10,000.

"These types of incidents are unacceptable and they indicate the need for an adequate inspection and enforcement program in the state," Jones said.

The Rupert spill occurred on State Highway 25, near downtown Rupert, when an Arkansas

trucker noticed a broken container of herbicide in his trailer and then washed the spillage down the drain of a nearby gas station, on the instructions of his company's dispatcher.

Called Dinisib, the potato-vine-killing herbicide caused headaches, nausea, and dizziness in the trucker and his passengers, as well as some others who came in contact with it. All 12 hospitalized were released the next day.

Dinisib is labeled as a Class B, or extremely toxic, poison.

The truckdriver, Donald Frasher, 44, of Pea Ridge, Ark., received citations for improper loading of the chemical, failure to notify authorities of a hazardous material spill, and failure to post a placard indicating a flammable substance.

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Moore Group idles bank employees; not in Twin Falls

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Moore Financial Group, which owns Idaho First National Bank, is starting to lay off employees, and some personnel in its Boise headquarters have already been released, a company official confirmed on Wednesday.

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"That has involved some number of job changes and terminations, and we're handling them on an individual

basis. Everybody wants a number of employees being affected—I don't have a number," Pierce said.

She also said no top-level executives have been laid off.

Pierce said the work force changes are an efficiency move. "We're in an industry that's changing—and we need to respond to deregulation and our market," she said.

The Moore spokeswoman also described the situation as "normal operating environment."

"We don't consider that it's a major layoff situation in any sense of the word," she said.

However, the work force changes may continue. "What we're looking at is all of our jobs and where we need to restructure," she said.

Barney Carlson, manager of Idaho First's branch in downtown Twin Falls, said Idaho First branches have been informed about employee layoffs. However, managers were instructed to refer all calls to Pierce.

Moore Financial Group's board of directors is to meet today in a previously scheduled session, Pierce said.

Wright recall petition returned for signatures

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — A petition to initiate a recall of City Councilman Jack Wright failed to meet signature requirements Wednesday and was returned for additional names.

City Clerk Edythe Widmer said some of the persons who signed the petition, taken out on Tuesday by Richard Stone, are not registered city voters, as required by law.

Stone said on Tuesday night that he had 22 signatures and believed

that would be enough to cover the 20 needed, in the event one or two were not on the city registration books.

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set an election date.

Wes McCord of Kimberly is heading the effort to recall Jones.

Both recall moves stem from controversy over investigations of the Kimberly Police Department.

Jones instigated an investigation by the Idaho Attorney General's Office and is now urging that the report on that investigation be made public, Wright and the three other councilmembers oppose release of the entire report. They say that if it is released, a second investigative report, made by Gary Corder of the

Twin Falls Police Department, should also be made public.

Recall procedure requires an initial petition, signed by 20 registered voters of the city. If such a petition is filed and verified by the clerk, she issues a second petition that requires 20 percent of the votes cast in the most recent general municipal election. If the second petition is filed and found to be adequate, the officers named on the petition has 90 days in which to resign. If the person does not resign, the clerk sets a recall election date.

Residents of home are yule donation recipients

By MICHAEL VANAUDELIN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The SkyView Hazeldel real home has been collecting gifts from individuals in an effort to make this Christmas a happy one for the residents of the home, and for Twin Falls area residents who have been generous

"This is my 10th year here," said Activity Director Claire Sprague. "I've never seen the public have very good this year."

The home is asking residents to donate items that will be given to the residents on Christmas morning.

"We are just asking for everything," she said.

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Clothes-buying outing to benefit needy children

By KAREN MAIN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Fifty-nine Twin Falls kids from low-income families will be treated to a free clothes-buying outing for Christmas. The event is sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Peggy Hart, who is sponsoring the outing. The outing will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chamber of Commerce. The outing is free for all children. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the outing. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the outing.

parents, boys and girls for the first time at a party on Sunday.

The group of gift givers, who are all just friends or friends of friends, was organized by Burton Webb, a member of Quality Knollers, a local business and individuals.

Brooks, marketing director of the Chamber of Commerce and Peggy Hart, who is sponsoring the outing, said the outing is free for all children. The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the outing.

Emergency room clinic possible mall addition

By JANE ROBISON
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — An emergency room-medical clinic is tentatively being discussed for the Magic Valley Mall that will treat patients with minor emergencies.

Rob Springman, licensing agent for Price Development, said he is talking with three separate entities to build a clinic in the mall, but no agreements have been signed.

"I feel very good that of the three, one will sign and will be involved in the grand opening next October," Springman said in a phone interview

on Tuesday. It would not reveal which doctors or groups of physicians were involved in the negotiations, but he did say all were from Idaho.

Magie Valley Regional Medical Center is one of the three. "We're still talking, and I assume they're taking us seriously," said Administrator John Bingham.

Bingham said MVRMC is discussing the idea among the medical staff to determine interest and whether they should proceed. He said he knew of emergency clinics in malls in Texas that treated anywhere from 15 to 50 patients a day.

"Volume depends on a lot of things," he said, "such as the number of doctors in the area and how convenient it is."

Similar clinics handle minor emergencies, such as cuts, bruises, broken bones. In most cases, the clinics have agreements with the hospitals for transferring more serious cases, Bingham said.

"If MVRMC does not open its own satellite facility, the hospital could still benefit from referral service, Bingham said.

Springman said if the deal goes through, it would be the first emergency clinic in a Price-owned mall. The Fine Ridge Mall in

Pocatello and the Idaho Falls mall both have dental clinics, which are doing big business, he said.

"The concept is not a lot different," Springman said.

Two of the three interested parties want to build inside the mall, Springman said. The third wants to build a separate, free-standing clinic nearby. The clinic would be between 2,000 to 2,500 square feet and would probably include a reception area, restrooms and a storage area, he said.

The number of doctors working at the clinic is unknown, but Springman said it would be more than one.

Sun Valley Council proposes option tax cut

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — The Sun Valley City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to consider lowering its local option tax on hotel rooms to 5 percent.

The council instructed City Attorney Mark Russell to draft an amendment to lower the tax and will consider it again Friday at noon.

If passed, the city will abandon on Jan. 1 the 5 percent tax it has had on rented hotel and other rooms since the local option tax was initiated in 1978.

The tax on lounge drinks will remain at 5 percent.

"Basically what we're trying to do is get that hotel bill tax down below 10 percent," said Councilman Joe Humphrey of the council's action.

Humphrey said the new level — 9.75 per-

cent, with the 4 percent state sales tax and 2 percent state bed tax — will help keep Sun Valley competitive with other destinations.

Lodge operators in Sun Valley and Ketchum have complained that anything above 10 percent is overly detrimental to the resort's business.

Humphrey said it is difficult for the city's two hotels, Sun Valley and Elkhorn, to compete for group and convention business with a tax higher than 10 percent.

The council's action comes just two weeks after the city's voters rejected a proposal to replace the 5 percent tax with a 2 percent general sales tax.

Although the proposed change received a majority of the votes cast in the Dec. 3 election, it needed a 60 percent approval to pass. It received only 53 percent from a light turnout of voters.

The council believes, however, the voters

were rejecting an attempt to exempt the sale of ski lift tickets from the tax, rather than the concept of a broad-based tax.

"There's no question the vote against the proposal was a vote against exempting the lift tickets," said Councilman Steve Luber.

Sun Valley Co., which handles the ski operations on Dollar and Bald mountains, sells the tickets. It also brought a lawsuit against the city two years ago in an attempt to ban the tax, and it nearly won.

A District Court ruled the tax unconstitutional only to have the Idaho Supreme Court overturn it this fall.

When voters turned down the proposed broad-based tax on Dec. 3, some members of the City Council and Sun Valley Co. General Manager Wally Huffman blamed Mayor Ruth Lieder for the defeat.

Lieder denied those charges and said she did not remain work against the proposal, as some claimed, although she said she remain-

ed neutral on the issue.

She would not comment on the council's attempt Tuesday to lower the local option tax in the city.

City Administrator Jack Brown said lowering the hotel room tax will bring the city's revenues from the local option tax to about \$420,000.

Luber also said the city had to lower the tax to protect its property tax base.

Under the state's resort cities' local option tax-law, if a city brings in more revenues from the tax than it budgeted, it must use the excess for property tax relief.

If that happens, said Luber, the city will lose its property tax base because of the state's recent limitations placed on the city's ability to raise property tax under the state's state's recent initiative legislation.

Luber said the city can't afford to let that

"We thought we would be bringing in more than we could spend," Luber said.

The 3.75 percent on rented rooms will bring city revenues to the level we need to operate and still be able to not hurt the tourist business," he said.

Humphrey said the lower tax will help the entire community and not only the Sun Valley Co.

"It can't hurt the company," he said. "On the other hand, I think the council feels getting the (tax) numbers in the right range is good business for everybody."

Huffman said he is pleased with the council's latest effort to lower the tax, although he prefers a broad-based tax.

"I'd still like to see a 2 percent broad-based local option tax," he said. "I think under the circumstances that is a reasonable goal. This is a step in the right direction. I really appreciate it."

Remodeled Hailey airport terminal ready for traffic



By BARBARA NEIWERT
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Winter visitors who fly into Sun Valley this year will be greeted with a newly remodeled terminal building at the Friedman Memorial Airport.

A grand opening celebration was held Monday night to mark the completion of the new terminal which almost doubled the size of the old terminal.

The \$490,000 expansion project "makes a much more sophisticated entrance into the valley," said Hailey Chamber of Commerce President Evelyn McCracken.

Other local government officials agreed the new terminal will effectively improve visitors' first impressions as they enter the valley.

Airport manager Paschal Drake said the airport received a \$200,000 matching grant from the Federal Airport Improvement Program to expand airport facilities for the benefit of the public's use of the airport rather than commercial businesses using the airport grounds.

Matching funds were derived from \$50,000 out of the airport fund and a \$150,000 bank loan, \$140,000 of which will be paid by Horizon Airlines over a seven-year period, Drake said. Another \$90,000 went into the project from a Federal Aviation Administration grant earmarked for airport improvements in the Hailey area.

When Drake took the airport manager position five years ago, he said the terminal was "already antiquated in relation

to the business it handled." With such a large influx of skiing tourists during the winter months, the terminal's number of passengers, along with their baggage and skis, created "chaos" in the small facility.

County Commission Chairman Rupert House said expansion of the terminal will also have a positive effect on the personnel who work there, noting they worked under crowded conditions before.

The terminal now has a covered entry way for loading and unloading, two large waiting areas, an expanded lobby and new restroom facilities.

"The airport land was given to the city of Hailey 51 years ago by the Friedman family with the stipulation the grounds be utilized as a public airport. If the land ever ceases to be used that way, it will revert back to the Friedman trust," Drake explained.

The city thereby owns nearly all of the property—the airport is situated on, but it is administered by an airport commission. The airport board is comprised of seven representatives from Hailey, Bellevue, Ketchum, Sun Valley and Blaine County.

Drake said that over the past six years this airport has been unique in that it has been "self supporting" with no tax dollars used to fund the facility.

Due to the increased traffic volume the airport has experienced over the last several years, Drake said there is a possibility the FAA will put in a control tower for the airport "sometime in the future."

Tim DiIulo, of Boise Electric, puts the finishing touches on Friedman Memorial Airport's \$490,000 expansion job

Horizon may install landing system

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

HAILEY — Horizon Air of Seattle is considering installing its own guidance system at Hailey's Friedman Memorial Airport to allow instrument-only landings by commuter flights.

Horizon chairman Mill Kuol said the microwave landing system, one of the newest available for commuter aircraft, could cost close to \$750,000 to install. The airline is undertaking the project itself, he said.

The Friedman Airport currently has no landing approach system. The conventional type of guidance uses radio waves to show pilots a

landing path. By checking instruments, the pilots can follow a glide path to runways.

However, "the ILS (instrument landing system) is not suited to this terrain in the mountains," says Friedman Airport manager Paschal Drake.

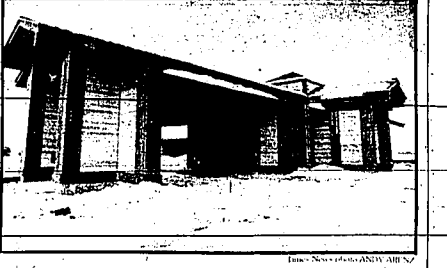
The proposed MLS (microwave landing system) is a more sophisticated system, allowing steeper glide paths and shorter approaches, he said. MLS is widely used at Canadian airfields. Few U.S. airports or airlines use it, partially because of the cost of the cockpit equipment, Drake said.

But, Horizon is purchasing new aircraft outfit with MLS instruments. The airline

previously has announced plans to purchase at least 10 — and possibly 20 — De Havilland Dash 8 craft. The 37-passenger jet will replace some 40-passenger and some 18-passenger commuter planes, Horizon officials have said.

Manufacturers of the system currently are doing feasibility studies of the airport, Drake said. It could take a year before the system is built and approved for use by federal aviation authorities, he estimated.

The system would be the airline's second substantial investment in the Hailey area, recently. It aided the airport in financing a just-completed expansion of its main terminal.



Exterior view of the airport's remodeled terminal

Employee policy petition filed

By LINDA LARSON
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The City Council was given a petition containing 375 signatures Tuesday that asked for an end to a policy requiring all city employees to live within one mile of the Rupert city limits.

The informal petition was read to the council by Rupert resident Carla Jesse.

Jesse asked council members for their comments after reading the short document. However, they declined comment until their Feb. 4 session.

Mayor Bill Whitton said the council will listen to other comments on the issue and will also get recommendations from City Attorney Don

Chisholm.

The controversy erupted at the last council meeting, when Homer Cox, who lives just outside the buffer zone but is not a city employee, presented his views before the council.

An opposing viewpoint was given when the residence policy was supported in a prepared statement read by Bonnie Vorwallter, office manager at Land View Fertilizer in Rupert.

The lengthy statement named four Idaho cities with similar rulings, cited increased transportation costs as a reason for keeping the policy and raised the question of payment of city taxes as a requisite for city employment.

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Building funding undetermined Council OKs state studies for 4 potential prison sites

BOISE (AP) — The state will launch engineering studies at four potential sites, including Gooding, for a new maximum security prison, which will cost at least \$32 million to build.

The Permanent Building Fund Council Wednesday authorized studies at all four sites, to find out how much it will cost for utilities and support facilities.

Public Works Director Brian Chase estimated it will cost about \$20,000 for the engineering studies, which then will be used in making the decision where to locate the new prison.

But nobody even discussed the major question — where will the Legislature get money to build a multimillion-dollar new prison in a year when it's facing a deficit of more than \$25 million just to finance ongoing operations?

The sites to be studied are at Gooding, Boise, Nampa and Orofino. Chase said the new maximum security building could be built near the main prison, south of Boise, but there will be heavy utility costs because more water and extra electricity will be needed.

Part of the Idaho State School and

Hospital campus at Nampa could be used, Chase said.

The studies also will include the cost of building the prison at Gooding, where the state has an existing tuberculosis hospital.

The fourth site is at Orofino, near State Hospital North, which once was one of Idaho's two mental institutions.

Corrections Director Al Murphy told the board there's no question the state needs extra prison facilities, and the most pressing need is high-security quarters.

According to modern definitions, he said, Idaho has no cellblocks qualifying as maximum, or close-custody, buildings.

The prison system had 1,255 inmates as of this week, he said, in facilities designed for 1,235.

Using even a cautious population growth estimate, Murphy said, by 1990, the state will need another 500 prison beds. He told the board the Legislature is seriously considering major changes in criminal sentencing laws, which could increase the prison population even more quickly.

If the Legislature eliminates the automatic "good time" taken off sentences, the extra 500 beds could be needed by 1988. And if the

Legislature votes to require violent offenders to serve at least one-half of their sentences, instead of the current one-third, the population will go up even more, he said.

Murphy said elimination of the "good time" provision will add about 120 prisoners per year to the prison population and the one-half requirement could add another 60 per year.

"We expect that if these figures are wrong they will be too low," Murphy said.

Chase said his department has done some evaluation of the sites, but the total cost of a new prison at any site will depend on many factors besides the cost of the cellblocks themselves.

He said at one point that the Orofino site "looks surprisingly good" but later refused to say whether he favored that site over the others.

"There's nothing solid yet. There are a lot of 'ifs' still," he said.

Board member Jerry Hesse-Namoff said that since it's obvious that the need is for a maximum security facility, the board and legislators need some solid estimates on what each potential site will cost.

Fear snuffs Christmas compassion

I pushed my cart down the grocery store aisle, my mind buzzing with a thousand details. I needed napkins for the open house, maybe red polka-dot print. And I had to remember to get Colleen and Rudy their yearly bottle of Idaho Ste. Chapelle wine.

Ham was on sale. Maybe we should have ham for dinner Christmas Day. And why not pick up another Christmas album. I'd about worn the rungs out on my "Nutcracker Suite" album. I felt full of Christmas Spirit.

With my grocery cart overflowing, I lumbered wishfully past the Express Lane over to the long checkout line. My son John Oliver was

Diana Hooley
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Neighbors

"mummying" me to death about buying him some candy. While I leaped through a magazine, John decided I wasn't listening to him, so he helped himself to the candy rack.

I was reading about "Recipes for Fifty Holiday Cookies" when I overheard: "Can't you reach that sucker at the top? I'll help you. I loved suckers when I was a kid."

I turned around to see who was

talking to John and I couldn't believe my eyes. It was Jack. He was barely recognizable. His face was covered with a scraggly grey beard and the wrinkles of a man twice his age. With his nix-fitting, ragged overalls, he looked every bit the 'bum.'

Jack had worked for us a time or two in the past. He was never dependable, but when he did do something, you could count on it being done well. One year, a particularly wet autumn, he sloshed around in mud and snow helping us to get our sugarbeets out of the ground. Whatever dark secrets he'd had in the past, he sure was a God-send to

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Buhl board sets teaching staff cuts for 1986

By KAREN MAIN
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Buhl School Board members put off a decision Tuesday on whether to ask voters for an override levy in early 1986, but they did vote to implement a reduction-in-force policy to cut teaching positions next year.

Since the school district is "financially depressed," Superintendent Gus Spiropoulos said that two months ago he proposed asking for an override levy in February and later also recommended eliminating six teaching positions.

But after listening to comments from the community, and particularly the suggestions of former state senator John Barker, Spiropoulos said he recommended "waiting until" after the legislative session for the results on state funding for education before considering an override election. The board members agreed.

"They did not decide that they would indeed run a levy," Spiropoulos said. "I can't say right now what the board's going to do."

Based on the superintendent's second recommendation, the board members voted to put a reduction-in-force policy into action, although they did not specify which teachers or

programs would be eliminated.

"The question right now is how many (teaching positions) will be eliminated," Spiropoulos said. "Nothing is set in stone."

Representatives of the Friends of 412, a newly-organized group of citizens who support the school district, asked the board to delay a vote on the reduction-in-force policy until the next meeting, the superintendent said.

So there is a chance that at the next meeting on Jan. 23 the board members could reverse their decision on cutting teachers because they will be listening to further suggestions from the community, Spiropoulos said.

Sen. Tominaga gathers input from Valley School Board

By INA HADAM
Times-News correspondent

HAZELTON — Valley School Board trustees met with Sen. Lynn Tominaga, R-Paul, at their recent regular monthly meeting.

Tominaga told school board members he is visiting with city council members, county commissioners and school trustees to hear what they think are the major concerns of area residents.

He stressed the Legislature will face tough issues when it convenes in January because there will not be enough money to meet everyone's needs. He said farm credit and education are two major issues that concern him.

Tominaga said he will work for designated monies for classroom materials, because he has learned that many teachers spend from \$20 to \$75 per month out of their own pockets to buy extra materials for use in the classroom.

However, Chairman Keith Huettig questioned whether they need for local school boards. He said the Legislature "ties strings to all appropriations." That way, the Legislature becomes, in effect, the governing body for all schools, Huettig said.

Tominaga said such designations are made to insure the money will go where it is supposed to.

However, Trustee Irene Johnson told Tominaga that each school district is in a unique, and discretion should be left to each

district whether they want to hire better teachers or provide more materials.

Trustee Delbert Kohz said he has four children in the Valley School District and is satisfied with the education they are getting. He said he thinks the district is doing a good job.

Trustee Rob Rogerson said Idaho needs to be competitive, but the state is in a no-win situation because industry is needed to increase the tax base for better education, but

industry also needs an educated work force.

The trustees said they are committed to each community's right to decide for itself what is most important, a sentiment which Tominaga said is gaining more support.

In other business, Superintendent Arlyn Bodily said an on-site evaluation conducted last spring listed lighting and ventilation as problems along with the lack of colored traffic lanes painted on the floor for safety.

These problems will be corrected as soon as possible, he said.



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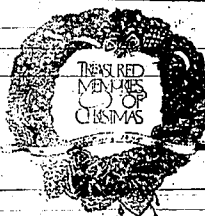
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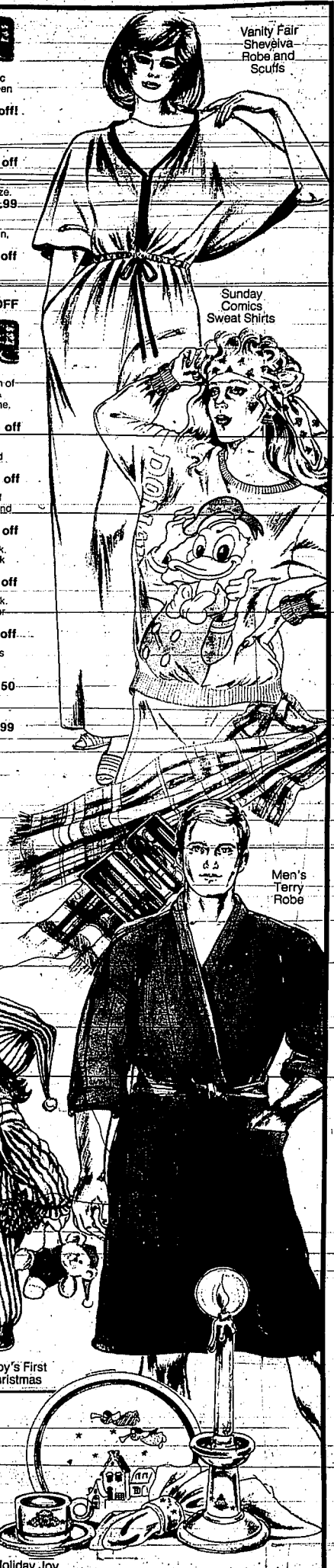
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 Cox refused the taxation argument by stating that anyone who shops in Tupper pays city taxes in a secondary way because, he said, the shopkeeper pays taxes with money received from the consumer.
 Mayor Bill Whitton thanked the petitioners for the orderly way he had approached the council. "This is a touchy issue," he said.
 In other business:
 The council denied a claim submitted at the last meeting by bar operator Cyrus Cook. Cook claimed that she lost \$302 in cash by a when her establishment was closed by

Rupert police. Gold said Wednesday that she has hired an attorney and will pursue the matter in court because she feels her civil rights were violated.
 The council heard a report from insurance agent Floyd Green on the status of their application to Hartford Insurance Company for liability insurance. Present city coverage will lapse on Jan. 1.
 Whitton said the city has the option of joining with the Association of Idaho Cities in a joint insurance venture or of finding its own coverage.

Will protest repayment request

Jerome OKs partial payback to EPA

By INA HADAM
 Times-News correspondent
 JEROME — The Jerome City Council decided Tuesday to pay back \$1.62 of the \$76,107 in grant monies the Environmental Protection Agency said must be returned.

The EPA has notified him that a review will be held to determine if the request will be granted.
 Public Works Director Larry Sloan told the council plans for the treatment plant were all approved in 1978, including the now questioned portions, before construction began in 1979. Operation began in late 1981, and the final inspection was made on Feb. 3, 1985, with no mention of excessive costs made at any time, Sloan said.

To expedite planning and zoning appointments, which are needed immediately because of expiring terms of present members, the council voted unanimously to suspend the rules on the required three readings of the ordinance regulating these appointments.

W.R. Henderson Construction Co. of Rexburg on the swimming pool and fenced children's wading pool, which was constructed last summer.
 The report lists eight recommended changes to the pool filter system to insure trouble-free operation in the future and to comply with the Idaho State Health Codes.

The money is part of a \$5.1 million grant the city used to build its new wastewater treatment plant. The federal agency notified city officials in early November that over \$78,000 in "excessive" landscaping costs are ineligible for funding.

Sloan said the city has a "good case" because everything was approved by all agencies before construction was ever started.

Those appointed by the council to the Planning and Zoning Board are: Verle Sullivan, reappointed to a four-year term; Ivan Stone and Stephen Miller, each reappointed to six-year terms; and Charlie DeAtley reappointed for a three-year term.

The primary recommendation is to install a separate filter system for the wading pool because the chemical requirements of the wading pool are much greater than the main pool, she said.

Of the \$1,632 the City Council agreed to repay about half of the money was used for upkeep on the old plant before the new plant was constructed; and the other half was for extra costs due to a contractor running over his contract date.

In other business:
 Mayor Ralph Peters said the city code providing for two-year appointments to the Planning and Zoning Board conflicts with state laws which say that appointments must be made for a minimum of three years. He said the city ordinance needs to be amended to correspond with the state code.

New members appointed are Bill Allred and Lon McDonald, each for a four-year term; and Robert Tompiller for a three-year term.

The report lists the recommendations in order of importance with the estimated costs involved for each phase. Vandiver said the cost for all eight recommendations is approximately \$33,000, but for this year, the analysis is the only item in the budget.

Council members also decided to send a letter of protest to the EPA asking for an "informal conference" on the repayment request. Sloan

presented an evaluation report by

Councilwoman Jeanne Vandiver presented an evaluation report by

Sloan said the reason the analysis was prepared was to prevent any major problems. "We don't want any surprises," he said.

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 us that year.
 Though we weren't totally ignorant of Jack's history, he had had a family once, with wife and kids. We think he left them, but then again, maybe they left him. After that, Jack got into some trouble because he kept bothering young high school girls. We heard once Jack got caught being a Peeping Tom.
 I remembered he liked to prow around at night. Sometimes he left strange evidence of his prowling. We'd see weeds tied together in neat bundles with balling twine along the roadside or find feathers in our mailboxes. These were Jack's calling cards.
 With such odd behavior, I was understandably afraid of Jack. But he was really quite likeable and had never done anything the least bit violent. After Jack moved away I'd occasionally see him in town. He was always carrying a little brown sack with a bottle in it. I noted this especially because I had never seen him drink when he lived in our neighborhood.
 It was apparent to me that things weren't going well for Jack. But I didn't know his life had deteriorated

to the point it had, until I saw him in the grocery store.
 I'm ashamed to admit it, but I lost my Christmas spirit when I saw Jack talking with my son. I thought of all the weird things he'd done in the past and how dirty he was. I guess I was still a little afraid of him. I don't know why now. He was so skinny and frail I don't think he could have hurt a fly even if he'd wanted to.
 How often does fear prevent us from reaching out to people? It only occurred to me later, that Jack probably didn't get to talk with too many children, living the kind of life he does. It must have been the highlight of his day to chat with little John. And wouldn't it have been even nicer to have a familiar face like mine say, "Hello and Merry Christmas"? Someone who had the genuine Christmas spirit of compassion and kindness. I'm sorry my fears overcame my Christmas spirit. But the next time I'm in town, I'm going to keep my eye out for Jack. I'm determined to make it up to him.
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TWIN FALLS — The following people were sentenced recently in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls:

Patrick Soumwe, 21, of 1322 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, petit theft, \$300 fine, 10 days in jail-suspended, 12-month probation.

Randy Glenn Barth, 28, of 128 10th Ave. N., Twin Falls, possession of a controlled substance, 90 days in jail-suspended, \$500 fine, 10-month probation monitored by Twin Falls County, enrollment in Port of Hope substance-abuse outpatient program.

Robert Scott Bulkey, 23, of 107 Oak St., Castleford, driving under the influence, \$300 fine, 200 suspended, 90 days in jail-suspended, 10-month monitored probation, 90-day driver's license suspension, outpatient program.

Manuel Armondarez Jr., 22, of 462 Madison St., Twin Falls, DUI, \$500 fine, 90 days in jail-85 days suspended, 90-day license suspension, 12-month probation, outpatient program.

Marty L. Stayner, 29, of 455 Ridgeway Drive, Twin Falls, disorderly conduct, \$150 fine, 10 days in jail-suspended, 10-month probation, destruction of private property, \$50 fine, restitution.

Leon R. Smith, 48, of Buckeye, Ariz., DUI, 54 days in jail, 90-day license suspension.

Barry W. Fuller, 36, of Route 4, Twin Falls, DUI, 180 days in jail-150 days suspended, \$300 fine, 10-month probation, 10-month monitored probation, outpatient program.

