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Mark Liebert, left, of Twin Falls works in northern Nevada for the Twin Falls-based Elsing Drilling

Gold boom

Elko, Nevada has doubled in size since 1986; Idaho businesses are cashing in

Editor's note: This is the first in a series on the high-tech gold rush that has turned Elko, Nev., into a lucrative market for Magic Valley businesses. Please see Page B1 for a look at Idahoans working in this modern-day boom town. Monday: Gold transforms a town.

By MARTA CLEAVLAND
Times-News writer

ELKO, Nev. — A year ago, after realizing his Twin Falls company was doing 75 percent of its business in Elko, George Smith opened a branch office.

Since then, the Elko office of Smith Electric has done \$1 million in electrical contracting work, and he expects the work load to double next year. With only two workers left in Twin Falls and 16 in Elko, Smith plans further Elko expansions in the spring.

An explosion in the gold-mining industry around Elko has turned the former cow town into Nevada's fastest-growing city, and Magic Valley businesses are cashing in.

From exploratory drilling and electrical wiring to hamburgers and lawn care, local businesses are going to Elko to sell their wares. Douglas Koenig, Elko's chamber of commerce director, recites the town's new common wisdom:

"If you can open your doors, you can make money."

While the full impact of the boom on the Magic Valley's economy is unknown, numerous companies report millions in annual sales from Elko. Workers, meanwhile, report abundant jobs and salaries of glamorous proportions — along with high prices, scarce services and a chronic housing shortage.

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— Douglas Koenig, director,

Elko Chamber of Commerce

After a year of wiring homes, Smith's workers can't find permanent housing for themselves. They travel the 165 miles to Twin Falls on weekends, and during the week, "we all live in motels."

Magic Valley businesses that stay put also are getting a considerable share of Elko residents' expanding disposable income.

A 1986 survey estimated more than \$50 million a year was leaving the area, with most of it being spent in Salt Lake City and Twin Falls.

"There is quite a bit of business filtering back to Twin Falls, and smart local businessmen are going down there and getting a share of it too," said Warren Barry, an owner of Volvo.

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Magic Valley businesses doing business in Elko...

ELKO, Nev. — Elko's gold strike has paid off for Magic Valley businesses of many varieties. A sampling:

• **Kimberly Nursery** will open its first satellite store in February after aggressively working the Elko area for six years from its Twin Falls headquarters. Twenty percent of its business is in Elko.

"It wasn't a spur-of-the-moment thing," said Jack Wright, the company's president. The local building boom is pretty doggone decent.

• **Caribou Construction** of Twin Falls is doing \$1 million a year in electrical construction work for the mines, said Manager Ken Schlecht.

• **Magic Valley Electric Supply**, a Twin Falls electrical wholesaler, has had a store in Elko for three years.

"We thought we would take a gamble and open a small shop," said Jim Linsey, the

owner. He doesn't want to make it sound too good, though, for fear his competition will want to move in, he said.

• **Ken Schmidt**, one of the owners of the Twin Falls Wendy's Old-Fashioned Hamburgers, opened another outlet in Elko in 1986. The Elko restaurant's volume used to be considerably less than the one in Twin Falls. Now they are equal, though Elko has half the population of Twin Falls, he said.

• **Gem Electric Supply Co.**, a Twin Falls wholesaler, is providing some materials to the mines, but its presence in Elko is limited.

"We're not doing a lot but we wish we were," said Ray Bedwell, the manager. "It's strictly a gamble and at this stage of the game, I'm not willing to gamble any further."

• **Jerome Mobile Homes** is concentrating on Elko.

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Security tight in Bethlehem

The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank — Carols filtered through loudspeakers and drifted across Manger Square, but few Christmas Eve pilgrims were on hand to hear them in this biblical town, where soldiers seemed to outnumber celebrants.

A driving rain, a Palestinian general strike and heavy Israeli security kept crowds slim. As darkness fell, troops with automatic rifles stood guard on rooftops, including that of the Church of the Nativity, which marks the site where Jesus Christ is said to have been born.

In other parts of the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, five Palestinians were reported wounded, one in a clash with troops and four in a clash with an Arab village official accused of collaboration.

Valley residents help bring Christmas to needy

Charities respond generously

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Two curly-headed, soft-spoken boys, 10 and 11, battled a football back and forth in the Salvation Army rec room last week while their mother "shopped" for their Christmas presents.

About 125 parents picked out Christmas gifts for their children last week from the Salvation Army's bank of donated new and used toys.

Santa's Helpers wrapped and distributed about another 1,000 toys for local children.