Daniel Eugene Ford, 22, of 529 E. Ave. W., Jerome, DUI, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, 90 days in jail-suspended, 10 months in probation, 90-day license suspension, outpatient program.

Jerry Lynn Burgess, 33, of 220 5th St. W., Twin Falls, DUI, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, 90 days in jail-suspended, 10-month monitored probation, 60-day license suspension, outpatient program.

Charles Andrew Bailey, 24, of 212 Ramage St., Twin Falls, license suspension, 10 days in jail-suspended, 12-month probation, \$100 fine.

Jimmy Ray Adams, 24, of 104 Second St. W., Hansen, battery, \$300 fine, \$150 suspended, 10 days in jail-suspended, five-month monitored probation, restitution.

Johnny R. Wood, 42, of 609 Orchard Ave., Eden, DUI, 30 days in jail-60 days suspended, \$500 fine, 180-day license suspension, 24-month probation, driving without privileges, 90 days in jail-60 days suspended, \$500 fine-suspended, 90-day license suspension, 24-month probation, jail time to run consecutively.

Anita Ellen Stevens, 28, of 1020 Second Ave., Rupert, DUI, \$500 fine, \$150 suspended, 180 days in jail-150 days suspended, 24-month probation, 90-day license suspension, outpatient program.

David Franklin Ray, 19, of 1217 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, DUI, \$500 fine, 90 days in jail-75 days suspended, 24-month probation, 90-day license suspension, outpatient program.

Samuel Van Jordan Jr., 24, of 373 Martin St., Twin Falls, battery, \$250 fine, 10 days in jail-suspended, 12-month probation, Port of Hope evaluation.

Mike Ed Jacobsen, 20, of Twin Falls, DUI, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, 90 days in jail-suspended, 10-month monitored probation, 90-day license suspension, outpatient program.

Michael J. Ehrmantraut, 17, of Route 1, Kimbrey, DUI, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, 90 days in jail-suspended, 10-month monitored probation, 90-day license suspension.

Clay E. Starr, 18, of Twin Falls, no proof of insurance, \$35 fine.

Donald E. McFarland, 20, of 2150 Seventh Ave. E., Twin Falls, no insurance, \$35 fine.

Masson Wade Ipsenwein, 16, of 707 Rim-View Lane, (Twin Falls, illegal consumption, \$100 fine, altered driver's license, \$50 fine, enrollment in teen alcohol awareness program.

Sherry Ann Davison, 23, of 1322 Washington St. N., Twin Falls, obstructing an officer, \$100 fine.

Kenneth Leigh Tracy, 26, of 580 Harrison St., Twin Falls, no proof of insurance, \$200 fine.

James Harper Monroe, Sr., 52, of Salmon, petit theft, \$500 fine, \$200 suspended, 12-month probation.

Ronald E. Ely, 27, of 334 Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, DUI, five days in jail, \$484 fine, 90-day license suspension, driving without privileges, 30 days in jail, 180-day license suspension, jail time to run concurrently.

Vickie Jo Perry, 22, of 1791 Heyburn Ave. E., Twin Falls, DUI, two days in jail, \$184 fine, 120-day license suspension.

Eugenio A. Naranjo, 34, of 3031 Holsten St., Heyburn, DUI, \$484 fine, six days in jail, 90-day license suspension.

James Lee McFarland, 50, of 621 Locust St. S., Twin Falls, DUI, 180 days in jail, one-year license suspension.

Michael Anthony Jones, 25, of Twin Falls, indecent exposure, \$300 fine, suspended, 180 days in jail-150 days suspended, 24-month probation, ordered to continue counseling.

Roy Grant Holcomb, 46, of 136 North Ave. W., Twin Falls, petit theft, \$300 fine, 30 days in jail-ordered to serve 20 hours of community service, 12-month probation.

Juan M. Hernandez, 25, of 512 Blue

Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, DUI, four days in jail, one-year license suspension, jail \$834 fine.

Randy Hazen, 27, of 347 Jackson St., Twin Falls, indecent exposure, \$300 fine, one-year withheld judgment, continue counseling.

Reid S. Hayes, 45, of 1860 Skyline

Frank Cunningham, 57, of Idaho Falls, DUI, \$584 fine, two days in jail, 180-day license suspension.

Rebecca-Ann Bethel, 38, of 227 Sixth Ave. E., Twin Falls, petit theft, 10 days in jail.

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Friday also is the deadline for full payment of 1985 personal property taxes.

Payments may be made to the treasurer's office in the Twin Falls County Courthouse between 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. or mailed to Box 88, Twin Falls, with a postmark no later than midnight Friday.

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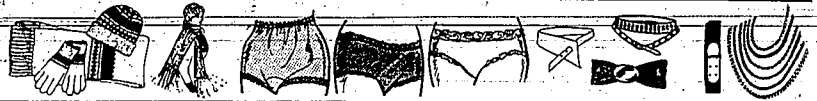
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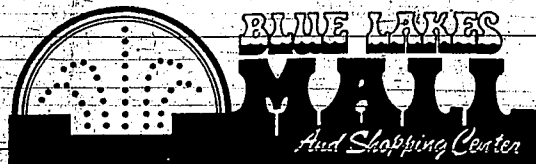
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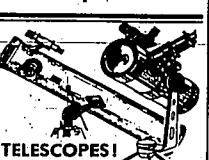
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Wind turbine up for sale

MEDICINE BOW, Wyo. (AP) — For sale: a 580,000-pound wind turbine with cracked shaft. Estimated cost to repair: \$1.5 million. Make offer.

The federal General Services Administration has announced it is taking offers from the public on the ailing Boeing Mod 2 Wind Turbine near Medicine Bow.

The turbine was built to aid in energy research following the Arab oil embargo of mid-1970s. The Bureau of Reclamation, which owns the turbine, offered the damaged machine to other government agencies, but came up with no buyers.

So the government has turned to the public. Public affairs specialist Clark Germann said if no buyer is found, the turbine will be dismantled and sold for scrap.

He added that the Medicine Bow wind turbine project will continue into 1986. Although the Mod 2 is idle, another turbine at the site, a Hamilton Standard, continues to whirl. Its future will depend on funding.

Commenting on the structure of the Mod-2, Germann said the Bureau of Reclamation "knew the design would have to be refined."

Profit takers raid Wall Street

By RICK GLADSTONE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stock prices closed lower Wednesday for the second straight day as more investors entered the market and skimmed off Wall Street's record gains in active trading.

"I think the market's great fireworks are in the past," said Michael Metz, an analyst with the New York Investment firm Oppenheimer and Co. Inc. "My feeling is that it's tired, not exhausted, and will rest for awhile."

Larry Wachel, market analyst for Prudential-Bache Securities, said "Yesterday and today were the first two days where people came in and said, 'I don't care where it's going, I want to get out, I want my money.'"

The Dow Jones average of 30 Industrials closed

at 1,542.43, down 2.07, after a brief rally led by the blue chips. On Tuesday, the Dow fell 8.60 points from an unprecedented high of 1,558.10. The indicator's 36th record achieved this year.

The New York Stock Exchange's composite index, which measures all Big Board-listed issues, closed at 120.68, down 0.49. At the American Stock Exchange, the market value index was 243.32, off 0.53.

Decliners outran gainers by a 3-2 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled 137.89 million shares, compared with 155.23 million in the previous session.

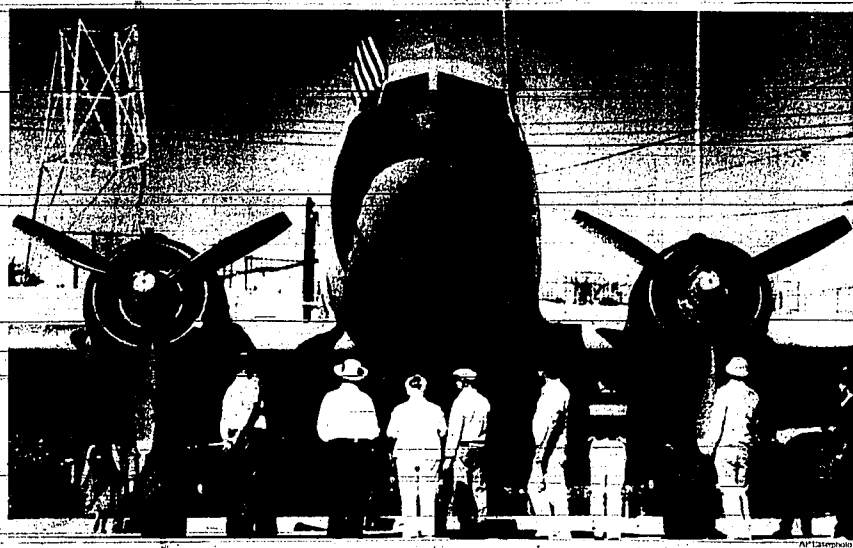
Nationwide turnover in NYSE-listed issues, including trades in those stocks on regional exchanges and in the over-the-counter market, totaled 169.87 million shares.

Among the most active NYSE-listed issues was Western Union, which rose 3/4 to 13 1/2 on volume exceeding \$20 million shares. Earlier, the stock was trading heavily at 14 1/2 up 1/2, apparently on speculation that Federal Express was prepared to make a bid of \$20 a share for the company.

Also traded heavily was Texaco, at 29 1/2, up 2. Texas said it had won a court order temporarily stopping Pennzoil from seizing its assets to enforce an \$11.1 billion judgment against the country's third-largest oil company.

Declining stocks hit automakers, retailers, airlines, electronics firms, financial firms, oil companies and drug manufacturers, but utilities showed gains, notably Ameritech at 106, up 1 1/2, and Nynex at 96 1/2, up 1/2.

The NASDAQ composite index for the over-the-counter market closed at 322.48, off 0.77.



Taking a close-up look at a war-painted version of the DC-3 are some of those attending ceremonies Tuesday. Nostalgic crowd at celebration for DC-3

'Grand Old Lady' of skies turns 50

The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Fifty years after the virtually unnoticed first flight of the DC-3, a nostalgic crowd of supporters gathered Tuesday to swap stories about the legendary "Grand Old Lady" of the skies.

The celebration, attended by about 1,000 former Douglas Aircraft Co. employees and Santa Monica residents whose lives were touched by the plane, was capped by a reenactment of its first flight 50 years before, said Santa Monica Airport Director Hank Dittmar.

"I guess it looked as good today as it did back then," Dittmar said, noting the flight brought a rousing cheer from the crowd.

"They were there — not for a retirement, but for a midlife party" honoring the craft that revolutionized air travel and helped the Allies win World War II, he said.

About 2,000 of the original 10,629 U.S.

produced DC-3s are still in use.

Planned as a "sleeper" version of its DC-2 predecessor for long transcontinental flights, the DC-3 was designed in 1935 by about 20 Douglas employees who never guessed the plane's eventual success, said Arthur Raymond, the craft's assistant chief engineer.

"We were excited and exhilarated by what we were doing, and we had a... good time," he recalled in a recent interview. "But never in our wildest dreams did we imagine what the next half-century would bring. Ten thousand DC-3s? Are you crazy?"

The luxury transport designed in Santa Monica revolutionized air travel, said Malcolm Olsson, chief engineer of the C-53 military version and one of the few who witnessed the plane's first flight.

"The DC-3 introduced highest speed and greater comfort," he said. "It was very reliable. ... It gave aviation a sense of security.

People all of a sudden had faith in the airplane.

So did the military. With America's entry into the war, the military essentially took over Douglas' production plant in Santa Monica. The company opened new plants in Long Beach and Oklahoma City, and production accelerated to about 18.5 planes a day over the course of the war.

The plane was used primarily for airlifting supplies and troops from Burma to Sicily.

Production was phased out in 1945, but the military kept its versions aloft for transport during the Korean and Vietnam wars. Historians for the McDonnell Douglas Corp. estimate that 2,000 are still flying, carrying out duties from transportation to crop dusting.

"There was such a volume available and so many people know how to fly them and take care of them," explained Raymond. "It was almost like the Model T Ford. I don't know of any other plane that did anything like it."

Details listed for farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1985 farm bill is a massive piece of legislation extending and revising federal programs from crop subsidies to food stamps and foreign food throughput.

Here is a summary of the major sections of the bill:

WHEAT AND FEED GRAINS — Farmers will continue to receive crop loans to harvest with the option of repaying them or if prices fail to reach the loan level, defaulting and letting the crop go into government storage.

Loan rates, however, would be dropped from 80 cents for wheat to 75 cents from their current \$2.55 a bushel to \$2.40, wheat from \$3.30 to \$3. The wheat, the loan rates would be keyed to market prices, with any government adjustment limited to 10 percent annually. The agriculture secretary would be given authority to reduce the rate an additional 20 percent in any one year (and would be required to do so by at least 10 percent in 1986) if need to quickly get prices competitive in world markets.

Farmers would continue to receive "deficiency payments" to make up the difference between market prices and targets set by law. The targets would be frozen for two years at current levels, \$3.03 per bushel for corn and \$4.38 for wheat. In the three subsequent years, the rate would be cut by 3 percent, 3 percent and 5 percent. Up to 5 percent of the payments each year could be made in the form of surplus government-owned commodities.

Under the bill, the programs would have to reduce planted acreage if surplus stocks exceed certain triggers levels. Wheat growers would have to idle 15 percent of their acres in 1986, and 20 percent in 1987-90; corn farmers would idle 12 1/2 percent throughout the five years.

The agriculture secretary could require idling as much as 25 percent of wheat land and 20 percent for corn.

The current \$9,000-per-farmer limit on direct payments would be maintained, although certain payments to make up for lower loan rates would be exempt from the limit.

If the buy-out program fails to reduce surpluses below certain targets.

COTTON AND RICE — Priced support loans for 1986 would be set at 50 percent of the loan rate in 1986-87, and 57.20 percent for rice, compared with current rates of 57 cents and 85. Thereafter, loan rates would be 85 percent of a five-year market average, with a minimum of 50 cents for cotton and \$5.50 for rice.

Annual reductions would be limited to no more than 5 percent.

A new program, the "marketing" program, would let cotton and rice growers repay their loans at less than they borrowed if market prices are below loan levels. For rice, repayment would be at the world market price or certain minimums: 50 percent of the loan rate in 1986-87, 60 percent in 1988, and 70 percent for 1989 and thereafter. Up to one-half the loan forgiveness could be paid in kind. In government-owned surplus commodities, for cotton, the secretary could take similar action, with the loan repayment rate either 80 percent of the loan or a floating amount that would vary with the world price.

Target prices would be frozen at 1985 levels for 1986, followed by annual reductions of 2, 3, 3 and 2 percent. The \$50,000 payment limit would apply, but with exceptions for sugar, rice, cotton, and peanuts. The secretary would have to compensate for lowered loan rates.

Producers would have to cut acreage by a maximum of 35 percent for rice and 25 percent for cotton in a five-year program for rice sugar.

SUGAR, PEANUTS, WOOL AND HONEY — The bill generally extends current programs. Support levels are frozen for sugar and wool, and peanut supports being held steady except for a possible upward adjustment for producer costs.

The honey program, which the Senate had proposed to eliminate, will instead be extended with a slight increase in the price support rate. Sugar loan rates of 18 cents a pound would continue to go to processors, with annual increases to be considered by the secretary based on inflation and production costs.

One change would require the president to lower sugar import quotas from the current 1.7 million tons to about 1.1 million tons, or to do essentially the same thing by spreading the current quota over a longer period, to limit how much cheaper foreign sugar comes into the United States and keep domestic market prices high enough to result in a no-cost program for the government. Wool producers would continue to get unlimited subsidy payments; an effort to cap them at \$50,000 was abandoned.

SOYBEANS — For the 1986 and 1987 soybean crops, the loan rate would remain at the current level of \$5.02, but in the three following years it would be set at 75 percent of the average market price, with annual increases. For 1988, there would be a floor on loans of \$3.50. The secretary would be able to drop loans another 5 percent in any year.

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Genentech wins monopoly on growth hormone

By KATHLEEN DAY
Los Angeles Times

The federal government has awarded Genentech a seven-year monopoly in the sale of a genetically engineered growth hormone, allowing the South San Francisco company to rack up what is believed to be another monumental first for itself and the fledgling biotechnology industry.

The Food and Drug Administration gave Genentech's drug, called Protopin, status as an "orphan drug" for the treatment of growth hormone deficiency, and Turner's Syndrome, a chromosomal disorder in female children. Orphan drugs are those intended to treat maladies

affecting no more than 200,000 people.

The status means that even if Genentech's drug, which is a genetically engineered version of a human protein, fails to win a U.S. patent, it will be protected from competing substances for seven years.

It is intended to give companies an incentive to develop drugs that otherwise might be unprofitable, given the small number of people who would buy them.

Growth hormone is like any prescription drug, however. Licensed physicians can prescribe it for uses other than those for which it has been approved. Genentech's drug has been created by athletes who use it to enhance muscle growth.

Because the FDA has granted the orphan drug status, the agency will not even consider requests from companies who want approval to market competing drugs. Genentech said that it believes it is the first company — big or small — ever to win such status for a drug that is also eligible for patent protection.

Under a 1982 law, the seven-year period begins when a company gets FDA approval to sell a drug. Protopin won approval in October as a treatment of growth hormone deficiency, making Genentech the first biotech company to sell a drug under its own label and greatly enhancing its chance of becoming a big-league player among the elite group of companies that develop, make and market their own products.

'Equal access' a confusing result of breakup of Bell System

Q. What is "equal access" what does it mean to you and why bring up the subject now?

A. "Equal access" means that all long-distance phone companies — MCI, Sprint, AT&T and so on — have equal access through the local phone companies to you and your long-distance dollars.

If you haven't already been notified about this by your local phone company, you will be soon. You select one company for your primary source. This is one result and a confusing one, of the breakup of AT&T back on Jan. 1, 1984, or what Forbes magazine dubs the great telephone election of 1983 and 1986.

Q. You've already received a ballot from your phone company plus a stack of mail from the long-distance companies, which includes

Regardless, use only one ballot or, if instructed, use an authorization card from a long-distance company, send in only one card, to one company.

Q. What if you don't choose?

A. If you don't make the selection on your own, you will be assigned to a long-distance company at random.

During the next nine months, millions of us in American households and businesses will have to choose a long-distance phone company. Already about 40 percent of affected consumers have made their choice; the remaining 60 percent will do so in the period before Sept. 1. The Q&A above gave you some of the answers to the more murky questions. Following are others.

Q. How do you know if your telephone exchange already has equal access?

A. Ask a service representative of your local phone company and expect to be treated with courtesy and understanding. The service representatives are being warned to handle the customers with care.

Q. What happens if you ignore the whole disruption? Won't you just be assigned to AT&T?

A. No. Moreover, in some exchanges, rebalancing is under way, or soon will be, for customers with rare didn't choose to switch to another long-distance phone company and who remained with AT&T when their exchange converted to equal access.

Q. What if you decide to switch later?

A. You will pay about \$5 to do

that. If you are assigned to a long-distance company, though, you have six months to switch for free from the date your exchange switches to equal access.

Q. Do all the long-distance companies offer directory assistance? What about international calls?

A. Most of the agencies offer directory assistance: Dial dia 1 — area code — 555-1212. Charges per request vary. You always can get long-distance information through AT&T. Similarly, several of the large companies provide international service, but if yours does not, or not to the countries you want, you can make your calls through AT&T. AT&T, however, is the only company that provides direct person-to-person calling.

"Many people don't realize that

they always retain access to AT&T as a backup," says Robert Krughoff, president of Washington Consumers' Choice Books. "Everyone can use it."

Q. How do you choose among the competitors?

A. You may save if you switch from AT&T, but the best check-out is to consult TRAC's pamphlet, "Long-Distance Options," available for \$1 (TRAC, P.O. Box 12038, Washington, D.C. 20005.) Include a self-addressed stamped business-size envelope, or look for more in "The Complete Guide to Lower Phone Costs," by Robert Krughoff (\$8.95, 806 15th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005.)

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Markets

Mutual funds

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for fund name, category, and various performance metrics like returns and assets.

Closing commodity futures

Table of commodity futures prices for various months, including categories like Month Commodity, May Meats, and Dec. live cattle.

Local interest stock quotations

Table of local interest stock quotations listing companies like Alberson, Amer Royal Ty, and Sana Lee with their respective prices and changes.

Valley beans

Great northern: 5 1/2 @ 20.0, 4 1/2 @ 21.00, and 7 1/2 @ 22.00. Soft white beans: 3 1/2 @ 19.00, 2 1/2 @ 18.00, and 1 1/2 @ 17.00.

Valley grains

Soft white wheat: 3.02, barley: 4.65, mixed grain: 4.65 and 4.45, and corn: 4.67.

Metal prices

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices: Aluminum - 57.05 cents per pound, NY Coking - 49.72 cents per pound, NY Domestic Copper - 89.50 cents per pound.

Sugar futures

NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York, Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange: Sugar-No. 11 - 11.00, Sugar-No. 12 - 10.50.

Produce

CHICAGO (AP) - USA - Butter was unchanged Wednesday at \$1.3975-1.4075, 1 1/2 percent higher than Tuesday's closing.

Texaco gains order barring Pennzoil liens

NEW YORK (AP) - A judge has issued a temporary order blocking Pennzoil Co. from attaching liens on assets of Texaco Inc. before settlement of issues surrounding the \$1.1 billion judgment.

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Livestock

ASSOCIATION - Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome reports the following prices for the cash and live livestock: Dec. 11 classes ready to ship: 2.28, 2.29, 2.29, 2.29.

Most actives

Table of most active stocks including companies like Coca-Cola, Exxon, and Amstar with their trading volumes.

Chicago grain

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Truck and rail cars for grain delivered to Chicago, Oklahoma for the week ending Dec. 8, 1985: 1,242,000 bushels.

Potatoes

CHICAGO (AP) - USA - Major potato markets for shipping points: Idaho No. 1 - 1.70, Idaho No. 2 - 1.60, Idaho No. 3 - 1.50.

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Closing prices

Table of closing prices for various commodities including New York (AP) - Wednesday national prices for New York Stock Exchange issues, and various international and domestic market data.

Western grain

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Inter-... POCATELLO - White wheat 3.51 (steady); barley 5.05 (steady); winter wheat 3.46 (steady); barley 5.05 (steady); 14 percent spring 3.73 (steady); 11 percent...

PORTLAND (AP) - Morning figures for grain shipment by rail, truck or barge, per bushel. No. 1 white club wheat 3.89 No. 2 white club wheat 3.89 No. 3 white club wheat 3.89...

PORTLAND (AP) - Bids at 1:30 p.m. MST Wednesday for grain arriving at Portland for current shipment by rail, truck or barge, per bushel, except oats, corn, barley and sorghum, per cwt. No. 1 white club wheat 3.88 No. 2 white club wheat 3.88...

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Engagements



Cynthia Crow



Sheila Hansen

Crow-Bitzenburg

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Bill Crow, Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Cynthia Louise, to James Roy Bitzenburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bitzenburg, Twin Falls.

Crow graduated cum laude from the University of Idaho in 1985 with a degree in graphic design. She is employed in the design department of the Bon Marche in Boise.

Bitzenburg, a 1981 graduate of Boise State University with a major in geology, farms near Twin Falls.

A March 15 wedding is planned at St. Edward's Catholic Church.

Hansen-Nielsen

TWIN FALLS — Sheila Hansen and Craig B. Nielsen announce their engagement.

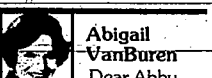
Hansen, the daughter of the late Abe A. Hansen, Burley, and the late LaWanna C. Sorensen, Dietrich, is a graduate of Link's Business School. She is employed by the Swan Insurance Agency.

Nielsen, son of Howard and Ethel Nielsen, Twin Falls, is a graduate of the University of Idaho. He is employed by Boise Interagency Fire Center.

The wedding is planned for April 26.

Hindsight leads couple to plan for own funeral

DEAR ABBY: I am writing out of concern for others who may have to go through what I have. I lost both my parents recently in an automobile accident.



Abigail VanBuren Dear Abby

The shock was hard enough to deal with, but on top of that, I had to take care of all the funeral arrangements. My parents had never discussed the subject with me, and I had absolutely no idea where to start, what kind of arrangements to make or how I was going to pay for it.

I am newly married and the oldest of their children, so the entire responsibility fell on me. Having to handle all this while under so much emotional stress was traumatic. I still wonder if I made the right decisions.

Some good did come out of this, however. After it was over, my husband and I arranged our own funerals by making a prepaid contract with a local mortician. Now we have the peace of mind of knowing that everything will be the way we want it, and that terrible chore will not fall on either one of us or our children.

I hope you put this in your column. It might start people to thinking so they won't continue to put off this unpleasant task. After all, death is natural and comes to all of us.

have no guarantee that you will not move to another state and die there. If you do, what happens to your contract? Also, what happens to your contract if your mortician goes out of business, or sells it to another mortician?

DEAR ABBY: Do you think grounding a 10-year-old boy for six weeks is a just punishment for getting C's on his report card? I could understand this kind of punishment for D's, but I always thought a C was a passing mark.

The boy's parents think he has the potential to do better because his sisters get A's and B's.

What do you think?

INTERESTED PARTY

DEAR INTERESTED: I don't know whether the boy is working up to his potential or not, but I do know that children should never be compared with their siblings.

Praise and encouragement would do more for a 10-year-old than punishment. I think grounding the boy for six weeks is five weeks too long.

J.L. IN W.VA.

DEAR J.L.: You were very wise. I hope you were wise enough to have your "prepaid contract" examined by your attorney.

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Middle age creeps up on baby boomers who turn 40 in '86

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Baby Boom generation, that huge group of Americans who burst forth after World War II to flood the schools and reorient American society toward youth, is about to start turning 40. The first 9,000 or so members of that generation, a group that has had an unsettling effect on America since it began arriving, will mark their 40th birthday with the start of the new year, said Cheryl Russell, editor of American Demographics magazine. Throughout their lives, Baby Boomers have placed stresses on American society, said Leon F. Bouvier, of the Population Reference Bureau, a private research group in Washington.

The problem is, it's a one-shot phenomenon. Never before, and maybe never again, will we have a generation surrounded by smaller ones. That alone is wild," Bouvier said in a telephone interview.

The Baby Boom generation has flooded the nation's schools, then the colleges, the work force—the housing market and so forth—building demand for goods and services and leaving in its wake a smaller generation with fewer requirements.

While academics disagree over the exact span of the Baby Boom, most concur that it began with the return of the military personnel after World War II, lasting into the early 1960s when birth rates dropped off sharply.

The war ended in 1945 when the United States had a birth rate of 20.4 births per 1,000 women aged 15 to 44, or a total of 2,858,000 live births.

The following year, the boom got under way as the rate jumped to 24.1 with a total of 3,411,000 births. And the rate remained high — total births averaged more than 4 million annually for 17 years — until the early 1960s when the Baby Boom generation itself began arriving at childbearing age. But they didn't reproduce.

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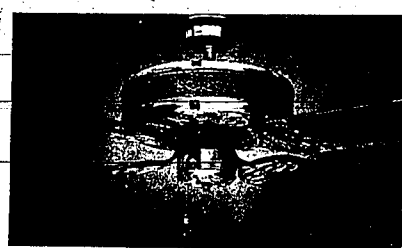
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Portable and multi-directional, make these clamp lamps ideal! Designed to clamp securely on round and flat surfaces. A keyhole slot is provided on the clamp for hanging. Flexible gooseneck or swivel-bracket design. 60 watt rated • CLC-105/CLB-105.

\$5⁹⁹

EMERSON HOT WATER DISPENSER



Instant hot water at your fingertips. Great for all instant foods, beverages and soups. Costs less than a 40 watt bulb to operate. Provides up to 40 cups per hr. Easy, 4 step installation. Saves energy-saves time.

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MODEL #E330
REG. 69.43

FOAM PIPE INSULATION

Insulates both hot and cold pipes • Retains its shape to maintain its fit • Just split and slip over the pipe, without chips, bands, zippers, or adhesive! • 6 ft. lengths.

1/2" COPPER
1/4" GAL. PIPE
Reg. \$1.79

\$1⁴⁹


Length #638C75A

1" COPPER
1/2" GAL. PIPE
Reg. \$2.49

\$2¹⁹

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SMOKE ALARM



Compact 4 1/2" design • Advanced solid state reliability • Test button • Low battery signal.

\$8⁸⁸

FAN-GLO PORTABLE HEATER



3 heat selections—600, 900, or 1500 watts—Radiant element reflector, makes good "thin warmer". Bigger element & fan for heating large rooms. Tip over switch. LIFETIME GUARANTEE ON PATENTED RADIANT ELEMENT. 120 VOLT

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ALSONS SHOWER MASSAGE "HAND-HEAD"



Massage action shower arm is ideal for apartment, dormitory, or home use. Can be used as over head shower or hand held. Includes shower arm, coil hose, and adaptor mounting bracket. #43C-PK. REG. 39.21

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ALSONS SHOWER MASSAGE HEAD



Pure satisfaction: From a soft relaxing spray to an invigorating shower. Alsons features a wide angle design with adjustment collars for a narrow spray. Virtually clog free.

REG. PRICE 22.64
MODEL #663 CPK

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TWIN FALLS, IDAHO
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ELECTRIC and PLUMBING SUPPLY CO.

PAY & PACK

"DO IT YOURSELF AND SAVE!"

1158

"HOW TO DO IT SMART!"

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NOTICE
 YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on November 21, 1985, the following public utility companies, Grayhound Lines, Inc., filed an application with the Public Utilities Commission requesting authority to amend its franchise agreement and to amend its franchise agreement to include a twenty-percent increase in passenger fares. In passenger fares, \$54,722.14 plus recurring interest. Dated November 26, 1985. PIONEER TITLE COMPANY, Successor, Trustee, David C. Coppel, Coppel and Coppel, Attorney for Trustee, Enclosed 205 N. 10th St., Boise, Idaho 83701. PUBLISHED: Thursdays, December 19, 1985, January 2, and 9, 1986.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 Notice is hereby given by the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held at the hour of 7:00 o'clock P.M. on the 5th day of December, 1985, in the Council Chambers, City Hall, located at 321 East Broadway East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to consider the application of Canyon View Properties, Inc., for zoning change and amendment of zoning ordinance No. 1985-01-09.02. Major changes which are Exempt from the Plans and Ordinances which are more particularly described as:

A parcel of land situated in the portion of the SE 1/4 of Section 34, Township 9 S., Range 12 E., B.M., Twin Falls County, Idaho, said parcel being described as follows: Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Section 34, 89° 36' 39" E., 264.35 feet to a point on the Southern boundary line of said Section 34; thence S 88° 54' 14" E., 10.00 feet to a point on the curve; thence along the curve having a radius of 44.07 feet to an interior angle of 48° 10' 54" and a long chord bearing of N 22° 59' 45" E., 359.20 feet to the point of beginning.

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Lot 11, BURRINGTON SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof, recorded in Book 2 of Plats, page 3, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by Stephen S. Feldman and Janice K. Feldman, husband and wife grantor to First American Title Insurance Company, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of United States Federal Savings and Loan Association, recorded September 7, 1979 as Instrument No. B021 in Volume 4 of page, Mortgage records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay principal and interest payments as set forth on Deed of Trust secured by said Deed of Trust. The original loan amount was \$5,000.00 with interest thereon at the rate of 10.75% per annum—accrued by note dated September 7, 1979. Monthly payment of \$588.00 is due for September,

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1985 and each and every month thereafter until the balance of principal and interest associated with this foreclosure. THESE parcels of land are 25.00 feet Northernly from said South boundary line of Section 34, 89° 36' 39" E., 300.00 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING. Said described parcel contains 14.605 acres. A determination has been made that the proposed request is in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho. The proposed use of the property is commercial development. Any person or persons so interested may appear and be heard at the appointed time and place. DATED: This 11th day of December, 1985. J. P. EMERY/Trustee, MAYOR, Thursday, December 19, 1985.

NOTICE OF PROMULGATION OF PROPOSED NEW RULES
 In accordance with Section 67-5203, Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that the Transportation Board intends to promulgate the following rules: TO: Sections 67-5228 through 67-5232 and 21-14, Idaho Code. Rule 401.09.02, Major changes which are Exempt from the Plans and Ordinances which are more particularly described as:

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rule, establishes equipment requirements and waterway marking and boating. The rule was developed in coordination with the Environmental Planning and Recreation to provide necessary information. Interested parties may review the proposed rules or the Idaho Transportation Department at 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho. A public hearing will be held, if requested, by the requisite number of persons or organizations. Written comments may be filed with the Executive Assistant to the Idaho Transportation Board, P.O. Box 7123, Boise, ID 83707. Oral comments may be filed to Herb Kinney, Vehicle Services Manager, at 3360 E. or 12th, 3311 West State Street, Boise, Idaho between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday. Comments will be accepted until December 27, 1985. Dated this 4th day of December, 1985. MARY F. BROOKS, Executive Assistant, Idaho Transportation Department. PUBLISHED: Thursdays, December 12, 19, and 26, 1985.

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
TWIN FALLS HIGHWAY DISTRICT
TWIN FALLS, IDAHO
 ASSETS
 Cash and Temporary Investments (Note 2)
 Taxes Receivable (Note 3)
 Due From Other Governments (Note 4)
 Investments Receivable (Note 5)
 Amounts to be Provided for Retirement of Long-Term Debt
Total Assets
 Liabilities and Fund Balance
 Accounts Payable
 50% Highway Users Deduction Payable to State
 Deferred Revenues (Note 3)
 Amounts Commitment Payable (Note 6)
 Bonds Payable (Note 7)
Total Liabilities
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ALL FUND EQUITY AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
 AS SEPTEMBER 30, 1985

Governmental Fund Types	Special Assessments	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	Total (Memorandum Only)
\$767,321.20	\$20,812.68	\$123,881.25	\$48,583.01	\$1,360,698.14
\$180,224.33	\$4,074.21	\$1,795,539.65	\$142,356.14	\$2,722,094.33
\$587,096.87	(\$13,261.53)	\$587,096.87	\$142,356.14	\$1,270,686.31
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PLACE YOUR CLASSIFIED AD BEFORE DECEMBER 29 AND RECEIVE A COUPON GOOD FOR ONE FREE MOVIE FROM VIDEO WIFES

"SANTA'S SPECIAL" FOUND DOGS 3 LINES 7 DAYS 7 DOLLARS The Times-News

PRIVATE PARTY ADS ONLY \$1.00 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL LINE 733-0931

THE ACES

There is one thing certain, namely, that we can have nothing certain; therefore it is not certain that we can have nothing certain. - Samuel Butler.

South was certain that the spade finesse would work. Had not East's opening bid made it a sure thing? South ruffed the second club and drew trumps. Next came dummy's spade ace and a spade in South's hand. The marked finesse lost to NORTH 13-10-4

LEGAL NOTICE BOBBY WOLFF

Clerk of the Court, George Carmack, Burley, Idaho 83318. John A. Rosholt, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 1906, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303. PUBLISH: Thursdays, December 12, 19, and 26, 1985.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS ROMONA RESENDES, Plaintiff vs. ATANACIO RESENDES, Defendant. Civil No. 38082-3.

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will be final. DATED THIS 12th day of November 1985. JAMES E. PETERSEN, Mayor. Thursday, December 19, 1985.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS JEROME DOG LOG AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION

LEGAL NOTICE

002-Lost & Found CHECK DAILY FOR CURRENT HOUND POUND NEWS BUY & WARE LIFETIME LICENSE FOUND DOGS NOW AT THE TWIN FALLS ANNUAL SHELTER

003-Announcements SANTA Makes Housecalls. Twin Falls, Idaho. Call now 733-5043.

Selected offers

007-Jobs of Interest Experienced - auto-body repair person, with at least 1 year exp. in body shop. Call 734-2164.

003-Announcements ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Call 733-8300.

008-Homes For Sale

015-Babysitters Babysitting in my home, up to 5 years exp. Full or part time. Call 733-0120.

003-Lost & Found HOTLINE A Problem is not a problem until you know it's a problem.

Classified index

- Announcements: 001 Births, 002 Deaths, 003 Announcements, 004 Real Estate, 005 Personal Notices, 006 Miscellaneous.

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unless you do so within the time herein specified, the Plaintiff will take judgement against you as prayed in the Complaint. You are further notified that the Complaint is filed against you.

Announcements

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THE ABOVE NAMED DEFENDANT: You are hereby notified that a Complaint has been filed against you in the above entitled named Plaintiff, and you are hereby directed to file a written answer or defense to said Complaint within twenty (20) days from the service of this Summons; and you are further notified that

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS DAVID CLINTON REYNOLDS, Plaintiff vs. KATHLEEN BROWN, Mother of the above-named children.

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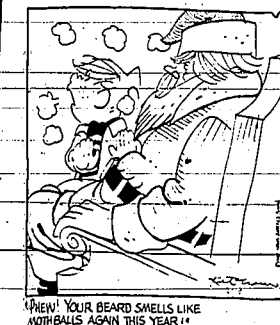
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Fifth-rated Bruins host Pocatello, Jerome

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins have arisen to fifth place in the state A-1 basketball rankings by beating Nampa twice. This weekend, although at home, the menu changes for Coach John Astorquia's troops.

The Bruins will entertain the Pocatello Indians, regarded as a Gen-State Conference contender, in the first league confrontation of the year Friday night and then host the quick Jerome Tigers Saturday. That Jerome game was shifted to Twin Falls from the originally scheduling to avoid conflict with a Jerome function.

Astorquia believes either team will be tough for his Bruins to beat

but notes "If we win or lose, it doesn't matter. We just need to get better because February is the important time."

Still, given his druthers, he'll take the wins and improvement.

"We've really had a couple of good practices this week," Astorquia said of his fall team. "I get impatient with them sometimes but I think we are pretty much on schedule. We have just to understand that we have a way to go as far as getting concerned and running the right things at the right time and finding the right people on the floor."

Pocatello brings one of the few fall-signed basketballers into this fray — three-year starter Wade Wyatt, a 6-foot-4, long-armed shooter who signed a letter-of-intent

with University of Utah last month. Wyatt represents a good deal of the Pocatello team's offense.

"Against Borah last week he had 18 at half-time and he was deadly against Capital with 24 or 25 points. He had to shoot 60 percent from the field with some real bombs. He's a great shooter and we have to hold him down if we can," the coach said.

"They have two other good perimeter shooters, especially with John Goodman, and inside they had a pair of 6-3 and another pair of 6-1. They're physical kids that they rotate. The 6-3 players are nimble and hardworking," Astorquia said.

"Of course, other side of Pocatello is the same. They're playing hard in our face defense and I expect them to play a lot of deny, which gave us trouble against Nampa. I

think at this stage the important thing is to set our tempo against them. I think we can play with them if we make sure to run at our own rhythm. If we allow them to run the floor, we could be in some trouble."

Switching to Saturday night's game, Astorquia said "Jerome always worries us because Jerome has an ability to get up to play the Bruins. They don't have a lot of height—but they have excellent quickness and are the type of team that can give us a lot of trouble because we aren't as mobile."

"I've seen Jerome play twice," Astorquia continued. "The first time they looked a little ragged but last week against Minico they played well. They're inside people are playing well and Torrey Sheets had 21

points the last time I saw them play. He's a good athlete and will pose problems for us. The quickness in Mike Welch out front will hurt us, especially if we get matched up wrong with him."

"I just know we'll have to play well to beat Jerome. The other thing to wonder about is this is the first time we'll have back-to-back games and I don't know how well we'll come out of the Pocatello game. Playing back-to-back concerns me."

"Twin Falls has a real height and height is a real problem for us," said Coach Ben Allen. "We are basically a perimeter to mid-range scoring team. On the nights the ball's going down, it's fine. But on other nights we have to not inside

and doing that against Twin Falls' height will be difficult."

The Tigers lost to Gooding, a team about as tall as the Bruins, Tuesday night but still scored 56 points. Twin Falls hasn't scored more than 55 in its two outings this year.

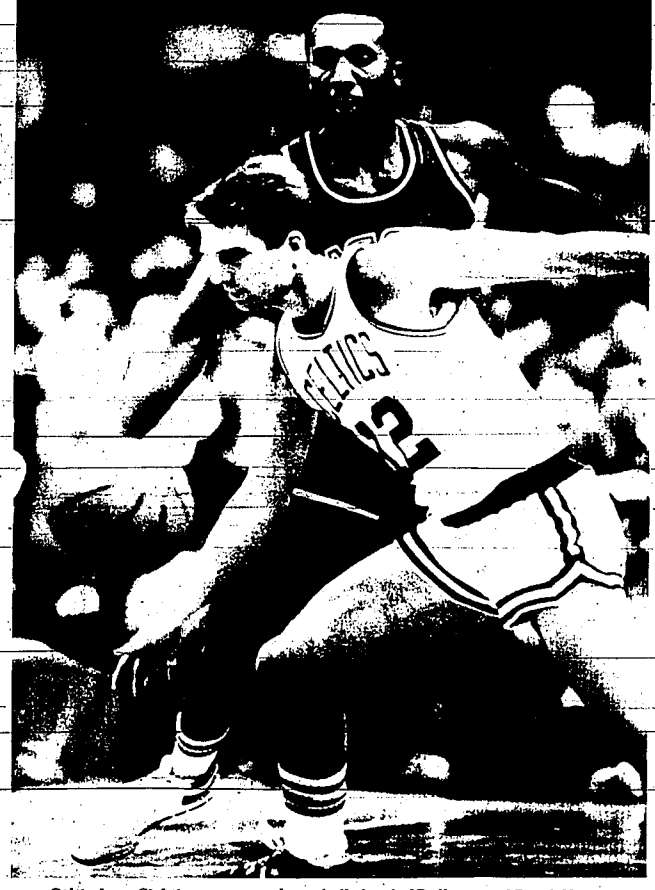
Elsewhere around the Magic Valley, Richfield will entertain Dietrich tonight at 8 p.m. in a crucial contest between a pair of Northside Conference contenders. The Blue Devils beat the Tigers in their first-round game of the season, at the Camas County Classic in Fairfield last weekend.

On Saturday, Gooding — ranked second in the state in Class A-3 — will play host to Buhl at 8 p.m. non-conference matchup between two strong teams.

A detailed preview of weekend events Sports Plus

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Celtic Jerry Sichting recovers a loose ball ahead of Dallas guard Derek Harper

Mavs still in hold of Celt jinx

BOSTON — (AP) — Larry Bird scored 17 of his game-high 35 points in an 8½-minute span of the fourth quarter as the Boston Celtics continued their six-year mastery over the Dallas Mavericks with a 137-117 National Basketball Association victory Wednesday night.

Boston, which led by at least seven points throughout the last three quarters, is 11-0 against the Mavericks since they came into the league in 1980.

The Celtics, posting their highest

point-total-of-the-season, let a 68-48 advantage early in the third period dwindle to 93-86 with 11:15 left in the game. Then Bird went to work.

He got the next two baskets on layups to start a 35-20 spurt that gave Boston a 128-106 lead with 2:30 remaining. He scored his 17 fourth-quarter points during a stretch of 8:33.

Boston, which boosted its record to 21-5 after losing two of its previous three games, got 28 points from Kevin McHale, 26 from Danny

Ainge and 18 from Dennis Johnson.

The Mavericks' coming off a season-best 27-point victory over Denver after three consecutive losses, were led by Rolando Blackman with 21 points, Detlef Schrempf with 20 and Sam Perkins with 17.

The Celtics led 22-18 when they started a 15-6 run that produced a 37-24 advantage. They maintained a lead of at least 10 points, including a 61-49, half-time bulge, until a jumper

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Hunt will retain coach, if Chiefs make playoffs in '86

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Issuing what could be an ultimatum, owner Lamar Hunt of the Kansas City Chiefs said Wednesday he would not make any changes in the management of his losing football team but expects an immediate contender for a National Football League playoff berth.

"I'll tell you what my expectations are," Hunt said at a news conference in Arrowhead Stadium. "I think we'll be a playoff contender in 1986."

The Chiefs, 5-10 in John Mackovic's third year as head coach, have not made the playoffs since 1971. This year's team went through a team-record seven-game losing streak after starting the season 3-1.

"1985 has obviously been a very disappointing year for us. It's no secret our win-loss record has been a setback," Hunt said. "At times, we've certainly been disappointed in the intensity and commitment and I think the cohesiveness we saw on the field. Certainly, we're extremely disappointed in our place in the standings."

Hunt said one reason for the news conference was to end rumors of Mackovic's dismissal, which he

blamed on network television commentators Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder and Larry King. Snyder said during the seven-game losing streak that Maryland Coach Bobby Ross would be coaching the Chiefs next season and King indicated Mackovic might resign.

"They need material to put on the air every week," Hunt said. "They've got to have things to say and they're irresponsible in the things they say."

Asked if the rumors had contributed to the Chiefs' slide, Hunt said, "I think they possibly did. But you've got to overcome those things."

Hunt noted that Mackovic has two years remaining on the five-year contract he signed after Marv Levy was fired as Chiefs coach. Mackovic's record is 19-28, with the regular-season finale remaining against San Diego Sunday.

"I still strongly believe that John is a very bright, very dedicated football coach," Hunt said. "I think he has excellent character qualities and value systems and is important not only to our organization but to Kansas City as a community and to professional football as a sport. It is

our belief the leadership of John and his staff will produce competitive football at Arrowhead. We remain committed to John and his program."

Hunt indicated he would not tolerate continued mediocrity.

"I'm challenging John Mackovic and his coaching staff and players to approach 1986 with an even greater intensity," he said. "That includes off-season programs, preseason games and regular season games. I'm challenging (Vice President-General Manager) Jim Schaaf to strengthen and improve all the areas of our football operations. Specifically, I'm challenging our talent scout personnel to be more imaginative and more productive. We've got to seek and get that edge, those one or two more players who will give us what we need."

Hunt promised to keep a close eye on his team.

"That's got to be my role," he said. "I will monitor our progress. I will try to stay more on top of things. I'm getting up in years. I want to see that playoff situation and hopefully a championship team again."

Faust accepts Akron grid job

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Gerry Faust, the former Notre Dame coach who first built his reputation as an Ohio high school football coach, returned to the state Wednesday, taking over the University of Akron's developing football program.

Akron President William Muse said that Faust received a five-year contract worth at least \$70,000 per year. Benefits could boost the contract's total into six figures annually, Muse said.

"I was born as a Buckeye, raised as a Buckeye, lived most of my life as a Buckeye, and it's great to be back here," Faust told a news conference.

Faust replaced Jim Demison, Akron's winningest football coach, who posted a record of 89-62-2 in 13 seasons as coach of the Ohio Valley Conference team. Demison, 47, was appointed an associate athletic director at the school.

"I am very, very proud, and I stand here with a sense of accomplishment," said Demison, who was warmly applauded at the news conference. "I think we are leaving Gerry Faust with a potential championship team with 28 fine seniors."

"I think Jim's done an excellent job in building a winning football team," Faust said. "I have a tough job to follow, and I thought about that a little bit when I was making the decision."

Faust said he expects to feel a lot of pressure in the Akron job.

junior high, high school, major college or a Division III college, you are under pressure," he said.

Faust said he had received inquiries from 13 colleges and tentative offers from nine.

He said he chose Akron because the university's football program was expected to move from NCAA Division I-AA to I-A this year.

He said he especially liked returning to Ohio, saying the state has a strong high school football tradition that could aid his recruiting.

Faust, 50, resigned Nov. 26, four days before the final game of the season, and posted a 30-26-1 record at Notre Dame. The Irish lost 58-7 to Miami, Fla. in Faust's final game as head coach.

"Someone like Faust can put us on the map," John Steinhauer, chairman of the university board of trustees, told The Akron Beacon Journal. "We're going to get national attention."

"I'll tell you why he picked Akron. He picked Akron because of the fact he wants to prove to people nationwide that he's a winner. He's very, very interested in that, and he picked where he thought was the best place for him to show that."

Faust, however, said he hoped it was his ability and not his former school that got him the job.

"I hope I am picked as a person and not because of where I came from," Faust said. "I don't think I have to prove anything to anybody. I'm not in it for that reason."

It was Akron, which has applied for



JERRY FAUST
Back at college helm

membership in the Mid-American Conference, was 8-3 this season and reached the Division I-AA playoffs, before losing to Rhode Island 35-27 in the first round. The Zips hope to fill the vacancy created by Northern Illinois' withdrawal from the M.A.C.

Faust was one of the country's best-known high school coaches, compiling an 18-year record of 174-172 at Moeller, north of Cincinnati.

That mark gave him the chance to coach at Notre Dame, his lifelong ambition.

"I'm delighted for him," Notre Dame Athletic Director Gene Corrigan said Wednesday.

Top spots shuffled in state prep poll; Shoshone rises to first

By The Associated Press

No. 1 is becoming a precarious position in Idaho high school boys' basketball.

Three of the four top-ranked teams in last week's Associated Press poll of sportswriters and broadcasters lost their positions in this week's survey, and only one of them lost a game in the process.

Shelley, Potlatch and Shoshone rose to the top of the heap in Classes A-2, A-3 and A-4, respectively, replacing last week's leaders, Bishop Kelly of Boise, Gooding and Genesee. Boise High School remained atop the A-1 class.

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tories over Sugar-Salem and American Falls. The Boise school improved its season mark to 3-1 with a win over Ontario, Ore., but still fell to the second position. St. Maries rose from fifth to third by beating Orofino, while third-place Rigby fell to fourth after a loss to Skyline of Idaho Falls that left the Trojans at 3-3. Moscow, 2-3, dropped from fourth to fifth after going 1-2 last week.

In A-3, Potlatch improved its season record to 3-0 with a victory over fifth-ranked Kamiah. That was enough to pass Gooding, which opened its season last weekend with a win over Filer. Sugar-alem, now 2-1, lost to Shelley.

In A-4, Shelley supplanted B-K by running its record to 5-0 with vic-

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In A-4, Genesee fell to Lapwai, the Bulldogs' first loss in five games since last week. That vaulted last week's second-ranked team, Shoshone, into the No. 1 position with a 3-0 record. North Gem, 2-1, moved up from fourth to third following a win over South Rich, Utah, and Oakley advanced from the No. 5 spot to fourth with a success.

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In A-4, Genesee lost its second game of the season Tuesday night, losing to defender state A-4 champion Kendrick.

In A-1, Boise swept past Lewiston and Moscow last weekend to improve its record to 4-0 and remain ahead of Skyline, also 4-0 for the season. Meridian, ranked fourth last week, moved up to third place with wins over Moscow and Lewiston that improved the Warriors' record to 4-1.

Borah High of Boise advanced from fifth to fourth after beating

the Hornets' record to 2-1. Mullan, last week's third-ranked team, dropped to fifth following a loss to Wallace and a victory over Worley that left the Tigers at 2-3 for the season.

A-1			
Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Boise (9)	4	0	48
2. Skyline (4)	4	0	48
3. Meridian (1)	4	1	37
4. Borah (1)	4	1	31
5. Twin Falls (2)	2	2	21

Highland of Pocatello and third-ranked Pocatello High, making the Lions 4-1. Twin Falls, 2-0, took over the No. 5 position.

A-2			
Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Shelley (6)	3	0	34
2. Bishop Kelly (8)	3	0	34
3. Rigby (3)	3	1	27
4. Rigby (3)	3	1	27
5. Meridian (1)	3	1	27

A-3			
Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Potlatch (5)	3	0	30
2. Gooding (7)	3	0	30
3. Orofino (4)	3	1	27
4. Filer (3)	3	1	27
5. Shelley (3)	3	1	27

A-4			
Team	W	L	Pts.
1. Shoshone (6)	3	0	34
2. Genesee (5)	3	0	29
3. North Gem (3)	2	1	30
4. Oakley (2)	2	1	27
5. Malad (NA), Declo (A-3), Ririe (C-4), Clearwater Valley (A-3), Lapwai (A-3), Marsing (6-0)	2	1	27

Briefly in Sports

Holston given extra year

POCATELLO — Idaho State University basketball player Donn Holston has been granted an additional year of eligibility by the Big Sky Conference.

Holston, a 6-foot-5 forward who played his high school basketball at Pocatello's Highland High School, currently leads the Bengals in scoring with a 16.6 average, 10th-best in the Big Sky.

Holston played in three games in his freshman year and sat out the rest of that season with an injury. The Big Sky Conference presidents voted last week to allow Holston to count that year as a redshirt season, making him eligible for the 1986-87 season.

Miller cards 823 series in Buhl

BUHL — Jerry Miller of Twin Falls blazed for an 823 series in Bob Wington's Sunset Bowl Holiday Doubles tournament.

Miller had games of 276, 279 and 268, combining with Steve Wasko, Twin Falls, to reach third place in the overall standings at 1,474 — just three points off the lead.

The tournament will run through Jan. 5.

Suit against Unitas dismissed

MIAMI (AP) — Football great Johnny Unitas Wednesday won dismissal of a \$77,500 suit brought against him by two investors who claimed they were defrauded as a result of radio and newspaper endorsements in which Unitas appeared for an investment company.

Unitas, 52, a pro football Hall of Famer who starred for the Baltimore Colts during the 1960s, was accused of fraud, deceit and conspiracy for appearing in ads for First Fidelity Financial Services shortly before the company went bankrupt in 1982.

Several company officials were indicted on charges of fraud after the bankruptcy. Unitas never owned any of the company and has said he had no knowledge that the Hollywood-based firm was in financial trouble when he made the ads.

U.S. District Judge Eugene Spellman ruled there was no evidence "to establish Unitas' awareness of fraud and no record of conspiracy."

Marino to coach English

LONDON (AP) — Dan Marino, the star quarterback for the Miami Dolphins, has agreed to come to Britain next spring and help coach aspiring football players as part of a mass sponsorship of the sport in this country. It was announced Wednesday.

The recruitment of Marino reflects spiraling British interest in pro football, which attracts about four million television viewers when highlights of National Football League games are shown Sunday nights.

An American sponsor (Budweiser) announced Wednesday that it would pump \$357,500 into pro football in Britain over the next three years, including the establishment next summer of the "National American Football League," modeled after the NFL.

A total of 60 clubs have signed to participate and the money will enable them to establish a professional administration. Currently, football in Britain is strictly amateur.

Ailing Marvin Webster retires

NEW YORK (AP) — Center Marvin Webster of the New York Knicks, who has been sidelined with hepatitis since the start of the 1984-85 National Basketball Association season, has retired after 10 pro seasons, the team said Wednesday.

The 33-year-old 7-footer from Morgan State University said his decision was the result of his desire to avoid aggravating his hepatitis condition.

Webster turned pro with the American Basketball Association's Denver Nuggets in 1975-76, stayed with them when the club was absorbed by the NBA the following season, was traded to Seattle for the 1977-78 season, then signed as a free agent with the Knicks before the 1978-79 season.

Kosar, Blackwood are honored

NEW YORK (AP) — Rookie quarterback Bernie Kosar of the Cleveland Browns was named Offensive Player of the Week and safety Glenn Blackwood of the Miami Dolphins was chosen Defensive Player of the Week Wednesday by the American Football Conference.

Kosar threw three touchdown passes and ran for one TD Sunday in Cleveland's 28-21 victory over the Houston Oilers. Blackwood had two interceptions, including a potential game-saver on his 9-yard line with 38 seconds remaining, in the Dolphins' 30-27 victory Monday night over New England.

Other players nominated for offensive honors were running back Marcus Allen of the Los Angeles Raiders and wide receivers Wes Chandler of San Diego and Vance Johnson of Denver. Cornerback Bruce Walters of San Diego, tackle Bill Pickett of the Raiders and linebacker Kyle Clifton of the New York Jets also were nominated for defensive honors.

English is top NBA vote-getter

NEW YORK (AP) — Alex English of Denver has replaced James Worthy of the Los Angeles Lakers as the leading vote-getter among Western Conference forwards in the latest fan balloting for the National Basketball Association All-Star Game.

English has received 141,280 votes to Worthy's 119,796, according to league statistics released Wednesday.

Kent Benson's guard Earvin "Magic" Johnson remains the leading vote-getter with 279,165, followed by guard by Denver's Fat Lever with 97,257. Los Angeles' Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, who has played in an NBA-record 14 All-Star games, leads all centers with 179,329 votes.

The All-Star Game will be played Feb. 9 at Dallas.

Odum released from jail

WESTMINSTER, Calif. (AP) — Former major league pitcher John "Blue Moon" Odum has been released from jail by a judge who said a psychiatric evaluation concluded that Odum was not dangerous.

Odum, 40, was arrested Dec. 11 by police who said he threatened his wife with a gun at their Fountain Valley (Calif.) apartment, then refused to surrender to a special weapons team for more than six hours.

He was released Tuesday from Orange County Jail by Municipal Court Judge Michael Beecher, who ordered the former Oakland A's right-hander to return to court Wednesday for arraignment on five misdemeanor assault charges.

McGuigan give up British title

LONDON (AP) — Barry McGuigan, the World Boxing Association featherweight champion, relinquished his British crown Wednesday, only hours before purse offers for his proposed defense against Jim McDonnell were to be opened.

McGuigan's manager, Barney Eastwood, told the British Boxing Board of Control that the fighter had made the decision because British title commitments would interfere with his world title defense against Fernando Sosa of Argentina at Dublin, Ireland, Feb. 15, and a possible super featherweight fight against Willfredo Gomez in May.