The gifts were only part of Magic Valley residents' yuletide response to their neighbors in need; if anyone goes hungry this Christmas, it's not for lack of effort on the part of local charities.

Food baskets were given to at least 675 families through the efforts and coordination of the South Central Community Action Agency and the

Salvation Army. Individual families, civic organizations, businesses and many churches also played Santa, filling the baskets to order from a list of needy families collected by the CAA.

The Salvation Army visited another 35 people Friday in Twin Falls and Burley, delivering ready-to-heat Christmas dinners and additional food to shut-ins and the elderly.

Working Partners, which collects

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Providing snow for desert dwellers is a booming business in California

The Associated Press

RIVERSIDE, Calif. — Shortly after 9 a.m., a freak snowstorm hit the Stewards' house with fury, burying the green lawn and blooming rose bush and plastering the windows with white stuff.

For \$500, Gregg Steward had bought his family a white Christmas. Since Dec. 13, the Riverdale Ice Co. has shaved dozens of tons of ice to cover more than 20 green South-

ern California lawns with inches of pure white snow. And an Arcadia shop sells plastic icicles and sales of spray-can snow are up.

The ice company usually blows its ice on vegetable trucks traveling to the East Coast. The snow, which consists of fine ice pellets similar to snow cone ice, lasts for two to three days, barring rain. Owner Gary Wittenmyer said the ice company has made more snow in the past two weeks than in all his 15 years at the

company, all because his wife, Sandy, ran an ad for the usually low-key business in the newspaper. "It's just gone wild," he said.

But as a transplanted Ohioan, Wittenmyer sees the irony in his new business.

"I came to California to get out of that stuff," he said.

What would the folks back home think now? "They're going to think I'm really a whiz kid selling ice and snow to California."

Dole will head Labor Department

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bush on Saturday named Elizabeth H. Dole as his secretary of labor, saying she has the "experience, the stature and the ability to cope with the challenges of America's changing work force."

Ms. Dole, 52, former transportation secretary and the wife of Bush's bitter campaign rival, Senate Minority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., is the first woman named to a full Cabinet post in the new administration, though Carla Hills, as the U.S. trade representative, will have Cabinet rank.

Dole said a "dramatic change has occurred as women have entered the work force in increasing numbers and, 'In this environment, it is essential that we have a secretary of labor who understands the challenges out there, and who has the experience, the stature and the ability to deal with them effectively.'"



ELIZABETH DOLE
Formerly of Transportation
Other issues confronting the labor secretary are retraining displaced workers; assuring better job safety; creating private-public partnerships and respecting workers' rights, the vice president said. Bush's announcement means that only once Cabinet job — energy secretary — remains open.

Terrorists plan to release hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A Palestinian terrorist group said Saturday it will free two French girls held hostage for more than a year in response to an appeal by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Gadhafi that captives be released.

A statement issued by the Fatah Revolutionary Council, led by Abu Nidal, said the girls to be released are the daughters of French hostage Jacqueline Valente. They are Marie-Laure, 7, and Virginie, 6.

The group's announcement was released a few hours after the arrival of Mr. Valente's mother, former Miss World and brother-in-law in west Beirut from Paris. They came to press for their relatives' release.

The statement set no date for their release. But the group's spokesman, Walid Khaled, told The Associated

Press the two girls were to be freed within 24 hours.

"In light of the appeal made by brother Muammar Gadhafi on the occasion of Christmas and New Year for the release of the hostages, especially the two girls, Marie-Laure and Virginie, our Central Committee has decided to free the two girls within the framework of specific security arrangements set for this purpose," the statement said.

In April, the group offered to release Ms. Valente's older daughters, but Khaled said their mother refused to let them go.

The statement, released in Beirut, did not spell out the security arrangements involved, nor did it indicate the captives' whereabouts. But it said Libya pledged to "extend all the necessary facilities that will

guarantee the safety of the two girls."

Ms. Valente, her daughters and five Belgians kidnapped with her have been called the "forgotten hostages" by the French media, since they are not among 15 foreign hostages most commonly mentioned in press reports. Ms. Valente gave birth to a third daughter in captivity.

The French and Belgians have been held for more than a year by Fatah Revolutionary Council, a radical guerrilla group led by Palestinian terrorist Abu Nidal. The Belgians being held are Emmanuelle Houtekins, his wife, Godolieve, their two children, Valerie, 16, and Laurent, 17, and Emmanuel's brother, Fernand.

Khaled has said the French and Belgian hostages were taken from a yacht as it was sailing.