Authorities wanted McGuigan to defend his British title in the spring.

Linebacker gets healthy pact

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker Mike Merriweather has agreed to a three-year contract that could increase his salary considerably and make him the team's highest-paid player, his agent said.

Merriweather signed the contract Monday that would make him one of the "six highest-paid" linebackers in the National Football League, said agent Mike Blatt.

Merriweather of the San Francisco 49ers, currently the fifth highest-paid linebacker, is making \$550,000 a year, according to the NFL Players Association.

Denver pits playoff bid against Seattle

By The Associated Press

The mission for the Denver Broncos Friday night is simple — survive.

The Broncos, who led the NFC West for most of the season until their loss to the Los Angeles Raiders two weeks ago, visit Seattle for their final game knowing that only a victory will keep them alive in the race for an AFC wild-card spot.

But even if the Broncos win, they will have to depend either on the Cleveland Browns to beat the New York Jets and knock them out or the Cincinnati Bengals to knock out the New England Patriots. Both those games are Sunday.

"We're still alive, and that's the nice thing about it," says Coach Dan Reeves of the Broncos. "There are not that many teams which can say that going into the final week of the regular season."

That final week is actually a final weekend, beginning with the Seahawks-Broncos game Friday night, but compared to previous years, the playoff picture is relatively simple.

In the NFC, where the Cowboys-Broncos game has clinched division titles, there are wild-card "NFC spots" are still available with the

NFL

New York Giants, San Francisco 49ers and Washington Redskins still in the running. The Giants and 49ers need only to win to clinch them; the Redskins must depend on winning either the Giants and 49ers lose.

In the AFC, the Raiders have clinched the West. The Dolphins can clinch the East by beating the Buffalo Bills Sunday and the Jets and Colts can clinch playoff spots with wins. Miami will make the playoffs unless it loses by more than 39 points to the 2-13 Bills.

The Browns can clinch the Central Division by beating the Jets. They can also make it if the Steelers lose to the Giants on Saturday, or the Bengals lose to the Patriots on Sunday. The only way the Bengals can win the division title is by winning along with the Steelers while the Browns lose.

The Giants play the Steelers in Giants Stadium and the Redskins meet the Cards in St. Louis. If the Steelers can clinch their "NFC spots" are still available with the home wild-card and they also clinch

a spot if they lose and the Cards beat the Redskins.

The Sunday matchups with playoff significance include the Bengals at the Patriots and Browns at Jets as well as the wild-card playoff at San Francisco and Buffalo Bills at Miami.

The other Sunday games pit Atlanta at New Orleans; Chicago at Detroit; Green Bay at Tampa Bay; Philadelphia at Minnesota; San Diego at Kansas City and Houston at Indianapolis.

The Los Angeles Raiders are at Los Angeles Rams Monday night in a game that involves home-field advantage for the playoffs.

The Broncos, who beat Kansas City 14-13 last Saturday, enter the game in Seattle at 10-5, the same as the Rams and the Patriots, but trailing in the tiebreakers. Last season they went into the Kingdome for the final game with the AFC West title on the line and won 31-14.

road and the other two teams that need to lose are at home. Cleveland and Cincinnati are both very capable, however, and they still figure in the playoffs, too, so they have plenty of incentive.

The incentive for Seattle, one of the pre-season favorites to represent the AFC in the Super Bowl, is to break a pattern that's been: win two, lose two, win two, lose two. The Seahawks are now 1-2, having lost in their last outing to the Raiders. A victory would give them third place in the division.

Saturday's Giants-Steelers game presents another one of those odd situations that crops up late in the season.

The 9-6 Giants, who lost their chance for the NFC East title in Dallas last Sunday, also have a slim chance to clinch the division. As a result, the Bengals have offered the Steelers the firms of their games with the Giants despite the fact that there's little amity between Cincinnati Coach Sam Wyche and Pittsburgh's Chuck Noll.

Pittsburgh cage coach stops rumors: quits

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Roy Chipman, weary of denying reports that the University of Pittsburgh had recruited players improperly, resigned as basketball coach Wednesday effective at the end of the season.

Chipman, 46, told a hastily called news conference that he will "never coach basketball another day after this season ends" because "it's just not that important, because I want to do something else with my life."

"I made my decision because — and don't laugh because — it's not funny — my 9-year-old son, Geoffrey, came home and asked me if I was going to go to jail because of illegal recruiting," Chipman said.

"I said, 'Damn,' and then said to myself, 'It's not that important.'"

"There are a lot more important things in coaching basketball, more important things than I'm doing. I want to find something that's more satisfying, where thousands of people aren't there criticizing my work," Chipman said.

"There have been some allegations that Pitt has improperly recruited players," and former assistant coach Seth Greenburg was forced to resign two years ago for furnishing transportation for recruit Manute Ferguson.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association is investigating a charge by Villanova University freshman forward Doug West of Altoona, Pa. that he was offered \$10,000 by an Altoona dentist to attend Pitt.

"It would be foolish of me to say and naive of you to believe that all of the innuendoes (didn't affect the decision) ... happen to be a person with a great deal of pride," Chipman said.

"I'm tired. I'm tired of the innuendoes and tired of people taking liberties with my integrity. My

mother and father read the newspaper. They read the other publications in which people so lightly talk about this or that. It has something to do with what happened here today," Chipman said.

Chipman was asked if it is possible for a team to win a national championship without breaking NCAA recruiting rules.

"It's possible, but improbable," he said. "It's almost impossible somewhere along the line not to break one or two of those minor rules that crop up."

Pitt is 5-2, with two consecutive losses, after being one of the preseason favorites in the Big East Conference. The Panthers are 62-64 in six seasons under Chipman and have played in the NCAA tournament three times.

Chipman has a 319-144 lifetime record in 19 seasons at Pitt, more than any coach and Hartwick with only one losing team.

"This is a family decision and I don't think I'm going to do anything else," said Chipman. "I believe there's something out there for somebody who works hard — and who has some integrity."

Pitt Athletic Director Edward Bozick said it was unlikely Chipman's resignation would be hired until after the season.

Bozick called Chipman "one of the finest basketball coaches in Pitt's basketball history ... We've reached a level of national attainment never before in the history of Pitt. We are nationally eminent and can compete with any team in the country."

Pitt, 17-12 last season and a first-round loser to Louisiana Tech in the first round of the Big Ten's two outstanding recruiting years row, landing 6-foot-10 sophomore star Charles Smith and freshman guard Jerome Lane.

Chicago dominates NFC pro bowl roster

NEW YORK (AP) — Eight members of the Chicago Bears, who have lost only one game and clinched a division title earlier than any team in history, have been voted to the National Football Conference team for the Pro Bowl.

The Chicago contingent, five of them starters, was led by inside linebacker Mike Singletary, one of two unanimous choices in voting by conference players and coaches. Outside linebacker Lawrence Taylor of the New York Giants, selected for the fifth time in five National Football League seasons, was the only other unanimous selection.

There were seven Los Angeles Rams selected, two as starters, and five players from the Giants, three as starters.

Among the omissions was Eric Dickerson of the Rams, who set an NFL rushing record last season but was slowed by a contract holdout this year. The running backs are starters Walter Payton of the Bears, who will be playing in his eighth Pro Bowl, and Roger Craig of San Francisco 49ers, plus reserves Gerald Riggs of Atlanta and Joe Morris of the Giants.

In addition to Singletary and Payton, others from the Central Division champion Bears picked as starters were defensive end Richard Dent, offensive tackle Jimbo Covert and center Jay

Hilgenberg. Outside linebacker Otis Wilson, defensive end Dan Hampton and safety Steve Durso were named as reserves.

Other NFC starters are Mike Quick of Philadelphia and Art Monk of Washington at wide receiver; tight end Doug Cosbie of Dallas; Jackie Slater of the Rams at tackle; Kent Hill of the Rams and Washington at nose tackle; linebackers Rickey Jackson of New Orleans and Harry Carson of the Giants; cornerback Eric Wright of San Francisco and Everton Walls of Dallas; and safeties Wes Hopkins of Philadelphia and Carlton Williamson of San Francisco.

The Pro Bowl game will be played Feb. 2 at Honolulu.

Other members of the NFC roster are wide receivers James Lofton of Green Bay, Tony Hill of Dallas; tackle Joe Jacoby of Washington; guard Dennis Harrah and center Doug Smith of the Rams; tight end Jimmie Giles of Tampa Bay; quarterback Phil Simms of the Giants; nose tackle Michael Carter of San Francisco; linebacker E.J. Junior of St. Louis; cornerback LeRoy Irvin of the Rams; placekicker Morten Andersen of New Orleans; punter Dale Hatcher and kicker-returned Ron Brown of the Rams, and special teams player Joey Browner of Minnesota.

Cherry bowl has 2 days to sell 20,000 tickets

PONTIAC, Mich. (AP) — With only two days until kickoff, the second annual Cherry Bowl game faces the embarrassing prospect of playing before 20,000 fans.

The game between Maryland and Syracuse will be played at 1 p.m. on Saturday in the Silverdome, a stadium with a seating capacity of 80,628.

At the present rate of sales, the game will do well, drawing 60,000 fans, according to Mike Mills, the Cherry Bowl's director of communications and marketing.

Mills thinks the game is going to have to move to New Year's Eve if it is to survive.

"New Year's Day is the biggest day of the year for college football," Mills said Wednesday. "We want to move to New Year's, if possible."

Last year, the Cherry Bowl pitted Army and Michigan State. After the announcement that Michigan State would be involved, ticket sales surged and the game was eventually attracted 70,206, the fourth-best of all 18 postseason bowl games last year.

Because there is no local team this year, ticket sales are lagging far behind 1984, Mills said. Tickets for the game, which has seen a sharp drop in attendance could add up to big bucks in a hurry.

The Cherry Bowl employs the third-largest postseason stadium, only the Rose Bowl (102,594) and Gator Bowl (82,000) seat more.

"We hope to establish ourselves as a bowl event in the present or major independent in the East and Midwest," Mills said. "But with a pre-Christmas game, we've automatically eliminated schools such as Michigan, Notre Dame and Penn State because of their exam schedules."

In addition to attractive local teams, the Cherry Bowl also needs a national television contract, something Mills feels would be easier to obtain with a date closer to New Year's.

At present, the Cherry Bowl is being televised by Midco and by USA Cable. Under that setup, the game has to be sold market by market and may not be shown in some areas if stations decline to buy the package.

At the moment, the present setup, the Cherry Bowl offers a half-million payoff. Maryland and Syracuse each will receive \$1.4 for playing in this year's game.

Muddy Waters, executive director of the Cherry Bowl, is openly miffed by the mixed reaction in Maryland and Syracuse.

Bliss and Dietrich trade cage wins

The Bliss girls and Dietrich boys won during a Northside Conference doubleheader Tuesday night.

The Bliss girls won 44-19 while the Dietrich boys collected a 72-27 win.

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Conigliaro gets \$225,000 settlement

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A workman's compensation settlement of \$225,000 has been awarded to former Boston Red Sox slugger Tony Conigliaro, who suffered a heart attack three years ago that left him an invalid, a lawyer said.

Attorney Dale Gribow said Tuesday night that the settlement was reached after a Los Angeles worker's compensation court with insurance companies California Casualty and Fireman's Fund.

He said a check has been disbursed

to Billy Conigliaro, Tony's brother, who is the legal guardian for the former slugger.

"They're ecstatic," Gribow said of the Conigliaro family's reaction to the settlement. "The money is really needed because of the problems Tony has experienced and is still experiencing."

Conigliaro suffered a near-fatal heart attack on Jan. 9, 1982 and lapsed into a coma for four months. He lives with his brother in Massachusetts.

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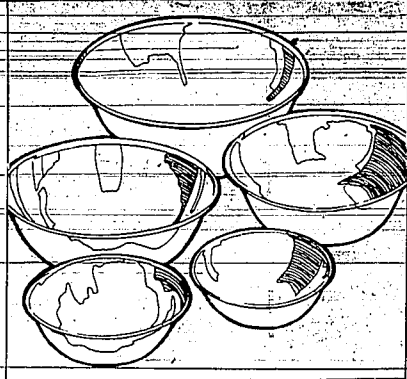
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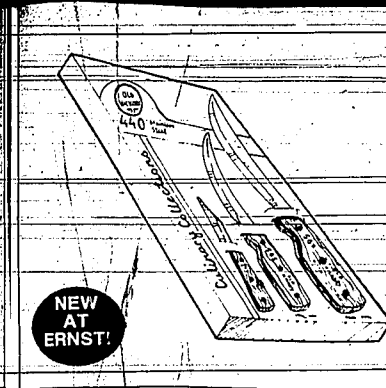
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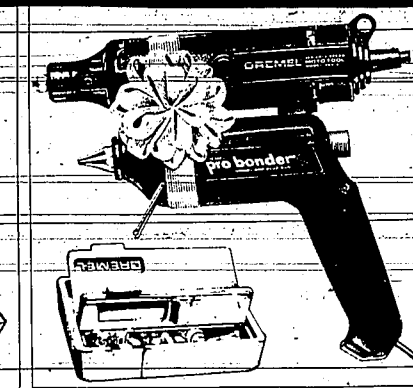
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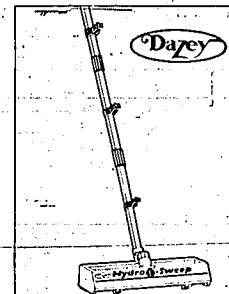
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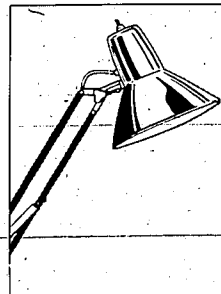
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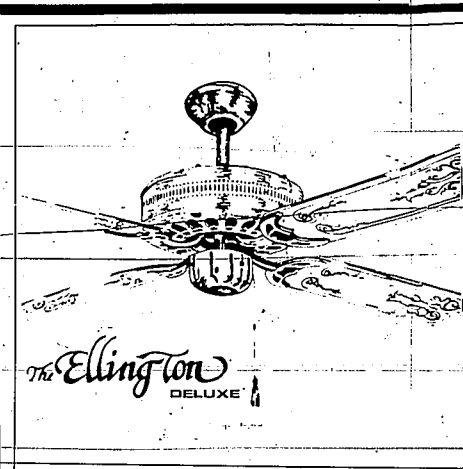
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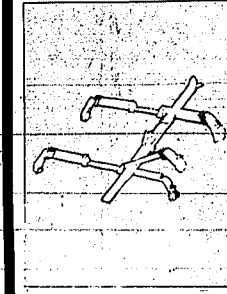
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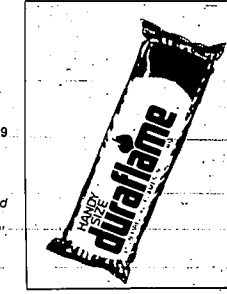
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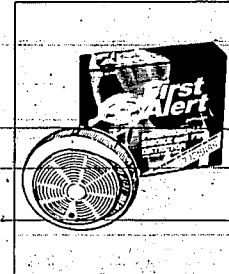
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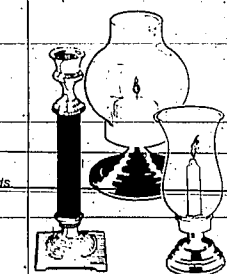
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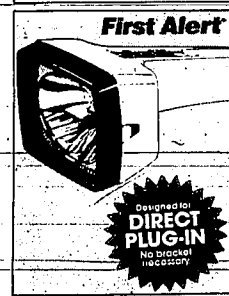
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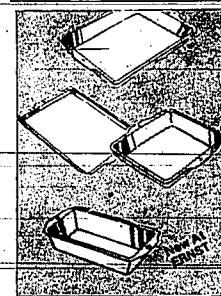
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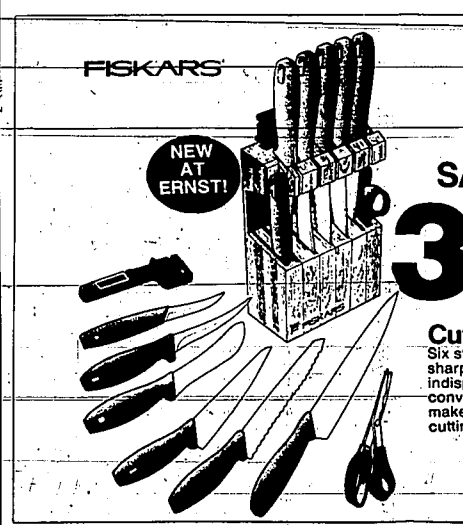
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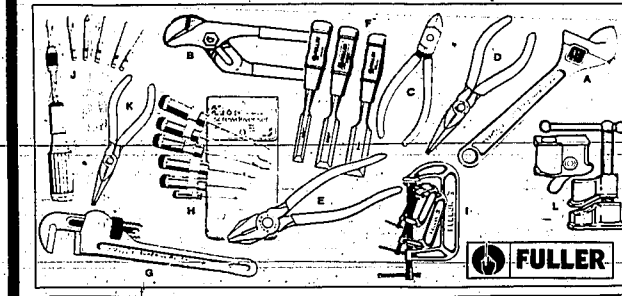
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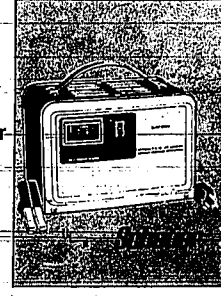
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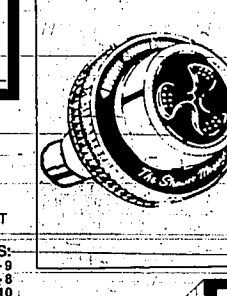
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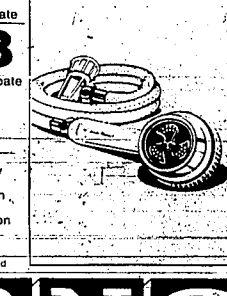
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Outdoors

Outside forces swerve department from imminent tasks

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer



JEROME — Phones ring virtually incessantly from national television, metropolitan newspapers, weekly magazines on one hand; harassed landowners trying to protect haystacks and private property on the other, and humanitarians and sportsmen on a third seeking to assuage their concern for starving deer and antelope on the Snake River plain.

Right off it becomes obvious the Idaho Department of Fish and Game is busy because like everyone else, no one in the department has time for anything else.

"We're not seeing the mass concentrations along roads and snow-free areas we were a couple of years ago. But it's the same story. The birds will be okay if weather conditions moderate and the land freezes up."

He noted the return of the final portion of the migratory waterfowl season was greeted by a surprisingly large number of hunters. An overview of Snake River, from American Falls to Perrine Bridge, last week indicated geese have returned to the open water of the river. The flight counted 6,000 geese along the Snake and, Kvale said, numbers have remained high in the Hagerman Valley.

"We won't know for sure until the mid-winter census but it appears we are wintering more geese in the area this year than ever before," Kvale said.

ble. They still have ample amounts of fat reserves built up over the summer and fall.

Therefore, the concern — except for road and train kills — is six weeks to two months too soon. If the weather would moderate, etc., the animals could comfortably winter without problem.

There is a mixed blessing of minor sorts for the attention being showered on the estimated 10,000

deer and maybe 1,200 antelope. The covering reporters and camera men want personalized service — being taken to the biggest concentrations.

This robs the department of some manpower for the mental tasks at hand — largely protecting haystacks from depredation through use of panels or plastic. But it also allows some of the biologists to get out in the field and view conditions first hand.

After such a day-Tuesday — when regional Supervisor Bill Webb was out hammer in hand taking his place — Regional Wildlife Manager Craig Kvale said "for the most part, the animals are in pretty good shape. We watched a number of them eating sagebrush."

Kvale said the department has some contingency plans for emergency feeding but this will continue on a "day to day ap-

praisal." He said movement of the animals in the desert areas isn't restricted and there is evidence that they are eating.

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"We've been swamped with calls all week," Kvale said. "We've had crews all over the area and we're trying to get to as many as we can. But with so many complaints and limited amounts of manpower, we are running behind."

While the problems along the north side agricultural land were anticipated after the early onset of winter, something new was added. Complaints from landowners in the Snowville area have been received. The department maintains the only permanent deer feeding site in the state north of Snowville but "we've had movement around the eastern end of the fence (designed to funnel

deer to the feedlot) and they are going into haystacks," Kvale said.

The good news is that the South Hills herds continue to get by on public range, causing no problems.

(Biologist) Randy (Smith) was able to get into several areas up there over the weekend and he found the deer are still staying pretty high despite the snow. In Rock Creek canyon the deer are still above the (winter range) burn and if snow conditions stay moderate they'll probably stay up there because it is the best range we have. But if conditions force them down into the burned area, they might be looking at depredation on private land."

Kvale said some private individuals have undertaken some upland bird feeding projects. To this point he doesn't believe the birds have encountered insurmountable conditions.

Sage just isn't that easy to grow

By LARRY HOVEY
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SHOSHONE — While the Bureau of Land Management has been taking a few shots from the media over sagebrush planting, the ideas coming across are always accurate not to they always conform to the beliefs of area field men.

While the Times-News reported last week that no sagebrush was planted in reseeding of the 1981 big deserts burns, Irv Blum, BLM official with the Shoshone office, reports that 6,500 received brush seed.

"And we took all kinds of heck because of it," smiles Calley, referring to BLM policies formulated in Washington or the state level and passed on to the local offices.

Although largely ignored as losses for hundreds of years, latter day studies have indicated to wildlife managers' satisfaction that sage is an important ingredient to southern Idaho winter ranges.

Region Wildlife Manager Craig Kvale said "One of the best studies have shown some instances where sage was nearly 100 percent of a wintering deer's diet and in the herd easily huddled winters because of it. He said most content studies have shown a much higher percentage of sage than originally thought, and percentages of 50 percent or more were the rule more than the exception.

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And growing brush isn't simply a matter of sipping your fingers, Calley explains.

"Even if that (planted) sagebrush sprouts, we won't know whether our seeding was a success until it grows into a natural volunteer stand," Calley said.

"Some years we have tremendous germination for reasons we don't understand. In fact, 1978 was the best season (for brush sprouting) that I've ever seen. That one year filled in areas where it appeared to be a mat of little sage."

In addition to requiring good germination conditions, Calley said the matter of obtaining sage seed is costly and difficult.

That's largely because it must be harvested by hand. A tarp is thrown around the base of a bush with ripened seed. The bush is then beaten with sticks causing the seed to fall on the tarp and later gathered and cleaned.

"It is very difficult to get high quality seed," Calley said, "and the methods of gathering it make it very expensive."

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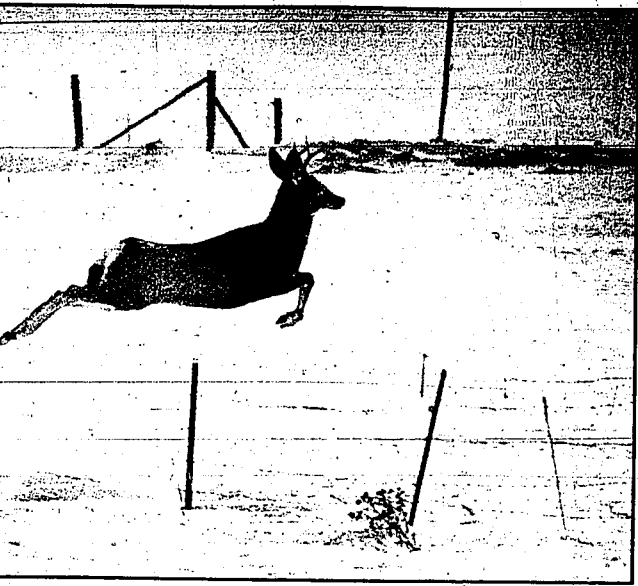
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Wandering deer from northern summer ranges are attracting national media attention

But reasons biologists don't understand, however, is that certain sagebrush is preferred by the animals.

"Just Tuesday we watched a small herd of deer eating sagebrush," Kvale said. "One of them had five animals working on it while two or three others right beside it weren't touched. There are dozens of sub-species of sagebrush and even within those sub-species there apparently is a difference."

One suggestion is the different amount of oil each individual plant produces.

"Even under laboratory analysis the differences in the amount of oil isn't much but it is measurable," Kvale said. "That could be the difference."

But whatever reasons, Kvale said wildlife managers now feel that sagebrush should be part of any fire or outdoor reseeding or reclamation projects.

The national BLM fire reclamation guidelines are intended first to deter wind and water erosion of the land as quickly as possible. The quickest — and cheapest — is planting of grasses and broad-leaf forbes which, if conditions are right, can put down ground cover in a hurry. Brush and other woody plants that would be preferred browse for deer are more expensive and take more time.

That catch 22, however, is that in many cases the erosion factor is immediately treated with grass-forbes mixtures. Later plantings of sage, bitter or rabbit brush, can be negated by the competition for space, water and sun. In other words, the established grass-forbes

understory would let the brush seed sprout.

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Slob hunters befool depredation hunts



Mike Harop Outdoors

One of the saddest events in Idaho's outdoors is taking place in the snow-covered Bennett Hills from Bliss to Glenn's Ferry.

A depredation hunt has failed to meet an objective of moving wintering mule deer away from agricultural areas.

Instead of moving away from the guns, deer are standing beside and in the road, often being shot in their tracks.

Faced with continuing expenses to protect haystacks and with mounting complaints about deer damaging standing cattle forage, game managers have opted for what is normally considered a last-option measure.

Some 500 permits for four week-long hunts on the winter range are being issued.

Generally, depredation hunts seek to move game animals away from areas where the beasts cause problems, such as haystacks and standing croplands. A secondary purpose is to reduce populations that have grown too large.

When the depredation season was called, game managers, sportsmen and ranchers alike hoped the deer would take the hint and move farther back in the hills where adequate feed exists.

The deer herd has been increasing by leaps since 1981, when two factors combined to create a massive headache for game managers and ranchers.

First, Citizens Against Poaching made deer woods into the activities of poachers who killed deer

issue more permits for deer. If your job involves maintaining optimum deer herd populations, you tend to be conservative in the harvest.

This year, more high country permits were issued and general hunts opened to liberalized regulations.

But it still wasn't enough. That may be because biologists aren't sure where the surplus deer are spending their summers.

The result is the depredation season currently underway.

Unquestionably, such hunts are very ugly.

Most of the hunters who drew have been courteous and have asked permission before hunting on private land.

But there are probably more slob hunters in their ranks than you'd generally find in a grouping of Idaho deer hunters.

Only those hunters who were unsuccessful during the regular and special draw hunts were eligible for a depredation tag this month.

And that rules out many of the better hunters — the kind who hit what they shoot at, who walk away from roads and who don't depend on a four-wheel drive to find their game. Many of those hunters had already gotten a deer and were ineligible for the hunt.

Some of the deer are right on the roads and vehicle-oriented hunters are turning the road into a vast slob hunt.

Good hunters continue to leave the roads, walk a little ways and pick the best deer available to them out of hundreds of prospects.

Sunday, I had to ask three carloads of hunters to leave the ranch. All were hunting without permission, and if they don't stop task, I can't tell them where the deer are or which areas we have closed to hunting to protect homes and livestock.

Monday, I asked another pair of hunters to leave. Again, they were hunting without permission, but were using a snowmobile instead of their feet.

As I left the ranch to pick up my mail in town, a fawn stood in the road, probably trying to see what had happened to his mother.

Further down the gravel lane, two hunters dragged a doe out of the road to allow me to pass.

I knew the snowmobiles were behind me. I paused on the main road to be sure they came out of the ranch and heard another shot. And then I knew what happened to the fawn.

Shooting from the road or shooting at wildlife on the road isn't something a responsible hunter does.

Sure, it's illegal, but it constitutes an incredible danger for others on the road.

As I returned with my mail, I counted six gut piles along the road where road hunters have dressed out roadside deer.

And I wondered if this is the year to have my pickup truck painted hunter orange for safety reasons.

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Falconer association impeaches undercover sting member

GREAT FALLS (AP) — A Great Falls falconer who is honored for his undercover role in the depredation fight has been kicked out of the organization that represents North American falconers.

McPartlin, now a local real estate agent, bought and sold and traded falcons and hawks during a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service investigation known as "Operation Falcon."

As a result of the investigation, people have been tried or have reached plea bargain agreements for

illegals transactions involving birds of prey. There have been five felony convictions, one civil conviction, and five acquittals.

The operation uncovered evidence of manipulation of bands used to identify falcons, laundering of illegally taken birds, and other illegal captive breeding projects, and illegal international trading involving people from Canada, Germany, Finland and France, with falcons destined for buyers in the Middle

East.

Last month, McPartlin and his wife, Anne, received the Monitor award for special achievement in wildlife protection from a consortium of 27 environmental groups. They also received a \$20,000 reward from the Fish and Wildlife Service.