Needy

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for the Salvation Army, received 15,000 pounds of food during its holiday drive. The food, for both Christmas and distribution later this winter, was donated by individuals and groups and by local food manufacturers, brokers and distributors.

Santa's Helpers, a private charity, packed 279 baskets with food and toys for local families. Volunteers collected new and used toys, doing minor repairs and cleaning, and wrapped several for each of the chil-

dren on their list.

Many of the toys came from the Toys for Tots campaign, said Cyd Dillon of Santa's Helpers.

The Salvation Army tried "sort of a country store" approach this year with its Christmas baskets, said volunteer Carlene Madaleni.

Families were invited to attend one of four Christmas services Wednesday and Thursday and then pick out the food, clothing, presents and stocking stuffers they needed from the stocks displayed in the gym.

Children were banned. The Salvation Army wanted the toys to be a surprise, and it wanted the toys to be gifts from the parents, not the Salvation Army, Lt. Rob Noland said.

As the football-playing boys waited for their mother, they talked of bicycles and skateboards.

There were none of those in the gym, but their mother did have her choice of baseball bats and dart guns, model cars and Outlaw racers, Nerf Frisbees and Poof footballs.

Businesses

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ing most of its business efforts at its branch near Elko. Kurt Thompson's business is the only mobile home company in the Spring Creek housing project, where most of Elko's residential growth is centered.

Burks Tractor Co. of Twin Falls is selling backhoes and other construction equipment to Elko con-

struction companies and city and county governments. Business has increased steadily for three years to 20 percent of Burks' construction trade, said Doug Burks Jr., an owner.

He recently started a new ball bearing factory in Twin Falls and hopes to be selling bearings to the mines soon.

- Volco, the Magic Valley-based

building-supply outlet, has served Elko since 1949, said owner Warren Barry. Volco has two full-time salesmen in Elko and sends down three trucks a week, hauling 20 percent of its total sales volume.

The company grossed \$1 million last year from its northern Nevada trade, Barry said, and a permanent store is being considered.

Boom

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a building materials supplier.

Much of the business being done in Elko is with the mines themselves.

Elsing Drilling of Twin Falls draws 99 percent of its business from the mining companies. The remaining 1 percent still comes from drilling water wells in the Magic Valley.

Arnold Elsing has had an answering service in Elko for 12 years, but two years ago his exploratory drilling business with the mines really took off. Though he has only four of the estimated 200 exploratory drilling rigs in the area, his recent profits are substantial.

The construction boom in Elko is causing a construction worker shortage in Twin Falls, Barry said. Twin Falls homeowners face a months-long waiting list for remodeling projects, he said.

Twin Falls businesses that don't go to Elko find Elko coming to them.

A longtime practice for Elko residents has been to shop out of town on weekends, often in Twin Falls since it is the closest city, said Koenig, the chamber director.

"That's why we're a sleepy little town," he said.

A 1986 survey estimated \$54 million was leaving annually from the Elko retail economy.

Dr. John Dobra, an economics professor at the University of Nevada, surveyed Elko households to find what they buy in and out of town. He called the \$54 million estimate conservative. Since the current boom hit, the leakage has probably gone up substantially, he said.

Twin Falls is one of the two primary areas the sales are leaking to, Dobra said. Salt Lake City is the other.

Clothing accounted for 30 percent

of the money flowing north. Household goods were also big contributors.

Blackie Appliances and Furniture draws about 10 percent of its business from Elko, said Kevin Hanks, the merchandise manager.

In 1987, Dobra did another study, this one on wholesale leakage. Building materials and industrial equipment accounted for half of Elko's out-of-town purchases.

The wholesale leakage has diminished in the past year, but the retail trade is still going to Twin Falls and other cities, he said. Dobra advised Elko retailers to try reversing the cash flow by advertising Elko shopping and gambling excursions in the Twin Falls area.

Such a turnaround might only be fair play. Mining Elko's prosperity has contributed considerably to the vitality of many Magic Valley businesses.

Despite Elko's golden commerce, Doug Burks Jr., whose Burks Tractor Co. sells heavily in Elko, offers a cautionary note: "Too many companies rely on boom and bust economies and they boom and bust along with them."

Today's weather

More snow on the way

By The Associated Press

Christmas Eve predictions were that Idaho was in for a lot of snow over the weekend. And even before new storms arrived, weather conditions weren't too hot in the state.

U.S. 20 was closed around noon Saturday due to a snowslide, high winds and heavy snow. Crews were attempting to clear the snowslide, but there was no immediate indication when the highway would reopen.