But one week after he received the award, McPartlin's membership in the North American Falconers Association was terminated.

That means he is not able to attend the group's annual field meets

or receive its publication, "Hawk Chalk."

McPartlin was notified last February and again in September that the board of directors was considering terminating his membership.

C.R. Bavin, the chief of the Fish and Wildlife Service's law enforcement division, wrote a letter to the association on McPartlin's behalf, saying it would be unfair to drop him from the organization because of his part in the undercover operation.

Although McPartlin wanted to

present his case in person to the board of directors, he said he was allowed only to respond in writing.

"Every defendant in this investigation has had a right to be heard," he said in a court. Why hasn't NAPA given me that opportunity? McPartlin asked.

However, Ralph Rogers of Winced, the association's vice president, said McPartlin's case was handled, no differently than the termination of members convicted of illegalities during Operation Falcon.

"We feel that Jeff has been a paid decoy over the last four years," Rogers said. "We felt better turning to the official record than listening to him — other than what he had to say in writing."

Falconers' concerns stem from the tactics used in undercover operations, Rogers said.

"I don't want my kid hustled on a street corner by a cop or a hooker," he said. "I don't want food guys or bad guys doing these encouraging people to break the law."

Golden tales

Did Sarah have desert lode?

Note: This is the first part of a two-part series covering gold's lure as part of Southern Idaho history.



Swen

During the winter months I would like to fill your head with tales of our area, and get your mind washed with activities we can have during our summer months.

How about a hunt for lost gold? Arizona has the tale of the lost Dutchman mine, California has the saga of Pegleg Pete's lost gold mine, and after this story, we should have our tale of "Sarah's gold."

This story begins in the late 1920's with an Indian girl who was an orphan. Over the years I have tried to determine what tribe she came from, assume she was a Goshute, and may have been one of two Indian girls that survived a massacre by white men.

Because she was not a Shoshone or Paiute, none of these tribes would take her in. She was adopted by a white man from Elko, Nevada, named Darrell, who later became a sheriff of Elko county.

During her short lifetime she had Indian friends on the Duck Valley Indian reservation and often told people she was Shoshone. Indian, Shoshone were the more passive of the tribes and the white man got along better with them.

When about twenty years of age she married a cowboy named Joe Neble. Joe worked for the ranches to the south of us, some being the Sparks ranch, the Harrell ranch and later the Utah Construction Company.

It was while Joe was working for the Utah Construction Company that the events of this saga will relate.

Joe would make a story himself, but to limit this story to Sarah's gold, I will tell you that Joe was ed in a range fire on Deep Creek during the 1940's. Many recall this inci-

dent and have a personal story of their relationship with Joe before the fire.

While gathering background for this article, I found many stories about Joe, but few recall Sarah. Joe was described as being a blond Italian, a Swiss citizen, but was a medium sized man, who "was making a living like the rest of us."

The late Fred Craig, Twin Falls, was working during this period as a supplier for the line shacks for Utah Construction Company and knew that Sarah could find gold. He asked her one time where she found the gold and Sarah told him that she was looking for wood one day and a badger had dug a hole near her search area. She picked up a few of the pink and red rock that were laid with gold from this badger hole.

Sarah would never tell anyone where she found the gold because one of the cowboys told her that Indians could not file on gold claims. She would not even tell her husband, "Squaw" Joe.

Mrs. Glen Nelson, Twin Falls, recalls that Sarah could get on her horse and be gone a few hours and come back with gold.

Vivian and Vi Courtney, Twin Falls, think that Sarah was putting people on. Vi thinks that Sarah got the gold from the mines near the Duck Valley Indian reservation at Mountain City and noted that Sarah went to the reservation almost every summer.

Ora Jones, Rogerson, thinks that Sarah's gold came from military people who may have been paid in gold or nuggets and Sarah may have found some of this gold.

Newton T. Harrell, Twin Falls, and

son of one of the ranch owners, says this about Sarah's gold. "As far as the gold goes, the only gold they ever had was the liquid gold, or moonshine whiskey that they made up the canyon."

Other, including the late Judge Henstock, Hollister, recalls seeing the gold. "She had gunny sacks of it in the back of the car, and would trade it for goods."

The late Eldon Hardy, Wells, Nevada, told me he had seen the pink rock with veins of gold laced through it, and thought she took it someplace in Elko county to get money and goods for it.

During these times Sarah had a following. Several cowboys tried to follow her when she left the line shack, only to have Sarah lose them in the hills of northern Nevada.

Darrell Blevins, Eden, tells me that he still seeks the gold and has spent many a day looking in the hills of northern Nevada and what was then known as Goose Creek hills for the gold. Darrell has a theory on how Sarah got the gold. His theory, was that "immigrants-died-of-measles and white Indians were hunting them for the bodies and gold, the Indians hid the gold and Sarah knew where it was." Darrell says Sarah marked her gold with a pick in a cedar tree.

One Twin Falls citizen, who asked that his name not be used, knew Joe and Sarah, and noted that they had a sideline of rounding up wild horses and "wild cattle" and that was the source of Sarah's gold.

Probably the best informed source of Sarah's gold comes from my friend Lloyd Schaffhausen, Chicago, Ill., who spent 30 years doing research on the Oregon trail and other trails the pioneers traveled.

Lloyd had heard several stories about Sarah's gold and noted that the Fort Hall Trail crossed the area of northern Nevada. It was early on called "disappointed" or "early"



Sarah's husband, Squaw Joe Neble, evidently didn't have community property rights

because the gold hunters of California returned to Fort Hall to meet up 1931, at the age of 26. Some of my interviews claimed murder, but the of- ficials believe he was killed.

Lloyd tells me that several (federal ruling on her death was "accidents in Nevada had stories of how Sarah brought in gold bearing ore that looked high-graded in gunny sacks. Her usual method was to trade the gold (cases) for supplies, but on occasion was given money for piles of rock.

Sarah was killed by a gunshot in 1931, at the age of 26. Some of my interviews claimed murder, but the of- ficials believe he was killed.

After Sarah's death there were hundreds who left their farms and jobs seeking the lost gold. "Texas Springs, southeast of the Nevada-

Idaho border, became a militia city overnight with those seeking Sarah's lost gold."

(Next week I will give you some clues as to just where Sarah's lost gold may be and two lost gold stories, that just may be the same gold that Sarah may or may not have found.)

Swen is an avid Twin Falls fisherman and amateur historian who writes a weekly column for The Times-News

Jack rabbits plaguing Montanans

DAGMAR, Mont. (AP) —

Farmers and ranchers have struck back at hordes of hungry jackrabbits that have been eating forage and tree bark, with a task force of some 80 hunters bagging hundreds of the long-eared vermin.

The area of northeastern Montana has always had lots of jackrabbits, "but we've got the most now we've had in 30 years," said state Sen. Ed Smith, a rancher who organized the hunt. "They're even eating up the shelter belts" of trees planted to cut wind erosion.

"We used to have a lot of (rabbits) in the late '30s and '40s, and even in the early '50s," Smith said.

Smith estimated that the hunters who staged the prairie rabbit drive across the prairie killed more than 700 jackrabbits over three square miles of Jackson County in an effort to protect the area's trees and alfalfa crop.

That included 257 rabbits shot on just 500 acres of John and Clint Cartwright's farm and ranch. At times, hunters couldn't load their guns fast enough as jackrabbits bounded in all directions.

The hunters planned to sell the rabbits to mink ranchers for feed. Drought and grasshoppers already have caused crop destruction in the area, Smith said. The jackrabbits were eating plants right down to the roots and threatening hay that is worth \$30 a ton.

"Pointing out rabbit tracks in the snow around his yard, Jack Cartwright said: "You can drive up here any night and see 15 on the yard."

Howard Nielsen of nearby Westby drove several miles to help out Saturday, driving his truck behind the hunters so they wouldn't have to carry the dead rabbits.

"The rabbits will move up our direction if we don't stop them here," he said.

"We just think if we fail to control it now, we will end up like in Idaho," said Smith, referring to a rabbit infestation several years ago in Idaho that drew national attention and protests when farmers spent several days clubbing the animals to death. No protesters were seen Saturday, but Smith said a woman had called him from Orlando, Fla.



Some 257 jackrabbits perished in a Montana drive Saturday

"She asked me if we did experimentation on other methods of control," Smith said. "I told her I didn't know any other method."

"She suggested birth control, but I told her I couldn't run fast enough to give them birth control pills."

Harold Wentland, game manager in Glasgow for the state

Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, said he was not aware of any rabbit problem in Sheridan County.

"Maybe they're going to do this more for fun," Wentland said before the hunt.

"It was fun, really fun," said one of the youngest hunters, 11-year-old Jason Polk of Plentywood.

After 137 victims

Farmer proclaims land free of deer

LAKE TOWN, Utah (AP) — After killing a record 139 deer that have wandered onto his 36-acre plot, Utah County farmer Vil Sittidway believes he may have solved his problem for the year.

"I think we've scared them all out because I haven't found a deer on my property for the last two nights," Sittidway said.

Under Utah law, a landowner may kill deer on his property providing the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources is notified 24 hours in advance.

Although Sittidway has been killing deer on his farm for several years, he said, "I still get threatening calls from people who think deer are 'pretty' and don't stop to think they could cost me my livelihood."

Jim Gregory, Rich County DWR conservation officer, said he also gets a lot of calls.

"People want to know why we allow such killing to go on and where they can go to try to get it stopped," he said Tuesday.

He said Utah is unusual in allowing this kind of big-game killing.

Gregory said Idaho law refers to damage done by deer as an act of God, but in Utah a landowner is allowed to destroy big game if the animals damage his property.

Gregory said it concerns him that so many deer have been killed because, "that is a significant resource loss to the whole state."

Utah law compensates farmers for damage done by deer.

annually for such damage," Gregory said.

Sittidway said he would have to wait until spring for compensation, when the damage can be assessed.

"I could lose more than 50 percent of my grain this year, but even if I lost the whole crop, the state pays a maximum of \$2,000 to one farmer," he said.

Gregory said DWR officials have been salvaging most of the meat and donating it to organizations who distribute it to needy families. Some of the meat has been auctioned off, because of difficulties in arranging distribution, he said.

Gregory said that until this year, the most deer killed in a season by a farmer has been between 75 and 80.

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Faction backs raising of steelhead tag fee

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — A sportsman's organization plans to ask the next Idaho Legislature to boost salmon and steelhead fishing tags from \$2 to \$5.

The estimated \$100,000 per year that would raise could go toward building up ocean-going fish runs in both Idaho's legal and biological means, says Idaho Salmon and Steelhead Unlimited.

The organization said here Monday it's working for legislation to permanently increase the steelhead tag price, with money specifically earmarked for anadromous (ocean-going) fish enhancement.

"Attorney General Jim Jones said one of the money could be used in Idaho's legal battles with its neighboring states to gain more control over the fish runs.

He said Idaho has been making "a strong effort" to get better management policies from Washington and Oregon to protect spawning fish runs.

Jones said Idaho expects a major ruling on those efforts within the next couple of weeks.

Rapture of powder

Rare billowing snow blanket draws aficionados like sirens

By MIKE SULLIVAN
Times-News city editor

KETCHUM—Predictably, three hours after the lifts opened on Baldy Mountain 9 inches of fresh powder had been greedily sliced and diced. Ketchum skier pundit Dick Dor- it was the moment powder hogs were had been waiting for since spring — the rapture was at hand. Less than a thousand skiers were able to trish hundreds of acres of powder before lunch.

Aside from those times when the snow's too thin, too hard or too soft, skiing on Baldy, Sun Valley's at Idaho ski resorts. When it mate- centerpieces is generally worth the rialties, as it did last weekend, price of admission — steep as that powder addicts queue up early at



Brett Sullivan cruises through the powder below Galena

price may be. But to lovers of the deep, dumps of fluff such as last weekend's are something special.

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the lifts for first crack at it. And it goes fast.

After the powder pigs are done carving it up on the trails, grooming equipment moves in to pack the run. It's the benefit of the majority of skiers who prefer it that way.

The hopelessly addicted are then either driven into the trees to find untracked stuff before it settles in to slidy, or to wait for the next dump, to slip, or to go somewhere else — maybe Utah, or by copier to the peaks bordering Wood River Valley. But some of them choose Galena Summit.

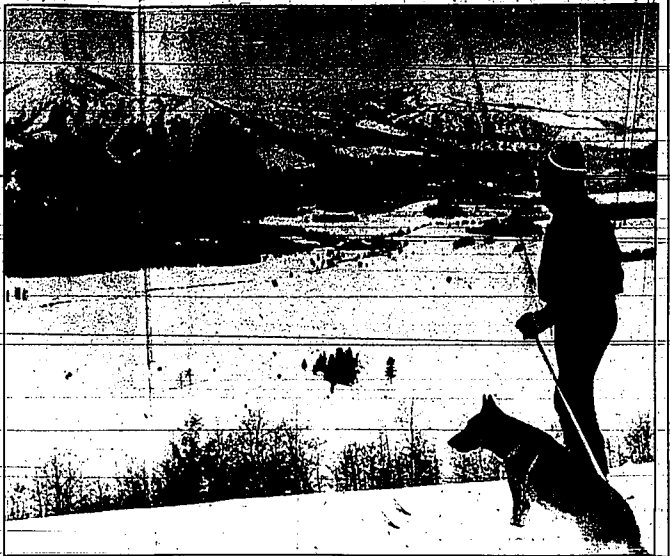
For the past several years the pass connecting Wood River Valley to Sawtooth Valley has been a haven for powder junkies. Since there are probably no more than a few dozen (if that many) skiers willing to pay the price to ski the summit, powder lasts longer there. And it seems to fall more often.

The price is relatively low — the cost of gasoline to get up there and back and the physical energy involved in climbing a few hundred feet. Yet that's enough to discourage all but the hard-core, who are perfectly content with the arrangement.

Powder isn't the only attraction for the cadre of summit skiers. The lack of crowds, noise and commercialism is as much of the charm as the knowledge that this is the way skiing once was — back before the invention of the chairlift at Sun Valley in 1936. Ironically, as the resort that spawned chairlift skiing observes its golden anniversary this winter, backcountry skiers around Sun Valley, at places such as Galena, is steadily growing. Steadily, but hardly spectacularly.

Unless one chooses to start skiing on the Sawtooth Valley side of the summit, most of the established ski routes on Galena involve climbing. That automatically eliminates the majority of modern alpine skiers, who grew up with chairlifts.

The best routes begin up around 9,000 feet and, fortunately, the snow stays longer at that altitude. So powder conditions above the summit exist long after they've ended on Baldy.



Brett Sullivan and pal, Sandy, check out the ski routes into Sawtooth Valley

There are other places to find light, untracked snow in the Boulders, the Pioneers, the Smokies and the Sawtooths, but the easiest to get to — and the most visible — is the summit area. Where else in southern Idaho can you drive up to 8,700 feet, park your car and find mile-long downhill runs?

The tracks are visible above State Highway 75, long, sinuous etchings, descending from the rocky point known as "The Cross."

Named for a wooden cross erected there a decade ago that has since disappeared, The Cross is the most popular destination for summit skiers. From a regularly plowed turnout on the north side of the pass, skiers follow a jeep road up some 300-400 vertical feet for a mile or so. A broad, open slope drops away to the south, ending further down the highway. The north slope is heavily wooded and longer, funneling into a narrow gully leading back to the road and another turnout. Both slopes offer about 1,000 vertical feet of skiing.

Well-equipped summit skiers travel in packs so that a vehicle is waiting for them at the end of the trail. Otherwise, hitchhiking is the mode of uphill transport.

Across the highway, "Humble Pie" follows a long ridge line down into Sawtooth Valley for well over a mile, but requires a lengthy trek across the flats back to the highway. Other routes begin at the summit overlook and the historical sign downhill from there on the Sawtooth Valley side. There are also the Titus Lake and "Avalanche Road" routes, as well as the old highway.

None of the routes are marked or patrolled and some are dangerous. Signs alert skiers to the avalanche danger. So far, no one has been killed, but several skiers have been caught in slides.

Obviously, backcountry skiing is not for everyone. The nature of it requires special skills and knowledge, such as avalanche training, some first-aid and winter survival skills and at least intermediate skiing ability. Climbing calls for better physical conditioning than hill riding, and is far better for staying in condition. Equipment can be

either alpine, alpine touring or cross country, depending on the skier's preference.

Beyond that, there are no rules other than those of good sense, and no boundaries other than legal ones — private property should be respected. That freedom is perhaps the greatest lure of all. Backcountry skiing is an adventure, one in which ordinary human boundaries are routinely expanded.

Anyone considering the exploration of this dimension of skiing is well-advised to educate themselves — through shops such as Backwoods Mountain Sports and The Elephant's Perch in Ketchum — through magazines such as Outside, Cross-Country Skier or Powder, and through ski instruction focusing on cross-country techniques. Best of all would be to hook up with knowledgeable friends looking to bring a greenhorn along.

Is it worth it all that? Ask Dorworth, who's done it all, including holding the world speed skiing record. "Once you're finished with racing, powder is the ultimate," Dorworth says.

Power council re-evaluates smolt escapement programs

PORTLAND, Ore. — Survival of steelhead and salmon smolts traveling downstream to the ocean is the subject of a proposed amendment to the Northwest Power Planning Council's Columbia River basin fish

At its Dec. 12 meeting, the council decided to re-evaluate the objective established for juvenile fish survival at mainstem Columbia and Snake river dams operated by the Corps of Engineers. The council voted to enter an amendment process to reopen the question of how much water should be spilled at the dams to protect young salmon and steelhead.

Public comment on this question will be taken until 5 p.m. Jan. 24, 1986. The council anticipates making a decision on the most appropriate survival objectives in February with have objectives in place for the 1986 spring migration.

Protecting the downstream migrating smolts plays a key role in restoring Columbia river basin anadromous fish runs. Ratepayer investments in projects throughout the basin could be jeopardized if young fish spawned in upper reaches of the river are unable to travel safe-

ly to the ocean. Consequently, both the Northwest Power Act of 1980 and the council's fish and wildlife program call for improvements in the survival of downstream migrants at mainstem

Without protection, the young fish pass through the turbines at each dam with a resulting fish loss of about 15 percent per dam. To avoid the turbines, the existing program calls for releasing fish-laden water through spillways, installing or improving mechanical bypass systems and transporting the fish around the dams in trucks and barges.

The council's proposed rulemaking concerns interim survival objectives that will guide spill planning and management. The interim objectives may be in place until permanent mechanical improvements are made at each of the dams.

The council is seeking comment on a proposal which incorporates a varying survival level based on annual water conditions. In years that have average or better than average runoff and rainfall, the interim survival objective for river migrants would be at least 94 percent at Lower Monumental and Ice Harbor

dams on the Snake River and John Day and The Dalles dams on the Columbia. These dams lack mechanical bypass systems.

In years with less than average water conditions, the interim objective would be a minimum 92 percent survival of river migrants at the same dams.

The proposal also assigns responsibility to the managers of the water budget (augmented spring flows that help flush migrating smolts through the dams) for management of in-season spill requests and coordination with the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bonneville Power Administration, state and federal fishery agencies and Indian tribes.

Hearings in each Northwest state will be held over the next six weeks. For a schedule of hearings or to reserve time for presenting oral comments at a hearing, contact Ruth Curtis at the Northwest Power Planning Council's central office, 833 S.W. Broadway, Suite 1100, Portland, Ore., 97205 or call 503-222-5161 or toll free in Idaho, Montana and Washington, 1-800-222-3355 no later than two work days before the hearing.

Wheelchair only slows deer hunter

NEENAH, Wis. (AP) — Deer hunting isn't generally regarded as one of those safe activities for our wheelchair-bound citizens.

"It can be done, however, and Philip 'Stubby' Dennis is proof of that. In fact, Dennis is such an avid, two-season deer hunter that he's a wheelchair. But it is deer hunting that serves as his primary form of therapy and personal motivation.

Dennis recalls the painful episode: "I was bowhunting in Waushara County. I was up in one of those portable tree blinds when it started to rain. I decided to go get my rain gear. I started coming down the tree, and the next thing I remember is waking up at the bottom of the tree, lying face down in the leaves and mud and not being able to move.

"I don't really know to this day how it happened," Dennis says of his 12- to 14-foot fall.

Dennis' son Kevin, now 15, found his father about two hours later. "When they finally picked me up, I had a broken wrist, a concussion and three smashed vertebrae. I was told that if I had been alone, or if I had not been found, another half-hour before exposure would have finished me off," Dennis says.

Since the accident, Dennis has been paralyzed from the chest down. He has no feeling at all below his shoulders, but he has almost full use of both his arms.

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me out for opening day of the gun season. I got a buck with my rifle that same year hunting from my brother's truck."

Now, Dennis parks his wheelchair on a piece of plywood outside. That way, he can readily turn and set his sights on moving deer, he says. "If you hit one, somebody has to track it for me and drag it out."

Another problem Dennis has had to overcome is a lack of sensation below his shoulders. "One thing about it is my feet don't get cold any more," he joked. "But really, since I can't tell when my feet are getting cold, I could be experiencing frostbite without even knowing it. It's something I have to constantly guard against."

Dennis, unemployed by a tag and label manufacturer since his fall, still experiences some pain and discomfort from his accident. But it's something he's willing to endure. "The way I look at it, if I'm going to hurt, I might as well hurt out in the deer and not hurt at home in front of the TV set," he says.

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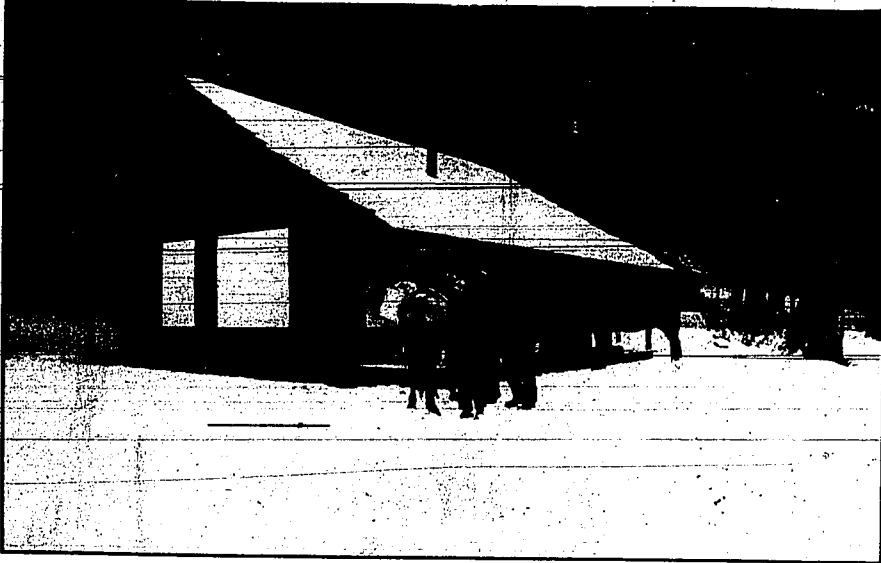
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Forest Service offers these remote log buildings near the Selway-Bitterroot wilderness in Idaho for rent next summer

Guard station offered as summer home

MEADOW-CREEK GUARD STATION, Idaho (AP) — A warming fire crackles in the wood stove that has become the focus of a late November outing to this remote U.S. Forest Service outpost.

Nestled on the edge of the Selway Bitterroot Wilderness in Idaho, this collection of log buildings is about to enter a new era as a sort of memorials for rent by the Forest Service.

Outdoors, the last faint smudges of daylight have ducked quickly behind the high ridges that shelter the roadless valley of Meadow Creek, a tributary of the Selway River, some 16 miles downstream.

Each opening of the door for another wedge of firewood brings a new consensus that the evening has turned colder yet.

In the next room, a wood-fired cookstove brings warmth to the kitchen and the pots set atop it. Lanterns light brightly the white walls.

"Sixteen miles up the Meadow Creek trail, in the heart of the backcountry, time has pretty much stood still," the Forest Service says in a news release about the guard station.

The Nezperce National Forest guard station has become news-worthy because of a decision by the Forest Service to offer it for rent to the public next summer. It was built in the 1920s and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1981.

This trip in late November is intended as both a look at the station and the agency's rental program.

The chance for a little late-season deer and elk hunting in the Selway backcountry adds incentive.

The \$25 rental fee entitles the four of us to two night's lodging and as much firewood as it takes to keep warm.

To reach the station, we walk the 14.8 miles from the trailhead at Slim's Campground, the end of the trail, leading two horses bedecked with baggage. The horses belong to Bruce Wyatt of Lewiston, the baggage to Kent Henderson of Lewiston, Vyo Simaltits of Coeur d'Alene and myself.

The trail, frozen solid from the cold, is easy to fall on and mostly easy walking, except for a long climb to bypass some of Meadow-Creek's more difficult terrain.

Allowing the bare-minimum seven hours of daylight for the walk into the station, the white shuttered windows of the guard station alert us to its presence as dusk settles.

With the horses unpacked, the guard station's main cabin is quickly unlocked, lanterns lit and a fire kindled in the woodstove. The shutters are unlatched, allowing light to shine out over the small meadow.

After the day's walk, the cabin provides a comfortable way station for the weary. A hot and filling dinner soon makes it seem more comfortable still.

The following day, the cabin provides a welcome base to return to after hunting up a nearby ridge. That night, the station's protection becomes important as arctic air makes temperatures plunge.

None of us took a thermometer so there is no way to gauge how cold it got. The temperature, however, was certainly somewhere between Elk City's 23 below zero and the 5 below recorded that night at Fenn some 39 miles downstream.

The woodstove was more than

adequate to keep the cabin comfortable even at those temperatures. The warmth allowed us to sleep comfortably on the beds arranged around the woodstove.

The guard station's excellent condition makes it easy to recall the time when horses and mules, and of course shanks' mare, were the only ways to travel Idaho's backcountry. With no roads reaching into the

heart of Meadow-Creek's valley, that era lingers here. The station includes the cabin we stayed in, which once served as the headquarters building, bunkhouse, tack shed, privy, corral and woodshed. The station still does many of the same jobs it was built for.

Bill Fansler of the Selway Ranger District near Lowell says the station will be available for rent next summer. The standard rate will be \$25 for two nights.

The only significant difference between what the agency will offer visitors next summer and what was offered during ours will be running water. The water system was shut off for the winter during our visit. Fansler said the ranger district may also offer a fire lookout for rent next summer.

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Volcano-ravaged Toutle steelhead run coming back

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — finished in the top 10 winter steelhead fishing may be opened on steelhead streams in the state in the 1980s. The log-fishing terms catch stream devastated by the May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens, state steelhead season, which ended just weeks before the May 18, 1980, eruption. The fish population is rebuilding, anglers caught 3,341 fish, quickly, fish biologist Bruce Crawford said. "We estimated about 3,000 spawners" last spring. "That's the real good."

Anglers probably will be allowed to fish for the river's wild winter steelhead in 1987 on a limited, trophy fishing basis, Crawford said.

During the initial, experimental program, an angler probably will be allowed to keep just one wild steelhead, but will be able to hook and release until selecting a trophy catch, Crawford said.

In addition, the Toutle would also reopen in 1986 for a summer-run steelhead fishery, with a limit of one fish per day.

The Game Department has continued to plant the river with summer-run steelhead from its hatcheries. The winter run, however, is entirely wild.

Before the volcano erupted on May 18, 1980, the Toutle was a premier steelhead stream for both winter and summer runs. It consistently

When the volcano blew, the North Fork of the Toutle bore the brunt of the damage. Tons of sediment and debris went into its drainage, turning it into a mudflow. At the same time, another mudflow pushed its way down the valley of the South Fork.

Ash and mud sediments virtually covered the river's spawning beds, and experts feared fish runs would take decades to recover.

Nevertheless, the South Fork is in "excellent" condition now, Crawford said. "It was running clear as early as 1982. We have had mainstream spawning in the South Fork in the last two years."

Although the North Fork took a more direct hit from the mountain and won't recover as quickly, one of its major tributaries, the Green River, is again supporting both winter and summer runs of steelhead.

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Jefferson's plummet from NFL star to waived veteran is hard to explain

By CHRIS COBBS
Los Angeles Times

SAN DIEGO — As he jogs near his residence in suburban Dallas, only a mile from the Cowboys' complex, he has ample time to ponder the chain of events that brought him home early this fall.

"It's different being here this time of year," John Jefferson said. "Friends ask what you're doing. It doesn't feel so good."

"I try to show it, because that's not going to change anything. But there's no doubt I've got the incentive to be an All-Pro again. I want it so bad. I want to put a good light on the end of my career. I sure do want to straighten this thing out before I retire."

This thing has got a lot of people confused.

Two years ago, Jefferson was a Pro Bowl-caliber pass catcher. Now, at 29, he is without a job and without a simple explanation for how it came to this. There is no suspicion of drug involvement, according to several pro football insiders, but beyond that, there is no consensus on whether it's his desire, his skills or both that have faded so swiftly.

There is a certain irony in the path that has led Jefferson to Dallas, where he was a high school star in the early 1970s.

During his senior year at Arizona State, Jefferson learned that the Green Bay Packers were considering drafting him. Unmoved by the ghost of Lombardi, and dismayed by the prospect of running post patterns in the snow, he appealed to his coach, Frank Kush, to call the Packers' Bart Starr and persuade him to draft someone else.

Kush agreed, provided that Jefferson would speak to Starr. The strategy worked, sort of.

Jefferson wound up being selected by the San Diego Chargers, for whom he played three years, twice leading the NFL in touchdown receptions and becoming one of the most popular athletes in the city's history. He became the first NFL receiver to surpass 1,000 yards receiving in each of his first three seasons.

Hoping to cash in with a renegotiated contract, his agent, Howard Slusher, got into a holdout struggle with Eugene Klein, then the owner of the Chargers. The dispute ended with Jefferson's being traded to the Packers, and this time there was no Kush to intervene.

Jefferson spent four bitter-sweet years in Green Bay before playing out his option and eventually winding up in Cleveland, this season for a spot in the forgotten games in which he caught only three passes. The Browns cut him last month, and Jefferson, a man with a carefree exterior masking a deep reservoir of pride, returned to home Dallas to nurse his ego and reshape his future.

He enjoyed three banner seasons with the Chargers from 1978 through 1981, with receiving totals of 56, 61 and 62. He led the NFL in touchdown catches twice.

His first two years in Green Bay, where James Lofton was ensconced as the deep threat, Jefferson's totals dipped to 28 and 27. His willingness to run routes across the middle and his bubbly spirit made him an instant team leader. He recovered with 57 catches in 1983, but in his option year, 1984, Jefferson caught only 26 passes catches before his exodus.

His anemic production with the Browns this season wouldn't constitute even a bad game in years past.

Still, it's hard to find anyone willing to completely dismiss his future.

"I see John frequently, and he looks lean and trim, probably the best condition I've ever seen him in," said Gil Brandt, chief scout for the Dallas Cowboys. "My feeling is that he wants to put this year out of his mind and get a fresh start."

Charlie Joiner, a former teammate in San Diego and still one of his closest friends, said that Jefferson was shocked by his sudden dismissal in Cleveland.

"He's hurting right now," Joiner said. "He'll keep it inside, because he's such a happy-go-lucky guy. The thing for JJ is to be mentally ready right now. I believe somebody will get him. He's just too young to retire. He can still play in this league."

A comeback won't be easy, though, according to San Diego quarterback Dan Fouts.

"JJ's got to be willing to start all over," he said. "He has to be willing to accept whatever comes his way. He'll probably never find another system like he had in San Diego."

The Chargers would have little or no interest in bringing back Jefferson, according to Ron Nay, chief scout and adviser to owner Alex Spanos. "Things can change, but right now there's no place for him," Nay said. "I don't know how fast he is anymore, and I don't know where he would fit into our team."

Jefferson's decline apparently was more related to incompatibility with the Packer and Brown offenses than to any other single factor.

By his own account, Jefferson had differences with a member of the Packer coaching staff whom he didn't name. "I just had to get out," he said.

Kush, who has stayed close to Jefferson through the years and is now coaching the Outlaws, said that Jefferson's problems were with Lew Carpenter, the Green Bay receiver coach under both Starr and Forrest Gregg, who replaced Starr after the 1983 season.

"He didn't think John had enough speed," Kush said. "Well, John's never been a sprinter. But he knows how to get open and he's a great possession receiver. He just didn't fit into Lew's system, I guess."

Carpenter said otherwise.

"If he had a conflict, I don't know who he meant," Carpenter said. "I worked with him every day and never knew of any conflict. The problem he had here was mental. He still has a lot of talent left, and if he works hard he can still be a fine player. It's just a matter of getting ready in his own mind."

Joiner pointed out, however, that the Packer passing game was geared to Lofton. "The quality plays went to Lofton," he said.

Jefferson left Green Bay as the No. 12 receiver in Packer history with 149 receptions.

He also left without another destination clearly in mind. The Cleveland Browns eventually met his asking price, about \$400,000 for a one-year deal, but his absence from training camp exacted a price of its own.

There is another dimension to Jefferson's decline, as Kush sees it. Greed is part of it, and so is the failure to perceive the importance of personal chemistry. Kush dumped the blame in the lap of Howard Slusher, one of the most criticized and successful agents in professional sports.

"John was a victim of what transpires in the NFL when an agent is more concerned about money than the welfare of a player and team," Kush said. "There is more to it than just making a buck. I'm talking about chemistry and cohesiveness."

"John needs to be in an environment where he's comfortable, and San Diego was ideal for him. He had the right chemistry there."

There's no question Jefferson enjoyed a special place in the Charger offense, alongside Joiner and Kellen Winslow, the other chief targets of Fouts' prolific right arm. He also had a special place in the feelings of Charger backers, who responded wildly to the sight of Jefferson running onto the field, jumping and waving a white towel.

There seems no question that Jefferson must pick his next team with care, as far as that's possible, for an unemployed receiver who's nearing 30 and is used to making a healthy salary.

There is a chance he could price himself out of business, in Brandt's estimation. Jefferson's next contract would likely be based on incentives: if he plays and starts, one figure; if he catches a certain number of passes, a higher figure; if his team makes the playoffs, more rewards.

There is some doubt, though, how Jefferson would react to such incentives. His San Diego contract was dotted with them, and he hated their existence.

"The incentives nearly destroyed me," he said after he had been traded to the Packers in 1981. "I worried about money so much, I worried about how many balls Charlie and Kellen were catching. I had to be a statistician as well as a football player."

Kush, who said he would be inter-



JOHN JEFFERSON
Hopes somebody is still interested in him

ested in signing Jefferson, believes the player has the tenacity to make a comeback.

After leaving the Chargers four years ago, Jefferson seemed to have a pretty good handle on himself and whatever the future would bring.

"I'm going to play as long as I can, but I'm not going to get shoved around," he said at the time. "I won't show up just to be on the sidelines. Can't be in no man's freak show."

Florida State receiver ruled ineligible for bowl

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State wide receiver Hassan Jones has been declared ineligible to play in the Gator Bowl game because he violated NCAA regulations on complimentary tickets, school officials said Wednesday.

Florida State meets Oklahoma State Dec. 30 in the postseason game.

Jefferson said he received an anonymous phone call the week before the Florida-Florida State game warning him that people might try to buy tickets from Florida State players.

Ingram and Bowden warned the players before the game to be careful and advised them of the rules. But on Dec. 13, Ingram was told Jones' tickets were bought by the 12 outsiders.

Whether Jones accepted money for the tickets was not known, said Wayne Hogan, director of sports information for Florida State.

Jones, a senior, caught 98 passes for 1,764 yards and 17 touchdowns at Florida State.

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C. Sather's art:

After 36 years driving cly-buses and street cars in Minneapolis-St. Paul, Charles Sather, 74, retired, and he and his wife moved to Twin Falls about 10 years ago. He designs his Christmas cards each year, which he does while "doodling" while watching television. He also has enjoyed oil painting and a Scandinavian art called rose malling (painting on wooden objects). He and his wife have three grown children.

By JaNene Buckway

Snow and Christmas trees are traditional holiday trappings, but the year I became

a teen-ager, the Christmas tree took on new meaning. Christmas was always a special time in our little town, with holiday bells ringing across snow-filled pastures and bobbed rides on starlit winter nights.

As children, we knew the holidays were close when Brother Petersen trimmed a big fir tree for the meeting house chapel, and all was right with the world when the sweet smell of holiday-cookies floated from Mrs. Woods' kitchen.

My parents and we six kids were living in the cozy, old, four-room family home the winter I turned 13.

On the basis of family income, we were considered "disadvantaged" by the government and the Ladies Aid Society.

But we had beautifully hand-sewn dolls, a mother made a simply huge doll house carefully handcrafted by a devoted grandfather, and with the hard work and sacrifice of good parents, we always had loving, productive holidays.

We knew we had to be careful with money, and the older children worked at odd jobs to help with their own spending money, but "disadvantaged?" Hardly!

Wise parents taught us Christmas was a special family time when giving love and remembering the gift of the Son of God was important, not a massive collection of toys. That winter my eldest brother Rick taught us all a special lesson in love.

Mother told us we would have to cut down some holiday decorations because extra expenses had limited the money for Christmas.

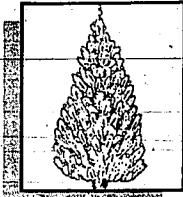
We decided not to put up a tree and to save the money for toys for the younger children.

A widow lady in the neighborhood we called Aunt Julie simply would not hear of us doing without a tree and told mother to "collect" the "bottom

branches of her spreading spruce tree to add a festive touch to our holiday preparations.

Under the watchful eye of Aunt Julie, and with a particularly sour face, Rick set about to cut the boughs and try to fashion what he called an "imaginary" tree for our front room. He seemed to sense, more than the rest of us, mother's disappointment at not having a "proper tree."

In the early '60s, artificial trees were beginning to replace real conifers for Christmas use, and the aluminum "pom-pom" trees illuminated with a rotating color wheel were especially popular.



Rick eyed the new trees in store windows with special attention, but said nothing about the funny little tree he had made out of Aunt Julie's donated greens.

He seemed very preoccupied that season, taking more snow shoveling and odd jobs with local farmers. Many paid him with milk or other foodstuffs for the family, and some gave him a dollar or two for his work.

Christmas Eve went to the traditional community Christmas program, but Rick, who had just turned 15, left early, claiming a sudden disjail for Santa Claus and nolsy children and even popcorn balls.

Mother was noticeably annoyed by his behavior, but I was worried. Rick always shared his secrets with me, and he was sure acting strange.

Our front room had one small window facing the front street, and many snowy evenings as I struggled home, I watched for the light from the window knowing a warm haven waited inside.

This Christmas Eve, we waved to friends and family, called happy greetings to cousins, aunts and neighbors, and then turned homeward.

The snow twinkled in the starlight and crunched under our feet as we walked. Suddenly mother stopped in the street and gasped.

I looked at her panic-stricken face and then saw the red glow reflected in the snow outside our front window.

"Fire!" she whispered—and quickened her pace, but then stopped again as the reflection in the snow changed to blue and, before our startled eyes, changed to green and then slowly to yellow and back to the red that had at first caused alarm and now bemused curiosity.

The younger kids began to run down the street, trying to be the first to see what was going on, but mom walked slowly watching the lights play on the snowy front lawn.

Rick was waiting at the front door, and dad sat inside in the reflected light of a color wheel slowly rotating to shed its light on the shimmering branches of an aluminum "pom-pom" Christmas tree.

Rick had worked and saved the nearly \$20-it cost to buy the tree for mom. Not much money, perhaps, but it took a young boy many hours of farm work and snow shoveling to earn it.

The aluminum tree has given way to a grander, seven-foot scotch pine, and my brother's own teen-age son now presides at the family present exchange.

But, there will never be a holiday night as lovely as mother's tear-stained but smiling face, reflected in the light of Rick's smile and a small, rotating color wheel as we gathered for "Silent Night"—those many years ago.

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Old Christmas

By Frances Harris

The cattle kept Old Christmas
(So said my father-in-law)
In long ago Kentucky,
Kneeling in the straw.

For Twelfth Night was Old Christmas
And, if midnight found you hid,

You'd see the cattle kneeling
As at Bethlehem they did.

We've bedded down our Herefords
In straw so clean and bright,
And I know they'll keep Old Christmas
In Idaho tonight.

Frances Harris has lived in the Hansen area for nearly 30 years. She writes mostly poetry, but occasionally writes fiction, and last April her book on the history of Hansen was published. She learned the legend of Old Christmas, which is celebrated on Jan. 6, from her father-in-law, John A. Harris.

Christmas Day At Last

A special box brought Christmas joy

By Barb Sigman Wood

Living in Sigman Hollow left me with indelible memories of special occasions. We were a large family, close knit, and holidays brought on a special closeness. On those occasions we were always slept in the meeting house and had our meals there.

Sigman Hollow is located in Tennessee among the Great Smokey Mountains and was called "tus" by the "local" people. Christmas Eve was always celebrated with a chestnut roast and sledding party. We would all gather around the Christmas Eve fire to sing hymns, and roast chestnuts.

Exhausted, we children were tucked into our pallets, and we anticipated Christmas morning because Grandma Cook (my grandmother on my mother's side) always sent a huge lunch from Okanagan, Washington. This box would arrive about a week before Christmas, and when it came word spread fast among all of us.

One Christmas morning really stands out in my memory, and as consciousness slowly dawned, I realized the meeting house was a flurry of activity. Christmas morning had at last arrived and we would open Grandma Cook's box during breakfast. Each year new delights were brought from that box. There always seemed to be enough for us all. Grandma Cook must have loved us a lot, and years later, I told her how much that box meant to all of us in Sigman Hollow.

As spiky smells drifted through the building, we scrambled into clothing and rolled our pallets and stacked them against the wall. Babies cried in the confusion of early morning preparations and were gently hushed as mothers rocked them. Older siblings cared for, mothers with babies enjoyed the time to group around the old stoves and catch up on family happenings. Many had just arrived, and for some, this yearly meeting was a reuniting of families, as some did not live in the Hollow.

Older women prepared long tables for a breakfast of kuchen hot from the oven, smoked

sausage and spiced egg nog. During all the preparations, the children had a "free-time" and, wow, what a time to seek out cousins who had just arrived. Occasionally, we'd warm ourselves by the smoldering coals of the Christmas Eve fire, and we would joke or plan a trick. This particular year, we planned on just being good! We were struck with Christmas good will and also threats from Dad to "bring our necks!" If we caused trouble having seen many a healthy chicken meet their demise this year, we planned on being very good. However, fate intervened, and events were soon out of our control.

Cousins Jimmy, Linda and Lester joined Toogie (my little sister) and I to live up the celebration. The confusion started when we lost Jimmy. Tired of looking for him, we decided to go check on "the box." To our horror, we found him in the meeting house leaning on the table, and he had a piece of string between his fingers! Toogie acted first and ran over and kicked Jimmy on the shin before he realized he had been caught. As he let out a howl, Linda caught the other shin. With ropes damaged, we went down. Lester ran to get Grandma Sigman and told her, Linda, Toogie and I ran for the door. Seeing we would not make it in time, we veered semi-circle and ducked under the table. With Jimmy howling, circumstances really got confused; and Grandma got the idea Lester had kicked him. She grabbed a broom, and to our delight, she thrashed him good amid protests that he hadn't done it. Jimmy recovered enough to get up, and by then, Grandma was obsessed and popped him on the seat, telling him to leave that box alone or he would get a prize from it.

At the while we sat giggling and wondered what the boys would do to us when they found us. Grandma leaned the broom against the wall and went back to the kitchen. Sneaking out from under the table, we joined hands and headed for the door. At this moment, Grandma came

through the kitchen door. Wiping her brown, lined hands on her apron, she smiled and said, "You little girls are sure being good!"

We all stood very still, smiled and said, "Yes, Grandma." As she turned to leave we ran for the door, past the chicken house and came to rest against the smoke house wall that faced Great Big Toe Hill.

"When was that closed?" Toogie whispered.

Linda and I gasped for air. Lester stepped around the corner and hissed, "Not as close as we are!"

He lunged for me, and Jimmy tripped him.

"No," he growled, "they are mine!"

Lester got up, and they advanced on us as we backed from behind the building. Suddenly the expressions on their faces changed. A cold, clammy hand encircled my young neck. I had visions of being the first kid in Sigman Hollow to lose their head by "wrangling."

"Thinking it was Daddy," I rasped, "Daddy make it quick!"

Lester and Jimmy cowered when a gravelly voice boomed, "I'm not your Daddy. I'm Aunt Hattie, and I know you youngsters is up to no good."

We knew what was to happen next, and silently we marched to the outhouse.

"Now git in there and think about your triffin ways," she yelled. The year before she had locked us in for an hour, and we had almost missed the opening of the box. We entered the smelly outhouse, and the lock fell into place.

"What's 'try-flyin' got to do with what we were doing?" Toogie, in all her young innocence, asked Lester.

"I'm not sure," he replied, "cause we weren't even tryin to fly."

We were all perplexed and shrugged our shoulders in confusion.

United in our dilemma, we found the obvious events that had landed us where we were, and we concentrated on getting out. The fumes were overwhelming us,

and Lester said something about his sinuses eroding. The boys pried a board loose. We all tumbled through the opening, one at a time, the old weather-worn board banging. Unaware that Aunt Hattie had watched our escape, we caught sight of her ominous figure advancing toward us. She breathed German fire and brimstone with every step. Her bony finger outstretched, she shrieked:

"I'm gitlin' your dad."

She pointed at me. Oh, the lump in my throat! Still on the ground, Lester suddenly bowed outward and clutched his throat. On cue we sang, "It's the fumes, it's the fumes."

Lester flipped over on his back, drew his legs up, gagged, still clutching his throat, straightened his legs out and flopped on his tummy. He rolled, thrashed and choked as we stood awe-stricken. Aunt Hattie was thunder struck. She stared, her lips trembling as she made strange noises and tried to calm him. But by now, Lester was in full swing and nothing could stop him.

"I couldn't even do that good," whispered Jimmy.

Toogie escaped our hold and ran to Aunt Hattie. "He didn't try flyin'," she shouted. "It's his sinuses eroding."

Aunt Hattie sobbed, "I meant no harm."

At this point, Lester sprang up, snifled, took a big gulp of air and sniply strode off with us cautiously trailing behind. Aunt Hattie stood speechless. Soon swallowed by the crowd, we ran, and as the breakfast bell rang, we raced for the meeting house to stand at our assigned places, before Aunt Hattie caught us.

As blessings were said, Grandma's voice boomed, words, Grandpa

into heaven with sharp clarity. I always felt very hunched when Grandpa prayed. As he neared the end of the prayer, he said, "And Lord bless the one who sent this box for us to enjoy." All eyes were on the box, except Aunt Hattie's, for she was looking at us. Lester was grinning from ear to ear. I remember thinking,

"What's he done, or going to do?" As we began to eat, Grandma unwrapped the box, slowly peered inside, looked up, and put his hand inside and drew out an enormous red apple. He repeated this until all of us had one of the juicy prizes. At the bottom were gifts for us children. Things unimaginable for mountain kids: Cracker Jacks, bubble gum; small toys, dolls, several books, paints, crayons. When Jimmy went up to get his black cap gun, he rounded the table and fired the gun just as he passed Aunt Hattie. She raised out of her seat and said, "Triffin' kid!"

Lester poured a cup of warm honey in her chair. There was so much ado with presents she never noticed just then. We howled, and Toogie said, "She will never fly, she's stuck!"

Our thoughts sobered as we looked at the empty box that had been filled with so much love. We listened to Grandpa's rich, mellow voice as he told the ever new Christmas story. Aunt Hattie looked especially sober as she giggled about in her chair glaring from one of us to another.

So another Christmas came and went in the Hollow.

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A CRÈCHE FOR AFRICA

Two priests bring their own ideas to villagers

By Diana Hooley

Little boy, come home thought I worked deep in the dark jungles of Africa: Father Jim, ministering to natives in the sunny tropics surrounded by elephants, monkeys and Tarzan. It took several photographs and descriptive letters to make them understand the way we were.

Frankly, I really couldn't blame them for their misconceptions. I had more than my share. I knew I'd be working in the Sub-Sahara with an established mission. And I knew this was one of several regions in Africa repeatedly ravaged by drought and erosion. Famine was widespread. I knew that, too. But it was such a surprise to see starvation taken for granted. These people breathed, they slept, they died, and in between, they were hungry.

I found myself almost immobilized in the new and distressing situation. The hoards of hungry and needy stunned me like a sudden slap across the face. Seeing the cloudy, sunken eyes of the children with limp, paper-thin skin stretched across their small skeletal frames, I suppressed my first feelings of burning desperation.

I felt I was not prepared to meet the needs of the parishioners. All society had given me were translated Bibles and gospel literature, expenses for living, and an education in ancient history. If I was in shock, sensory, cultural or whatever, meeting Bishop Westhall further heightened my anxieties.

Westhall appeared to care little about the people here and their struggle to survive the elements, or the lack of elements. His primary concern was decorum. He made sure his chimere and rochet were always starched and freshly pressed each Sunday. His altar cloth was clean and snowy and the chalice and paten were polished silver. "He offers them nothing but church ritual, and what that to them," I thought.

"The time for confrontation with Bishop Westhall" came more quickly than I had supposed. It was nearing Christmas, a hot, balmy evening when I received word that His Grace would like to speak with me. No doubt, I thought as I walked through swarms of savage flies to the big village, about some church matter—a new translation of the "Book of Common Prayer" or a confirmation service.

But I was mistaken. As soon as I shut the grass-woven door to his office, I knew.

Something was in the air. He sat

at his table writing, stiff like a statue, with his balding pate arched toward me. The only perceptible movement of his body was the side of his palm sweeping efficiently across the paper as he wrote.

"Please sit down, James," he said without looking at me. Finally, he folded his correspondence, inserted it in the envelope, licked the tab and added it to the small white stack of envelopes at the front of his desk.

"You have something important to tell me?" I asked.

"Yes . . . and no. You are perceptive, at least." He rose from his chair and walked over to the window and gazed out at the ragged—children—playing with prickly scrub sticks in the brown

ground nut gods or the lion gods or even the Arab Prophet."

Feeling uncomfortable with the direction this discourse was taking, I decided to make no response to this. The bishop stared at me, eventually moving his eyes to his hands spread across the top of his desk.

"I asked you to come here today to tell you we have received a Christmas gift from Society Headquarters," he spoke more quietly now. "It is quite a sum, as you can imagine. I'd like your support and help in using the money to construct a life-size Christmas creche for the villagers. It is an idea I've been working on for some time. The gospel message seems to come alive for the Dinka when it's so

seen the native children playing in the dirt. He took on a condescending tone. "You see, James, these primitive peoples must have some kind of visual representation of their God before they will believe. The more you're around them, I'm sure, the more you'll come to see my point of view. A creche can be a most holy and beautiful representation. We have to find a way to lure them from their idols once and for all."

We ended our talk here without agreement. For the next week, I labored within myself, trying to decide what action, if any, should be taken to prevent the construction

of the people. So it was with some trepidation that I found myself back in the bishop's office the following day putting forth my plan for the use of the society's Christmas gift.

"That's not to do WHAT?!" The bishop was incredulous. This time it was I who calmly stood by and watched the balding top of the bishop's head turn from a bloodless white to a heated shade of pink.

"It's absurd. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. And I might add, dear James, bordering on sacrilegious. No, no, no, I won't hear of it. I won't hear of it! Westhall then planted his palm, rather thunderously, on his desk.

"I warned. I felt the advantage afforded composure. Then I moved to check him.

"My idea is no more ridiculous than your own." I measured speech emotionally charged words carefully. "You cannot possibly build this creche without my help, and will help only if my conditions are met."

The spray of dry, blowing dust against the hut sounded like a blast in the pervading silence that followed. Some time passed before the bishop finally turned to me to reply. He looked resolute. I sensed that this conversation was an unfamiliar and uncomfortable position for him to take.

"All right, all right. But let's begin work right away. We haven't much time to gather the materials and animals, if we can gather such a menagerie at all. I had in my mind a much, much simpler creche: James, I hope you realize how much you have complicated things."

It was as if God smiled on us or maybe He was laughing at such crazy happenings.

deep in darkest Africa. Whatever, all doors seemed to lay open in our attempts to obtain the wood, the straw, the sheep—the chickens—and the two rather scrawny goats we needed to complete our manger scene. The logistics of such a feat in our remote area would have discouraged lesser men. But the bishop allowed each in our own way of course, that we were heeding nothing less than divine calling.

The project was finished on Christmas Eve. The whole of Christmas Eve Day, villagers milled around the sight, peering in at a crudely-carved Christ child and all the animals surrounding him. Bishop Westhall was arrayed in his finest ceremonial robes and crosier, preaching throughout the day the old, old story of Christ's birth.

When dusk came, I took the podium from the bishop. There would be very few in my life that would give me as much pleasure as what I said and did that Christmas Eve.

"Everlong, Gather around. Gather around. Gather around. Important to tell you." The people . . .



Illustration by Robert Dorrell

powdery dirt. "Let's dispense with the amenities, shall we, James? I am aware of your displeasure with my handling of mission affairs. I consider this unfortunate since we are going to be working together these next few years. I was hoping that the compassion you display in such profusion and your fresh and youthful approach would enhance the church's cause here."

"I am more than willing to serve the church, if the church is truly willing to serve these people!" I exclaimed, hearing the shrill ring of my own voice in my ears.

The bishop moved from the window to lean across his desk at me, looking much like an eagle ready to pounce on innocent prey. "You are a puzzlement to these people, James. They don't want or need your sympathy. They want and need your God. He is unlike the

graphically depicted in wood carvatures . . ."

"I cannot support such a blatant misuse of funds." I was beside myself with disgust. "How can you, Bishop Westhall, in good conscience preach any kind of salvation to these people when they die daily from disease and hunger?"

"I was impassioned in my plea. That money should be used for food and medical supplies, not some traditional medieval display! Surely we can do something better with it than build a group of graven images!"

"That's quite enough, James. You have not only forgotten whom you are speaking to, but more importantly, you have forgotten your mission. I was hoping you would understand the importance of the creche."

Westhall turned again to the open window, where cold still be

of the Nativity scene. The whole idea seemed preposterous in Africa.

I heard through my parishioners about the manger that was going to be built to house the Baby Christ. They seemed to be in awe of the proposed structure. It was the temple, the holy place of the Baby Christ, they told me. This God would bring abundance, feasting, joy and peace, they believed. How could I refute them, without refuting the gospel message?

Then I had an idea of my own. Didn't the Bishop tell me he wanted to work with me? To utilize my "profuse compassion"? I thought I had some leverage with this bald eagle, but not much. One thing I had recently become convinced of with Westhall: he was totally dedicated to the evangelization of

ANOTHER SEASON

A Californian has her first Christmas in Idaho

By Karen Main

When Theresa agreed to move from the city where she grew up in Southern California to her husband's hometown in Idaho, she was dreaming of perfect seasons that rolled gently one into the other.

She imagined springtimes with David and their children planting a garden beside their country cottage that would be surrounded by sprouting fields.

In summers they would work in the garden and feed their animals, and maybe David could teach her and the children how to fish.

When the farmers' crops grew dull, Theresa would cut their own harvest, standing in her warm yellow kitchen wearing a long linen skirt that flattered her fullness while David pecked proudly around the corner.

When it was white and frozen outside, Theresa would knit while David read stories to the children who would be nestled around the fireplace that blew out the golden warmth of logs they had gathered.

Although she really didn't want to leave her parents and brothers and sisters, Theresa told herself everything didn't work out they could always move back home. She agreed to move only because David's enthusiasm had captured her in a vision of how their life could be.

"You're going to love Twin Falls," he had told her with the same zest he held for winning football teams. "It's the kind of town where we can raise our kids proper."

"My parents have hardly seen the kids, so this would give them a chance to watch the boys grow up," he had said. "And when Jason and Jonathan get older, I can teach them how to hunt and fish."

"Besides," he had told her with his devilish wink, "I came to L.A. in search of something, and since I found her, I might as well go back."

Sometimes David delivered his flurry of speeches about the charm of country life with such earnestness that Theresa knew she couldn't say no. She saw his excitement as a sign that he finally had some expectations instead of just accepting everything with his grin, that he was ready to leave behind bowling leagues and baseball teams and pool games in bars for settling down to the seriousness of family life.

Up until then, his serious side had been limited to the times his hands were sick and when someone mentioned Vietnam.

Once, when Jason was weak



with pneumonia, David had lain alongside his son for days, sometimes holding the tiny boy as though he was trying to absorb the sickness from his child's body into his own. Theresa watched David closely then, and she saw a veiled darkness in her husband's eyes, the same shadow that crossed his face at the mention of that Asian conflict.

That foreign war was just an alien-age to Theresa, and David's silence on the subject was an unspoken language she tried to interpret, just as she tried to hear his words.

She was not persuaded by his reasons for the move as much as she was moved by the tenderness she heard when he talked about the town of his childhood. From deep inside the rough back of her husband—Theresa heard—his unspoken words of their family in the perfect seasons.

Theresa felt he could never admit his real reasons for returning to Idaho, just as he never mentioned their monthly ritual when David used the pretense that her long dark hair needed to be trimmed so he could brush it for a long time before.

So they moved to Twin Falls. They arrived in a spring of snow and rain and sun.

David worked six days a week at his parents' dairy. The physical labor toned the

padded edges of his mass, making Theresa more aware of her own soft belly that David claimed was adorable.

They lived in a house that they rented from his parents because it was right down the road from the dairy. The house was imprisoned in dark green paneling that hid a mess of wooden floors and broken linoleum.

David seemed happy. He came

home with stories of cow diseases and lazy help and hunting and fishing.

Theresa tried. Although she never wore long skirts or learned how to knit, she worked at brightening the ungrateful house and untying her small squabbling children and planting a garden.

Sometimes David's mother Jean dropped in, usually when the children were sour-smelling and cereal-coated. At first, Theresa appreciated the daytime company, but she soon grew annoyed with her mother-in-law, who never let tact get in the way of

her conversations.

When Theresa told her husband about his mother's remarks, he treated it with the same amusement he sometimes found with her. The last time she tried to explain her feelings, Theresa told David that she had complained to Jean about Jonathan spilling an entire quart of grape juice on himself, and her mother-in-law said, "You should appreciate the children while they're young."

"That sounds like my mother all right," David said laughing. "Pay no attention to her, she'll never change."

Lacking her husband's sympathy, Theresa could not decide whether his humor or his mother's comments or her homesickness depressed her the most.

At night she lay beside her sleeping husband in the stillness of their room, listening to the constant wind that broke against the earth like the muffled roar of the ocean. She dreamed of secret doors that led from their bedroom into her parents' house and roads that ended up along beaches.

The wind traveled from one season to the next, dragging the dust, summer behind it, dehydrating the flat fields along with Theresa's dreams.

By fall, David was busy pheasant hunting with his father and brother. Sometimes Theresa would go to please her husband. She hated the stiff canvas clothing and the cold mornings, but afterward she was warmed when David turned to her for confirmation of his pheasant stories while he was bragging to other hunters.

If David had any spare time, his mother would call, always asking to speak to him, to invite his fam-

ily over. Theresa resigned herself to her mother-in-law's calls just as she yielded to the snow that crept into autumn.

Instead of the soft falling flakes of beauty that Theresa had expected, she found herself stuck with the irritating snow that meant icy roads and broken pipes and frozen hairs in her nose.

David was thrilled with the whiteness that meant ducks would land.

Theresa hated the snow and she hated her husband for going to bed early so he could get up every morning at 4:30 to go hunting, before work and she hated herself even more for complaining.

In December, Theresa managed to work up her enthusiasm to

whirl with the wind and snow, bundling up the kids, buying Christmas presents, shipping gifts to her parents and running errands to be ready by the 25th.

She was determined that Christmas would be wonderful this year. Jason and Jonathan would sneak out of their room Christmas morning to delight in their toys left by Santa and then they would wake Mom and Dad with kisses and giggles.

Theresa was in such high spirits and everything was going so well that even when Jean called David to tell him she was expecting his family for Christmas, Theresa didn't mind.

But December 23rd, David came home flushed and excited with the news that a friend of his father's had invited them to go goose-hunting on Christmas. Before he could explain the significance of shooting Canadian geese in the Hagerman Valley, she saw SEASON on Page 14.

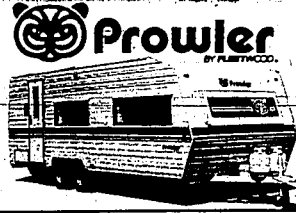
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Winter Arrives Again

Peace and calm fall down in silent snowflakes

By Nolene Zajanc

Winter arrives again. The ice walls build slowly around the town, until everywhere you go, you follow a maze of frozen corridors. The old-timers talk of walls six feet high. The thought gives me strength as I clear my comparatively shallow path, and I am grateful for small gifts. Actually, I quite like the winters here. Sometimes while I am shoveling, I'm tempted to turn and tunnel a mansion in many rooms in the front yard in which to live out my childhood fantasies. I will say, I've been seen sliding down the corner mountains on a shiny, plastic bag. And I'll ever admit that some of the snow angels imprinted in the snow around my home are larger than the average child, by a foot or two.

But what no one knows is that on warm winter nights when the air is perfectly still and the snow begins to fall, I leave the comfort of the hearth to sit in a hollow on one of the corner Alps. I believe the air is clearer, the sky darker, and the crystal flakes fall slower, more freely on these nights. The whole town, dusted with diamonds, seems unreal, fairylike. I lay back and look into heaven to find one special flake and watch it drift aimlessly earthward. Closing my eyes, I count them as they



touch my cheeks; and I listen to absolutely nothing; silence with such power that I am floating suspended in a black sea of falling stars.

Keeping my eyes closed, I drift there, warm within my hollow, molded just for me. I am free with the flakes, and at peace.

When I open my eyes, I will search for a star that may be shining through a space in the clouds. I remember there were men who searched for a star many years ago. They must have spent many hours looking for their symbol. The man they

sought, like the star, shone brightly and brought comfort and hope to all who would look to find. If I see my star, I feel the warmth of the message he brought. Perhaps, it will be that way, on and on, for as long as there is someone to search the sky at night for a star.

In the spring I will go to the hills behind my home. My anticipation will climb with each upward step, until I reach the ridge and turn. There, I will see spread before me, a brown and green patchwork quilt, tied with bits of violet and tended with loving hands, and I will love it. I will stretch to touch the earth below me. Raising a handful up, I will watch it slip through my fingers; wishing to become part of it, part of nature's perfect canvas endlessly repeating each season's transfiguration. I will see it, golden, green, and alive, but I will remember it cold and white and silent. And I will know, there is comfort in winter's silence and peace within. Peace that belongs to that season and falls each year with the snowflakes.

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Cutting a Christmas Tree: Old Style

By William Studebaker

As children we went up Williams Creek with father, as far as the forest, and lumbered behind him through pathless snow.

We gave every tree the eye. Our eye, shorter than his and less worldly, picked orphan firs; small trees strangling in undergrowth.

But father, armed with an ax and shielded by Mother's sense of simple symmetry, fell for a higher law. Still, the choice was not wholly his.

He let us pick between trees, then axed it down. We pulled it backwards, trunk first, to the truck. At home we were heroes arriving with our prize —

the symbol of a great quest.



William Studebaker lives near Twin Falls with his wife and four children. He writes poetry, tall tales and philosophical essays, and his poems have been published in several periodicals. He has published three volumes of poetry: the latest, "The Clearing," was recently released by Confluence Press.

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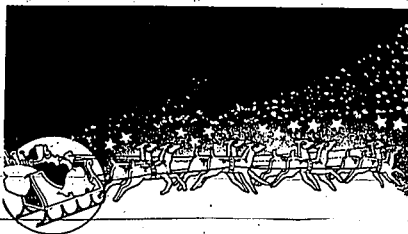
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It's Time for Santa

By Owen Barton

'Tis again 'bout time for Santa
To leave the cold North Pole.
Take a trip around the world
And visit every soul.

He has shined up all his harness,
Put it on them eight reindeer.
Mrs. Santa's loading up the sleigh,
With toys, glad tidings and good cheer.

Old Santa, he's really busy
Hitching up his skittish team.
He's a-puffin' and a-blowin',
Breath so cold, it looks like steam.

Santa's eyes sure are a-sparklin'
As he works all through the night.
His whiskers covered all with frost,
That's why they're always white.

Santa's wearing his best suit,
The one that's white and red.
So that if you see him,
He won't look like his sled.

The reindeer are sure excited,
Ready, willin', and rarin' to go,
Waiting for the crack of the whip,
And Santa's jolly, HO HO HO!

Dasher is sure ready,
To make one fast dash.
It's hard for him to even wait,
For Santa to tie his sash.

Dancer is already dancing,
And keeping right in step.
He seems to know tonight's the night,
And he's sure full of pep.

Prancer keeps on prancing,
All over the place.
Acting like a race horse,
Just before a race.

Old Vixen and Comet,
Are pawing in the snow,
Cupid and Donner, getting nervous,
Already getting ready to go.

Then there is Blitzen,
Anxious now to blitz,
Having trouble waiting
For Santa to get his mitts.

Patiently waiting is Rudolph,
Way out there on the lead,
Saving all the strength he can,
That he knows he's gonna need.

By now, Mrs. Santa Claus
Has almost filled the sack
With all the toys and goodies
That poor Santa has to pack.

The sleigh's so overloaded
It starts sinking in the snow,
And Santa's 'bout decided
It's getting time to go.

And so he grabs Mrs. Santa,
Gives her a great big kiss,
Just to show appreciation
For helping him do all this.

There's dolls and clothes and candy
And a million special toys.
That will sure make happy
All good girls and boys.

Santa's belly bounces,
He jumps into the sleigh,
Happy that he's now ready
And almost on his way.

He's hopin' all the kids he knows,
Have been good girls and boys.
He sure wouldn't want to bring
back home.
This great big load of toys.

But he isn't really worried none,
They always deserve just what
they get.
And as near as he remembers,
He's never had to yet.

Rudolph now is standing
on his lippy toes,
Waiting for the little light
To light up on his nose.

Rudolph has a special job,
His nose will light the way,
So Santa can take it easy
As he relaxes in the sleigh.

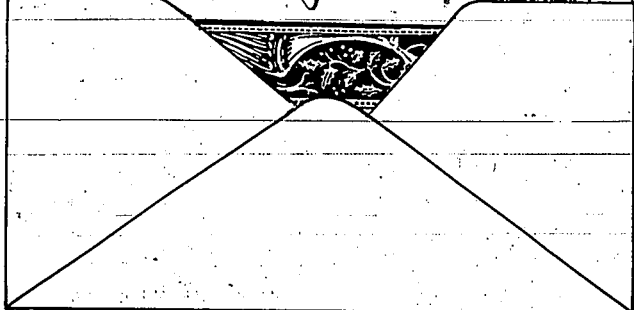
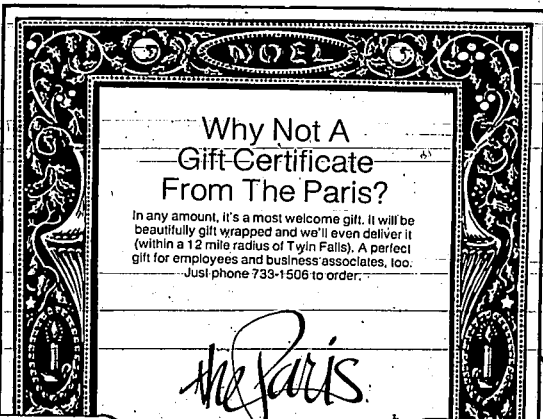
Now the reindeer all are ready,
The tugs are pulled up tight.
Santa chuckles and cracks his whip,
They sail off through the night.

He's feeling so doggone happy,
As the bells all start to jingle,
So glad that he is Santa Claus,
And not just old Kris Kringle.

P.S.
I wish I'd been a good boy,
Lor'dy, how I've tried.
But I don't want to mention it
'Cause you'd prob'ly think I lied.



Illustration by C. Sather



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The sign by the entrance to the church listed times for services, the ministers' names, one in charge of education, and the title of the sermon. Rosemary Short paused on the sidewalk, captured by the question: "Is There Room in the Inn of Your Heart?"

...and Rosemary

By CAROL BOYD

"You can have the whole thing, Lord," she mumbled, "if you will just move in bag and baggage." She shifted the weight of her baggage a little to her left to relieve the nagging pain in the deep small of her back. The sign was surrounded by a stone flower box, barren now in full winter. Seeing no one near, Rosemary sat down on its edge, adjusting the backpack which pulled her coat against her neck. Stretching out her legs she banged her feet together to loosen the snow. Her nose felt stiff and rubbery from the cold when she moved it, but her hands were warm for once. A break in the cloud cover released some bright sunshine, and she lifted her face to it, eyes closed.

"I mean really move in, Lord," she continued, "and her thoughts evoked images she never experienced. Unexpected visitors, welcome in the clamor and bustle of arrival at a destination, received, made comfortable by an expectant hostess. "I would like to make a place for you, if I had one."

"We missed you at the Thanksgiving dinner, Rosemary." He spoke to her from the sidewalk at her right, a black figure in overcoat and hat, wrapped in his chin with a white scarf. His leather gloves were black, clutched together around an armload of books. Rosemary rolled her eyes toward the voice, not lifting it from its rest against the sign.

"You should warn a person, Father. Not slip up on them that way." She pushed herself up from the narrow ledge, facing him. "I was on the other side of town that day, but I had some dinner."

"I haven't seen you around for several weeks. Do you have shelter? We have some space open at Hope, you know. Why not come in?"

"I'm fine, Father. Fine. Keeping out of the weather at night. Warm and dry. Uh... it's over there," she nodded to the west. "That side of town." As she spoke she moved carefully toward him, eyes averted, not wanting to see any pity in them. Her life wasn't too bad. Yet, it was best to keep moving away from people and questions. She had nothing to hide. Or to tell. But there were so many helpless, so many walking wounded or dangerous out there. She did not want to remain ill for long to be noticed. Or identified. At least, not so she knew it. So long as she remained independent, found her own means of survival and kept herself clean as possible, her circumstances felt manageable. She moved down the sidewalk, abandoning her intent in coming to that church on this morning.

Rosemary Short was a young woman into her solitary wandering this holiday season. It began the month after her mother's death. The old lady left their apartment for the first time in 29 years, riding out on a gurney on its way

wobly wheel, calling back to Rosemary to feed her fish and eat. She died at the end of that week and Rosemary tended her funeral without help from her only brother who could not be contacted. A week later, Rosemary came home from her job at the bakery plant, carrying her severance pay envelope. Twenty-three years on a packing line, filling cartons with cupcake packages, left her with her little, green envelope. There was a letter in her mailbox and she recognized her brother's handwriting. Inside the kitchen, she discovered Oscar feeding on the last of her mother's fish. He perched, hunched and chomping, next to her geranium plants atop a metal utility table by the kitchen window. His hind leg and tail hung off the table edge with a rakish unconcern as he began to lick his chest. The fish bowl was smashed on the floor. Rosemary put the letters and her coat and hat on the table, cleaned the mess, watered the geraniums and sat down. She just stared at the envelope for a moment with no particular enthusiasm for the contents of either. "Well, I know what's in the green one," she told the empty kitchen. She opened Sam's letter, removing its one sheet of paper.

"Dearest Rosemary, and Rosemary." His letters always opened that way. Rosemary knew the greeting to her as was much afterthought for him as the written form appeared. Even the message was not a surprise. He had more problems with another deal and, "could you please advance me just a bit more of my money, Mother?" He reassured her she was still dear to him and that he also anticipated (still) bringing her to California. He gave his most current address and telephone number. "And, Rosemary. How are you?" She called him that night with the news of their mother's death. "Your telephone service was disconnected, Sam. I had no way to reach you." She listened to his remorseful explanation about being out of town, described the funeral to him and then heard his disjointed outcries of grief. "Listen, Rosemary. Pause. "Could you possibly get some of that money for me? Or," pause again, "maybe loan me some?" She was on the edge of a great situation out here. I think it's finally my turn."

"Sam, I don't know anything about the money except what I always said it was to be for us when she was gone. I signed the card on the account after Papa died; but she did everything else on the telephone. I never needed any of mine. Not till now." She could hear Sam's agitated breathing. "Sam," she said, "I lost my job today. The plant is closing at the end of the year. I have my last paycheck and not much in my savings account. Then, when I got home this evening, Oscar was eating Mama's fish." The tears were coming.

"Well," a longer pause. "You'll find another job, Rosie. You're a tough old girl. Now, about the money." He instructed her to go to the bank the next morning. "I'll

discover that the account proceeds from their father's life insurance, was depleted but for one hundred thirty-nine dollars and twenty-two cents. In addition, there was a six hundred dollar note due, money her mother had borrowed to fund Sam. Immediately, Rosemary knew the serious nature of her future, and it overwhelmed any anger she might have felt toward him. Unemployed now, she was also in debt beyond her resources. There were doctor bills, hospital bills partially unpaid and one, small, insurance policy which did not cover all the funeral expenses. If she sold everything but her clothing, she might break even before another month's rent was due. Well, let Sam go scratch-with-the-chickens. He could scrounge up a tin bill for all she would worry about his five hundred now.

The day before that Christmas, she walked away from the empty apartment, all the bills paid, one hundred and four dollars in a cotton sock tied around her waist, her warmest clothing inside Sam's old L. Bean fringed cap and a rolled sleeping bag. She would be damned before she would line up for welfare. On the bottom back step, she fixed her hat, pulled on mil-

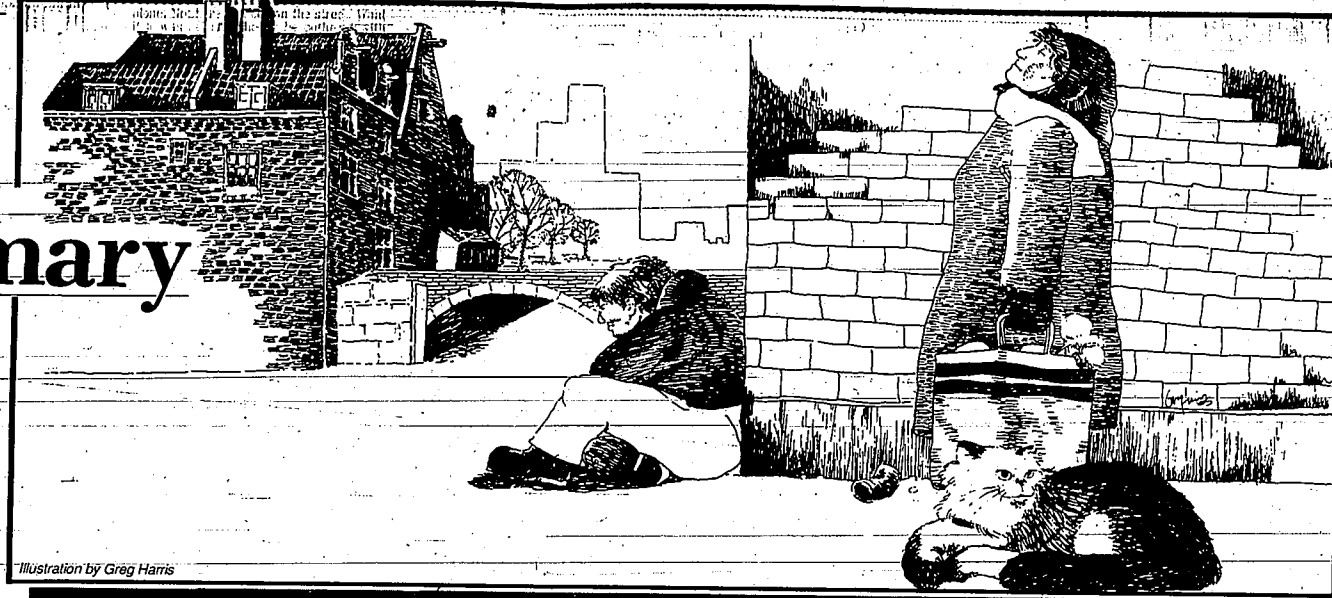


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try to get out there first of the year. And, Rosemary, we'll go over everything together and put it all right. You'll see. Just send me five hundred for now."

"Sam, you... but Sam hung up his receiver. His instructions, completed—two years her junior. Sam had always been more her mother's son than a brother, any bonding between them in genes only. When Papa died, Rosemary was just there and someone had to pay the rent and buy the groceries. Sam had his own life, far away from her problems. She expected nothing from him, and resentment had no place in her accepting nature. But, her sleep was troubled all that night. Shouldn't Sam care more?"

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lens, adjusted the heavy pack and cradling her two geranium plants, clumped away down the alley, stepping-around puddles at slush and a sodden roll of toilet paper.

She did know something of the ways of the street. She helped at the Port of Hope shelter at the neighborhood church. Every Christmas, Mama had baked a fruitcake, and they contributed a box of canned goods and twenty-five dollars. Some of the homeless coming and going were even familiar to her. Stunned and confused, almost a watcher of her own lumpen figure, she plodded away, leaving Oscar perched on their brown plastic garbage can by the fence. It occurred to her she was a Dean bag lady, but she did not laugh.

That first night her destination was the box room just off the loading dock of the bakery plant. At the farthest end, behind the slide-of-fat-barcans, she would have shelter. Elsie Bickler, her long-time workmate on the packing line would meet her at break and bring coffee. Elsie tried to convince Rosemary to get that welfare assistance, but she rejected the advice as repugnant. The geraniums were for Elsie, and they could share coffee for the few nights left till closing of the plant. After that, Elsie would have to worry about income for herself and a handicapped husband, the rent, food, utilities... all of that.

"I just can't understand why you made this awful choice for yourself, Rosie. You could stay with Jack and me. He wouldn't mind."

"I'm fifty-eight years old, Elsie. I can manage for myself. You just keep care of my geraniums. Put them in a south window and don't worry about me. Maybe later on, when I get comfortable with my circumstances."

And, Rosemary did just that. Through cold, winds and snows, this food kitchen, that cardboard box, her sleeping bag under a highway overpass, one end of the city to another, into bus stations or filling station

rest-rooms, spring, summer, and then, roll up the heavy clothes into the sleeping bag in exchange for lighter garments, she maintained a disciplined and committed solitude. A whole population of homeless, male and female, became more familiar to her than the people at the bakery plant. She learned to warm herself at metal grum fires, studying faces and mannerisms of that night's group of wanderers, speaking only when spoken to, developing a fierce stare-down of anyone more aggressive than she would permit. She learned the manipulations and tricks of survival, rejecting the most bizarre and dishonest. That money, her sock drew, a line between the dirty and hopeless and her circumstances. She found it possible even to maintain some cleanliness of person, but she did worry about a time when the sock would be empty. A lifetime of being "and, Rosemary" in family position, keeping her own counsel in favor of watching and listening aided her that first year. Then, on a hot night in mid-July, resting on a stone bench in the downtown mall, she had her worst encounter.

I was restless for the lights playing through the fountain. On the move

all day, no darkness till after nine o'clock, she was too tired to take the watchful sleeping pose required on the streets. The fountain was a good place to pause, to shift gears for the night. The warm summer days eased all her physical stresses; survival did not drain away all her energies, and she could even think of ways she might be startled. Never wavered, but maybe... joining her reverie, appearing suddenly in front of her, spreading open his old rain coat, the stench of soiled flesh escaping.

"I am a philosopher without a tunic!" he shouted at her, one eye unfocused, rolling away to the right.

Rosemary was prepared, whipping out a squirt gun filled with ammonia and water. She gave the philosopher a shot between his unfocused eyes.

"Get away from me, you old fool!" She stood in line, later, at a Sunday evening supper at the Port of Hope, spying him in the adjacent line, though he was not wearing the raincoat that night. He did not recognize her. She patted the pocket where she carried her weapon, but it was not there, and she ate her tuna fish sandwich and bowl of soup, puzzling where it could have fallen from her possession.

One bright autumn day she found a folded twenty-dollar bill in a wind blown pile of leaves. In a gas station rest room, she stashed it into her sock, counting her money supply at sixty-one dollars. That put a heavy feeling in her mid-section. Another winter lay ahead and she also needed more dependable shelter. The same day, she had another lucky find: Alongside a loading dock of a newspaper building, in between a wall and a light pole, she claimed a wooden packing crate, sturdy and tightly wedged into a corner. Tentatively at first, and then with growing confidence, she returned each night, unhindered by anyone.

The overhead light caused her some sleeplessness at first, but it was also a source of security, away from alley darkness she avoided at all times. There was one man who might make trouble for her. Early each morning he appeared on a forklift as she exited the crate, crab fashion. They stared at one another, and he made frantic motions toward her which Rosemary interpreted as orders to clear out. She became crafty about her appearances at the crate. He surprised her one evening, smiling and motioning again, pointing to the crate. Its exposed sides were now covered with some warped sheets of plywood. The fellow still gestured rapidly, and Rosemary recognized he was mute. He had embellished her crude shelter with the boarding. She squatted down and

scooled inside, turning and peering back out and up at him, bent before her opening. She reached her hand out to him and he clasped it. That was her first human contact in over a year. After that night, Rosemary and her protector exchanged silent greetings whenever they met, coming and going behind the building. Rosemary even bought a plastic geranium and fastened it inside the crate.

News began shortly before Thanksgiving, and Rosemary went many mornings to her old neighborhood church. On this particular morning she encountered the priest unexpectedly. She hoped he wasn't starting at her as she walked away. Once he sat beside her at a Hope supper, asking a lot of questions, attentive to his clipboard. How old was she? Had she any kind of skill? Any family, anywhere? He was a nice sort, she thought, accepting her vagrancy without any sign of contempt. But, those questions, And, writing down all her answers. It made her feel trapped and identified. Time on the streets had freed her of expectations from anyone. Even when she was dog-tired from moving, always moving, she developed put feelings about her own strengths and resourcefulness. If only she weren't so old, it might even make sense to imagine herself finding another job and paying rent again. Getting off the streets. And, she often thought of God—and of Jesus—and his wanderings. Unburdened by any formal theology, Rosemary had created her own intuitive awareness of an intangible, strong companionship in her roomings.

After that supper, she had gone inside the sanctuary and sat in a back pew, watching the flickering lights of the candles for a long time. Someone sweet and friendly seemed to be with her, quiet and content as she felt them. For a moment, a fierce joy rose in Rosemary, involuntary and unstructured, making her want to whoop and dance in the long, empty aisle. In spite of her tired back and legs. She was not

the sidewalk to face him.

Everything was decorated in bright colors. Christmas carols rang her ears day and night and a string of colored street lights shined in her eyes all night through the entrance to her crate. On this Christmas Eve morning, she had left her alleyway and come face to face with her fountain place tormentor. In a Santa Claus suit, standing at the curb, he manned a pot on a tripod and rang a bell with abandon. The tripod was fashioned from three broomsticks and the kettle was just a plastic bucket painted black. The sight of him in such garb infuriated Rosemary and she stomped across

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"Madam," he got a focus on her. "Marcus Aurelius counsels us to remember that the soul is involuntarily deprived of truth. Thus, we should be gentle toward all!" It came to her, she was being gentle, leaving him nonplussed at his inadequate interpretation. Rosemary heaved a mighty sigh. To be so rebuked by this disgusting contradiction of a man. She wondered how long he had been on the streets and how long he had ever talked to him. That would be an interesting conversation. "Stay buttoned up," she admonished him; and his eyes finally came to a rest. The pupils like two chocolate M & M's candies. He might be the new renters kept in geranium, but Oscar might be geranium. They could wander together. He could share her crate. Cats needed people.

alone. Not here and not on the street. What if it was Jesus? What if he bothered with her? And, all he wanted was a response from her? Anywhere? Anytime? Wouldn't that be simple? That he might just walk right into her empty life?

At the next Sunday supper she saw the priest with his clipboard and thought to tell him what she now believed. She did stand across the room to his table. He turned in her direction just then, but his flesh-and-blood-face, nice-as-it-was, made her feel embarrassment at her impulse. No. There were too many vacant people coming here off the street. She didn't want to be counted among them. That would be the last step down. And, if I tell it, I might lose it. The small experience had become as valuable as any possession she carried in the Bean pack. Or, the cotton stocking. She returned to that church sanctuary several times, sitting and waiting for another visitation. No matter how hard she concentrated it did not occur again. The sanctuary remained an empty place filled with long pews, stained glass windows and dust motes. The failures left Rosemary feeling more alone than she liked now and she would leave in flustered self-consciousness. Her vague dreams of a job, of getting off the street receded.

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It proved a mistake to go to her old apartment building. The kitchen window on that second floor was framed by a string of Christmas lights and it snowed in her eyes when she stared upwards. Oscar was not sitting on the brown garbage can, but it had to be just the cat she remembered it. Threatened by the mere mention of the family alley, she had hurried on to the church, resting for a moment at the flower box sign. When the priest was out of sight in the building, she retraced her steps. I should have mentioned the looney tune dressed like Santa. Maybe something could be done for him. No. Mind your own business, Rosemary. At least he was wearing some clothes.

The sanctuary was scented from evergreen boughs wound across the chancel rail and purple adorned the pulpit. From some distant room a choir rehearsed.

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The Night Before

By Nolene Zajanc

'Twas the night before Christmas,
And here at my house,
No creature dared stir,
Because my dear spouse
Had threatened with tortures
So dire, I'll bet,
Their visions of sugarplums
Were as strange as they get.
And I in my nightgown
Had spent all my time
Searching in corners
Just trying to find
The packets and trinkets
And fancy new toys
That Santa would bring

For good girls and boys.
I tried to remember
Just where they were hid,
Where I wouldn't look
If I were a kid.
Some behind the dryer
And in my big pot
And some were surprises
I'd completely forgot.
But while I was playing
My hide and seek game,
I heard muttered curses
Attached to my name.
And in the next room,
There arose such a clatter
I was almost afraid
To see what was the matter.
I tip-toed in quietly
And peeked through the door

To see my poor husband
Right down on the floor
Midst boxes and ribbons
And tools piled up high,
"This is the last year,"
He said with a sigh.
And so I dove in,
Matching "A" up with "B"
And cursing the man
Who invented part "C."
We fitted and mounted
And labeled a tower.
We numbered and lettered
for more than an hour.
Then standing back slowly,
We admired the view
And sighed with relief
That this night was through.
And setting each one

By a seek with a name
We went on to sleep
Before Santa came.
But morning was early
For as soon as my head
Had lain on my pillow
I felt on the bed
The prancing and pawing
Of six tiny hands
And smiled a weak smile
At their urgent demands.
And laying my hand
Inside a small one,
I was pulled down the hallway
To witness the fun.
The squeals, how they echoed,
The voices how merry,
I sat and I listened—
I was tired, yes, very,

But still I could say
As I gazed at the sight,
Merry Christmas to all
And to all a good night.

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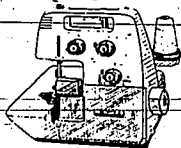


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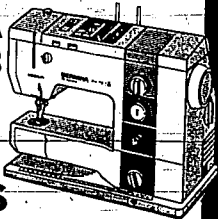
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A Mother's Advent Meditation

By Barbara Bellus Upp

Christ calls from the manger as a babe
as my children call to me
with the same helplessness of new life
unable to survive without response
dependent on our love
to flourish and thrive and grow

My response to the babe in the manger
is to my own
is that I will try
I will respond with all that is in me
I will reach to understand the needs
and to fill them with joy and spirit



The straw for the animals
tickles the babe's nose
and mine laugh
with delight
at the human connection
with the divine
the presence of the beyond
the wonder of identity

I sit back with their laughter echoing
in my sermon notes
and the movement of my beloved
who journeys with me
through these days
beckoning me on to new strength
with his comfort and challenge

I give thanks
lifting up a deep prayer of the spirit
that all of our gifts may be given
and received
with the joy and justice
of the babe in the manger
in whose aura
is power and love and the light
which is the light of all people
which lights my night tonight
and the night of this wintery world
which waits in wonder if it dare

Wait and watch, my children,
and never cease your wondering

Call us all back
to the babe

and the freshness of hope
and the straw that tickles
and the gifts that matter

Give your mother's and your father's heart
the expanse and power of joy
as you fill them with delight
and new faith
and creep into their spirits and dreams
and faith
and images
and sermons
and stories

Help them resonate this season
with the glad tidings of great joy
that once again

in us and
unto us
a child is born

Alleluia!

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Jesus and Heather

Christmas season brings thoughts of daughter

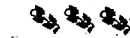
By April Pohl

Watching the soft, puffy snowflakes swirling lazily outside my window, I curl up in my favorite chair with a steaming cup of tea to enjoy my annual Christmas tradition. Christmas is such a sentimental time of year, and for me it is a very special time because it brings back memories. Memories that I hold in the book in my lap.

The photo album is my own private tradition, full of meaning for me alone, for it holds the faces of long ago. But even more than the memories, the pictures remind me of how I came to share in a special kind of fellowship with Mary, Mary the mother of Jesus.

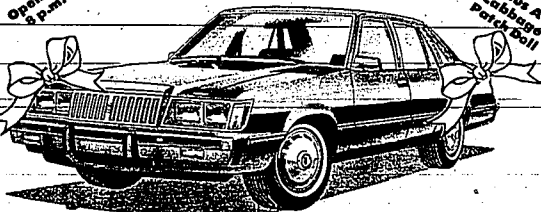
I was a young mother, too. Like Mary, I expected my first child in December. Surely she was as excited and nervous over the upcoming birth of her child as I was over the birth of mine. I know I was sure tired of the burden I carried; it had been too long since I had been free and light on my feet.

Mary wrapped Jesus in swaddling clothes, but my daughter Heather came to me wrapped in a giant Christmas stocking, com-



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The Christmas Spirit

A young teacher finds real love in a little boy

By Roger Kristian Jones

Miss Kerry sat her tired body down into the chair behind her wooden desk.

A weary sigh escaped her lips. She knocked her small leather boots together under the desk to remove the remaining bit of snow. The young woman slowly took off her wet gloves, gently placing them neatly on the corner of her desk. To look more like a figure of authority, she put her gradebook open in front of her pencil slot ready in her dainty hand.

A shrill bell was sounded outside and in the small classroom. Miss Kerry straightened at the desk. Suddenly, at both ends of the room, the door flew open and in poured the children. Young, snow-stomping, loud-yelling, red-faced, 8-year-old third-graders, every last one of them.

"Don't track in the snow," Miss Kerry reminded the boys and girls as they came inside after their last recess of the day. Her warning did little good; there was a track of snow leading to almost every child's desk.

The classroom, where the kids were shuffling about getting in their chairs and squiggling until they were comfortable, was brightly decorated in drawings of Santa Claus, Rudolph and Christmas trees. In the left corner at the front of the crowded room stood a small pine tree decorated with flashing lights and ornaments made in class. It was Christmas time in the country.

Despite that usually cheery fact, Miss Kerry felt depressed. Putting aside the fact that her own personal life was continually slipping to lower and lower ground, she seemed to be losing touch and faith with her energetic students. Only a few of them seemed anxious to learn anything at all. Lisa was the only one who was smart, and she showed off that fact all of the time. They were taking her discipline less and less seriously as the school year went on.

Last week during the lunch recess, one of her students had stolen a silver ring which she had placed inside her desk drawer. It was the first time she had taken it off at school and she had only done it then because she found her gloves fit much better without it on. It had been given to her by her mother many years ago and was very precious to her. She had seen the silent classroom all this in a plea to have it returned. It wasn't, of course. During the recess they had just returned from, she had

to break up a fight between the kids. Not a harmless kid fight, but these kids seemed to want to actually kill each other. It upsetted the young school teacher that such young children could hold so much hate and so little love. The fight was typical. Jim was the aggressor, and he was picking on a new victim. This time, it always stemmed from family differences: Jim was from a poor, broken family — the constant trouble child; as Miss Kerry saw him — and Bobby was from a wealthy, downtown family.

She had broken up the fight before Bobby was hurt too badly. But Paula had almost joined the fight, calling Jim a "stupid, coward boy." Jim had wanted to kill her for that. Miss Kerry put an end to the recess entertainment with a rough hand and a stern tongue.

The woman shook her head soberly. Yes, it was Christmas time in the country.

And what did it all mean? To her, each child, anyone, she didn't have any close family or friends to visit over the holiday. It would be a lonely, cold vacation. For the children, it seemed to be a time of great possibilities at each other, start fights and guess about what Santa might bring them. "All right, class," she said, "settle down. Tomorrow is the last day of school before Christmas vacation. Tomorrow you'll be sent up at this time." And tomorrow is our party time. "Another round of happy yells was sounded, this time much stronger.

Already whippers were being shot back and forth, telling each other whose name they had, what they were going to buy them and what kind of cookies their mom was making for tomorrow.

"Now, I'm sorry to tell you this, but I'm going to have an assignment due tomorrow." Surprised looks and moans circulated the classroom. "But it's going to be a fun one," she promised. The young kids looked on, waiting to hear what they had to do.

"Tomorrow, I want you all to stand up in front of the class and tell everyone what you think the spirit of Christmas is. I want you all to think real hard about this. Christmas seems to be your favorite time of year, your favorite holiday. Tell me why. What does Christmas mean to you? What is it all about? If someone says 'Christmas Spirit,' what do you think he is talking about?"

Whispers erupted, surprised faces looked at each other. They



Graphs by Robert Doyne

had an assignment the day before Christmas vacation?

"Yes, Sarah. What is it?" Miss Kerry said to the girl sitting in the front of the class with her hand up.

"Does this mean we have homework tonight?" the little girl asked excitedly.

"Yes, I want you to think about what the Christmas spirit is when you are at home tonight. Sleep on the question. You don't have to write anything down, just tell the class tomorrow during our party."

Miss Kerry answered. The reaction seemed to be a good one. The children were excited about the idea of homework, and although most were terrified, some were excited about speaking in front of the class. Miss Kerry smiled a small smile. Maybe it wasn't so bad. Maybe the children had a good grip on what Christmas was all about, even if she didn't. Perhaps their little speeches would be enlightening to hear. But a darker, smarter side of her mind knew that the restless kids — already passing notes and kicking one another — knew less about what they were really going to celebrate than their teacher did, which was, at this point, very little.

Just before the final bell rang, Miss Kerry stood in front of the class and said carefully, "I don't want any trouble tomorrow, no fights, no notes, no bad language. And I want you to come up with some good points on your assignment. Tomorrow is going to be a fun day for the entire class. Please make me happy and be good boys and girls tomorrow."

"By the way, I still haven't found the ring my mother gave me when I was a little girl. If any of you find it, please return it. It means a lot to me." Her eyes were getting wet from tears.

The class sat sullenly, silently in front of her.

The final bell rang, and the kids got out of there in a hurried rampage.

The next day, during the last hour of class, Miss Kerry called the class' attention.

"All right, class. We're going to do our assignment on Christmas spirit now. Please, get to your own seats and we'll start," she said.

went up at this. With only an hour left in school... But they obeyed their teacher, dejectedly climbing into the seats and behind their desks.

Miss Kerry stood up and pleated the wrinkles in her plain blue dress. She walked to the blackboard at the front of the class and wrote in large print, "WHAT IS THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT?" Then the young schoolteacher turned around and surveyed her class.

Most of their faces were scrubbed in deep thought, trying to remember what they were going to say. However, despite the seriousness of the time, a couple of spit wads flew across the room.

Miss Kerry walked around to the front of her desk and leaned against it. She had her gradebook in her hand. "OK, let's begin, shall we?"

The first young voice to voice his idea of the Christmas spirit said simply, "Santa Claus is the Christmas spirit," and sat abruptly down again.

Miss Kerry shook her head and marked a D in the grade book. She was going to be strict on this assignment. The only reason she didn't give the boy an "F" was because he had at least tried. And she always rewarded effort.

The following three were similarly weak responses. Final-

ly, Bob showed a little variety. He stood up and said, "You mean Christmas Spirit as in ghosts, don't you? Like the ones that visited the mean Scrooge man, the three ghosts that taught him a lesson!" He sat down again.

She marked down a D. She was simply not going to give out any good grades unless the children at least touched upon the idea of what Christmas was all about.

"It is Jesus' birthday," Sarah said. "He was born on Christmas. So now we all celebrate it for him by opening presents under the Christmas tree."

Miss Kerry marked a C. A little better, but still painfully far off the mark.

"The spirit of Christmas is Santa Claus," Paula began. "He is a happy man from the North Pole, where he lives with his reindeers. Santa Claus is a happy man who gives the good boys and girls presents and gives coal and sticks to bad boys and girls. Seeing what neat toys and stuff that Santa put in your stocking by the fire — that is what Christmas spirit is all about."

Another C.

A few more children tried to get what the teacher wanted. As the turns of the last few kids approached, the class began to know that they weren't giving the right answers. Although they tried harder, they didn't do much better.

"My mom says that the Christmas spirit is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior," Lisa began confidently. "She said it is all about you, who we should pray to all the time and, and..."

"And?"

"And I think that is what it is, too," Lisa said quickly and sat down.

C. It's too bad she can't think for herself, Miss Kerry thought. That would have been the best answer of them all if her mother

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Rosemary Spirit

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"Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand,
ponder nothing earthly minded,
with blessing his holy name,
Christ our Lord descended
Our full homage to demand."

The hymn evoked a sigh from the other region of Rosemary's being. She slipped out of the cumbersome frame pack, leaning it carefully against the pew arm, putting the roll bag on the pew beside herself. She turned a pepper mill down her bosom and let the pungent juices gather while she surrendered up the warm, dim environment. Great strains of the music separated her from the raucous preparations of the outside world.

From that somnolent and most quieted state of mind we all know at times, between sleep and consciousness, when deep corridors of the mind are sensitive to things unseen, Rosemary slowly opened her eyes. No one was in sight, the great sanctum still fragrant and unchanged but for a density, a pressure—that surrounded Rosemary. In recognition, her expectation flowed free and all her long times of waiting were now being honored in a necessary prelude. She lifted a hymnal from the rack and opened it to a back page of readings.

"O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,
I do not exalt myself with things too great
for me to understand.
But I have calmed and quieted my soul."

like a child quieted at its mother's breast;
like a child that is quieted to its soul."

She read through it twice, liking the way it framed her own desires. She could memorize them and speak them for herself whenever she was wanted. The book slipped from her cold fingers, and she scrambled to retrieve it and find the passage again. Turning each page, scanning for the familiar words, she stopped suddenly, captivated by another reading of one line:

"I will restore unto you the years which the locusts have eaten." Rosemary absorbed their words making a resonant impact upon her bedraggled soul. No matter that she had not known a life of overt ploy. No matter that there was no existing theological grounding or personal history beyond Sunday school Bible stories. The words might as well have been shouted to her by that choir. In response to this graceful and celebrative God, Rosemary responded from a filled and unembarrassed heart. She rose, compelled to some physical demonstration, and she did a clumsy dance down the aisle, stopping at the railing, lifting her arms upward, dropping them against her sides, turning right and left.

"An old, thing like me? An old thing like me, Lord!" She stood

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heart drilled it into her head. As if dealing with something like the Christmas Spirit called for an answer from the heart.
Next it was Jim's turn and he refused to even try. He just sat there behind his desk, his arms folded in front of him, and said to the cover of his desk, "I don't know. I don't know what Christmas spirit is."

She gave him an answer, but the final responses were blind, mundane ideas. Miss Kerry was silently disgusted with the result of this assignment. After listening to 26 young views of Christmas spirit (most of which captured any of the essence of the warm, human feeling that you should get around Christmas) she felt weak and repulsed by Christmas even more.

Christmas, to these children, meant getting to open presents and more presents. That was all. She didn't know what Christmas meant to her anymore.
"I want you to know," Miss Kerry said to the class, "that I'm disappointed in your assignment. Christmas isn't just opening presents and Santa Claus riding with his reindeer. It has a much deeper meaning to it. Over your holiday try to capture what I'm talking about. Where does the warm feeling that Christmas brings us come from? Think about it. It is not a brightly wrapped gift with your name on it. It is something else."

The final bell rang.
The children didn't move for a moment. They knew they had let their teacher down. They felt

bad, gully. Slowly, one by one, they all got up out of their chairs and left the room to catch their buses.

As the last one exited the room, Miss Kerry collapsed into her chair and wept. (If the children didn't know what Christmas was, then who did? Maybe she shouldn't have been so hard on them, after all, they are very young. But still, the fact that not one of her students seemed to have a solid grip on what Christmas was crushed the young woman's heart.)

She had given the assignment to help her find what it was, to brighten her attitude toward the winter holiday. But now, as she looked at the flashing Christmas tree to her side she felt only empty.

Suddenly, there was a soft hesitant knocking at the door.
The young woman turned around, and there standing in the middle of the open doorway stood Jim. Miss Kerry quickly wiped her eyes and said, "Yes, Jim, what is it?"

The little boy didn't say anything. He just looked to the floor. Miss Kerry noticed his feet were covered with snow. She realized that it was at 11:00 since school had been let out. It was almost dark outside. Jim just stood there, unmoving.

"Yes, Jim?" Miss Kerry asked again.

The small figure slowly approached his teacher's desk. Miss Kerry could see that he, too, had been crying. Streaks of tears flowed down his red, cold face. Jim held out his right hand and unclenched his tight fist. Miss Kerry's desk. A small, plain

silver ring fell from his grasp onto the desk.

Miss Kerry emitted a small gasp. "Why thank you, Jim!" she said meaningfully, "where did you . . ."

Jim shook his head carefully, anticipating her thought. "I took it home honestly."

She carefully picked up the ring. She looked into the little boy's face and didn't know how to react. She didn't have to, for he started talking.
Tears began to stream down as he spoke. "I'm real sorry, and I don't know what to say, except . . . I'll never do it again," he sobbed. Jim was crying harder now. "I'm also sorry that nobody knew what the Christmas spirit was. I know I don't. Santa Claus never visits my house."

"All I know is that the little baby Jesus would not like me very much. I'm real sorry. Jim was now digging something out of his trouser pocket. He held out a small winged, lead figure, ornately carved. "I want you to have this," he said. "It is one of the only things my Mom gave me before she left Dad and me. It's the Christmas angel. Gideon, I think, is his name. He brings good will where it is needed. I know I'm not your favorite student, but you're my favorite teacher, and I want you to have Gideon. So that you can have a happy Christmas like you deserve."

Miss Kerry looked into the pleading eyes of the troubled child. And knowing better than to refuse his generous offer, she delicately took the Christmas figure from his grasp. She placed the small treasure into her left hand and began to reply.

Jim started before she could. "I'm sorry, and I hope you treat Gideon well. He's the best thing I've ever had. He hurriedly went up and hugged Miss Kerry. She hugged him back, fiercely.

The small boy sobbed once then drew away and ran to the door. "Merry Christmas," he wished to her with all his heart. Then he disappeared out the door.

Miss Kerry sat and looked at the little angel figure in her hands for a long time. She gradually felt the warmth come back to her as she gazed at the small object. The warmth was not merely physical, it came from the heart, the spirit — the Christmas spirit.

Miss Kerry glanced over to the shining Christmas tree and knew then that there was indeed such a thing as the Christmas spirit. It was flowing through her and through small angels in her hands. It was a wonderful feeling.

After staring dreamily at the beautiful Christmas tree for several moments, Miss Kerry opened her top drawer and withdrew her gradebook. She erased the F by Jim's name for the Christmas spirit assignment and replaced it with a boldy lettered A.

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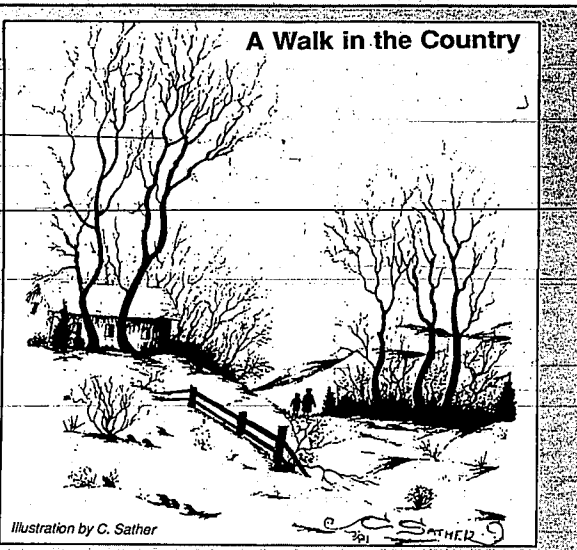


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Season

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Theresa blew up. "How can you even think of hunting on Christmas!" she shouted. "All you ever do is think of yourself, you never even think of me!"

She continued to scream, while David nodded in agreement, until she grew so furious she couldn't talk anymore, so she stormed into their bedroom and slammed the door behind her so hard it flew back open.

David followed her into the room with explanations of how he probably would be back before noon on Christmas.

Theresa stayed face down on the bed, crying until she was empty of tears, wishing she could hide under the covers forever.

But the next day she did get up for Jason and Jonathan. Jean called to suggest that she should cheer up because goose hunting made the men happy and, after all, it was their Christmas, too.

Theresa gripped the phone when she politely told her mother-in-law that she and her children did not wish to spend Christmas morning at Jean's house after all.

Theresa remained silent and sullen on Christmas Eve, except for small smiles she returned to her children who persuaded her to let them open just a few presents. After dinner, Theresa went to their bedroom while David put the boys to bed, but he didn't come to their room. Several hours later Theresa found David staring out the living room window at the distant lights of town.

"Are you coming to bed?" she asked him coldly. "You know, 16 years ago today, two of my buddies got blown up in

a hooch," he said softly through the darkness without turning toward her.

"You never told me," she wanted to reach out and touch him then, she wanted to stroke his dark hair and say the right words, but her anger crushed the desire.

In the early morning darkness of Christmas morning, Theresa kept her eyes closed

as she listened to David move around the room, the back door slam and the truck drive away. She fell back to sleep and awoke again to her sweet little boys climbing in the bed, shaking her to get up and come and look.

David was already sitting on the living room floor setting up a train track in the glow of the colored Christmas tree lights. He looked up at her and offered a guilty boyish grin.

Theresa responded with questioning eyes and an unplanned smile.

"The truck couldn't get through the snow on that road off the highway," he said. "So Dad and me came back."

Theresa leaned against the back of the stuffed chair and listened.

He kept talking. "When Mom found out, she said the invitation was still open to come down to their house, but I figured maybe you didn't want to go until later."

David pushed himself off the floor and came over to place his arm around her waist. He did slowly to make sure it was safe and then grew a little braver and patted her roundness.

Jason and Jonathan are crazy about those toys, T," he said turning to the boys and changing the subject. "You always pick the right presents. That's why I love you, you always take care of

Rosemary

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quietly then and let the tears flow.

When she left the church she stood for a moment adjusting to the daylight, preparing to move on into the now heavy snowfall. A figure approached out of it, mounted the steps and she recognized Elsie Black. They stepped together into the shelter of the doorway, examining one another after the past year.

Elsie spoke first. "I'm a widow these days, Rosie. Jack died last July. He

swelled so bad in that heat. They just couldn't keep the water off him. His poor old heart just gave out."

She blushed, thinking how their losses resulted in such different fates. "I got a small pension now and I work part-time." That sounded like boasting and she reddened again. She looked down, seeing Rosie's rubber boots next to her own fleece-lined boots and stuffed in deeper embarrassment. "I didn't mean . . ."

Rosemary patted her arm. "I know, Elsie. You wouldn't harm. I'm sorry to hear about Jack. Elsie took both her hands. "I've been just fine, Elsie. Some good things have even happened."

"Well, I'd have a hard-time believing that . . . out there on

those streets." Elsie objected. "Though, you don't . . . well, look like those other people. But, Rosie, you don't have to go on this way. You can come home with me. Right now, Elsie, I missed her most compelling expression, close to Rosemary's cold face.

"I've been doing some thinking about my life this last year. Oh, it hasn't been as bad as you might think. In a way, it's kind of natural. Makes me think of Oscar a lot."

"You ain't no cat, Rosemary!" "Forget I said that, Elsie," Rosemary laughed aloud, and it sounded strange to her. "If I did go home with you, I won't be a burden. I do have a little money."

"Fine. You can help pay for things. You're not too old to work again. We'll find something. We'll do it together."

A longing stirred in Rosemary, and she peered into Elsie's eyes as if to find it genuine and there. "We will," Elsie tried to assure her. "And, Rosie, you can have your geraniums back."

They closed ranks for the walk down the slippery sidewalk. Rosemary hoped someone else found that grate between the light pole and the building.

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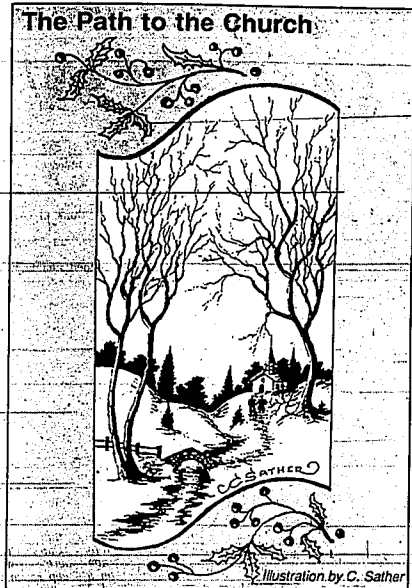


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Heather

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 plete with a bell on the toe. The bell jingles softly as I unfold the stocking from my memory book. It seems incredible that Heather is actually fit in this . . . it's so small! I bet Mary thought the same thing about Jesus' swaddling clothes.

But my beautiful little baby had problems from the very beginning. On Christmas Eve, when Heather was three weeks old, the doctors finally diagnosed the problem. "My little girl, although she appeared normal, had suffered severe brain damage from a birth accident leaving her with only 10 percent of her brain. The condition is always fatal within four months."

My worst fears had come true. Heather was going to die. My child . . . my daughter . . . the pain seemed too much to bear. I walked around in a daze those first few weeks. I was only 19. How could I be expected to cope with this immense tragedy? Nothing like this was supposed to happen to my child, nor me.

But Mary didn't argue with God. She didn't begrudge the Lord's working of miracles in her life, so who was I to be angry? God had sent me the miracle of Heather for a very good reason, even though I didn't know why. But I soon began to understand. . . .

Jesus had an ordinary childhood, or at least I like to

think it was, so I decided Heather could, too, as much as possible. She went with me to basketball games, movies and even rodeos! We took one memorable vacation, camping and horseback riding. Heather's condition caused a few restrictions, but none we couldn't cope with.

I also learned to cope with prejudice. I soon became used to seeing smiles fade from faces when people realized Heather was handicapped. Pained expressions quickly followed by escape became an ordinary part of life to me. I discovered the hard way that physical rejection is just as distressing as the emotional rejection that Jesus dealt with.

So Heather lived, past the four-month mark, six months, a year. She had a splendid birthday party. As I look at the pictures of her party in the album, I have to smile. Heather beat all the odds to reach that milestone.

That Christmas, Heather portrayed baby Jesus in the local school play. Now I realize how proud Mary was when the Magi paid homage to Jesus, even though the Magi that came to Heather were three schoolboys in baby clothes. The picture of "Mary" holding "Jesus" is one of my favorites.

The pictures of Heather, in the arms of people who loved her, surrounded by the sparkle and wonder of Christmas, are a special joy to me. Heather was important to so many people. She taught people the value of acceptance, of tolerance for people who aren't perfect. Jesus taught us to love unconditionally, to love without demanding or taking, and Heather lived as a perfect exam-

ple of such a love. In her muted world there was no selfishness, only love.

I'm convinced Heather felt the love of the many people that knew her. Even though she could not see, hear, speak or move, Heather-knew. There is an uncountable value in the touch of a hand and a soft kiss. Heather knew, and Jesus knew, too.

Mary's son Jesus died on the day we call Good Friday, and so did my daughter, Heather. Even through the tears I smile as I remember what I said to people about Heather's death, "I guess Jesus wanted some company on the way to heaven." I guess he did.

But I like to think of Heather in heaven. Doing all the things she couldn't do here on earth: romping in the flowers, laughing and singing. And . . . even though my sadness remains, there is joy, joy for Heather. And a sense of gratitude to Mary. For after all, it was her son that said;

Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the Kingdom of God.

Luke 18:16

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Creche

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 ple drew in around me in polite curiosity at my summons.

"This same Babychrist born in this manger long ago grew up to be a great man. Yes! Yes! Young and old alike nodded their head in accord with my words as they would their tribal storyteller."

"This is true. This Babychrist God grew up to be the Jesus we tell about in church." The people exclaimed and pointed to the wooden figure laying on a bed of straw. They had heard this before, but they liked to relive the feelings and participate in the story again and again.

"We know Jesus died for us, so we all could go to a happy forever home in the sky. Jesus-Babychrist sacrificed His life for all tribesmen, everywhere. Everywhere!" I threw open my arms wide to the sky and the universe beyond. In response, the emerging stars twinkled mysteriously yet silently.

"Now you show," I pointed toward them. "You show Jesus-Babychrist's sacrifice tonight by taking this wood and straw and building a fire and making a sacrifice yourselves. Take these animals for a great feast! Let Christmas Day be a feast and worship—day—for—all—Dinka tribesmen. Come! Come! Let us worship the Jesus-Babychrist, rejoice, and feast!"

The villagers hesitated. Though they were well-versed in the tales of sacrifice, they didn't want to desecrate the White Man's manger. But they were hungry, and they saw my sincerity. So the first one villager came and began dismantling the manger, followed

by his wife, his wife's cousin and her children, and so forth, until the whole community was carrying wood and building fire.

What a night that was. I have never more enjoyed a meal in which I did not partake. The people were laughing and eating and thanking the Babychrist for it all. I shall always cherish the remembrance.

And where was the Good Bishop during all of this? I saw him standing in the firelight some yards away. He was still stiff and full of his own dignity. But he was smiling and the eagle, for a while

at least, was gone. It was a night of many strange happenings. Dare I call them miracles? Yes! I'll call them miracles. In an Africa not so dark and deep as some suppose.

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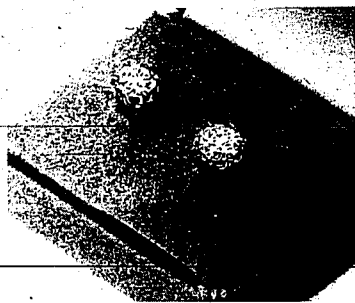
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