Snow was reported in some areas.

More snow was predicted for southwestern Idaho during the night, with a couple of inches in valleys and 4-6 inches on south-facing mountain slopes. The storm was expected to reach southeastern Idaho on Christmas Day.

A winter storm warning was issued for the Palouse, warning of heavy snow and winds in north-central Idaho, but later the National Weather Service said the storm was expected to miss most of the snow.

Colder weather was expected to arrive in northern Idaho Christmas Day and spread across all of the state by Monday morning.

Southern Idaho has been pelted by a series of storms since Wednesday, causing traffic, closing schools and roads in rural areas and causing general problems for travelers.

winds whipping snow into drifts in windy areas, the Idaho Transportation Department said.

Conditions:

- U.S. 95 — Plummer-Coeur D'Alene — Broken snow floor; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, wet, broken snow floor; Sandpoint-Canadian border, broken snow floor; Riggins-White Bird Hill, icy spots; Grandview-Winchester, icy spots; Lewiston-Moscow, icy spots; Weiser, New Meadows, snow floor; Marsing-Oregon line, broken snow floor, snowing.
- Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, broken snow floor; Lookout Pass, snow floor, chains advised.
- U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Orofino, icy spots; Orofino-Koozick, icy spots; broken snow floor; Koozick-Lowell, icy spots; broken snow floor; Lowell-Lalo Pass, broken snow floor, snow floor.
- Interstate 84 — Caldwell area, snowing; Boise-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah line, icy spots; broken snow floor, drifting.
- Idaho 55 — Harshaw-Bend-Dannely, rough snow floor, snowing and drifting; Donnelly-New Meadows, snow floor.
- Idaho 21 — Boise-Lowman, snow floor, snowing; Grandeur Junction-Stanley, snow floor, avalanche potential.
- U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, closed due to snowslide, high winds and drifting; Fairfield-Carey, snow floor, snowing and drifting; Carey-Arco, snow floor, snow and drifts; Arco-Idaho Falls, broken snow floor, snowing; Idaho Falls-

Ashton, icy, broken snow floor; Ashton-Montana line, snow floor.

- U.S. 26 — Snow floor.
- Idaho 51 — Snow floor, snowing.
- U.S. 201 — Nevada line-Twin Falls, icy spots; Twin Falls-Carey, icy spots, snow floor; Carey-Arco, broken snow floor, snowing and drifts; Arco-Sullivan, broken snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, snow floor.
- Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, broken snow floor, snowing and drifting; Galena Summit, snow floor, snowing and drifting.
- Interstate 86 — Raft River-American Falls-Bonetta, icy spots, snowing and drifting.
- Interstate 15 — Utah line-Idaho Falls, icy spots, snowing and drifting; Idaho Falls-Dubois, broken snow floor; Montida Falls, broken snow floor.
- U.S. 30 — McAmmon-Soda Springs, icy spots, snowing; Soda Springs-Montpelier, wet, icy spots, snowing; Montpelier-Wyoming line, icy spots, snowing and drifting.
- U.S. 91 — Icy spots.

If you are planning on traveling this weekend, reports describing road conditions are available. Call 336-6070 for state-wide conditions. For local conditions call, 896-2266 in Shoshone. Northbound conditions call Boise, 376-8028 and eastbound call Pocatello, 233-6724. Numbers for neighboring states are: Nevada, 702-738-8898; Montana, 406-444-6339; Utah, 801-964-8008; Oregon, 503-248-8400; and Wyoming, 307-733-9966.

Idaho road report

CHISEL (AP) — Winter driving continued to be a hazardous proposition in Idaho Christmas Eve, with

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San Francisco, Calif.	5	5:00	39
Seattle, Wash.	5	5:30	39
Bozeman, Mont.	16	6:00	39
Butte, Mont.	16	6:30	39
Denver, Colo.	70	7:00	39
Phoenix, Ariz.	80	7:30	39
Albuquerque, N.M.	40	8:00	39
Las Vegas, Nev.	95	8:30	39
San Diego, Calif.	5	9:00	39
Los Angeles, Calif.	5	9:30	39
Houston, Texas	10	10:00	39
New York, N.Y.	2	10:30	39
Washington, D.C.	4	11:00	39
Chicago, Ill.	8	11:30	39
St. Louis, Mo.	70	12:00	39
Indianapolis, Ind.	70	12:30	39
Pittsburgh, Pa.	4	1:00	39
Cleveland, Ohio	8	1:30	39
Philadelphia, Pa.	2	2:00	39
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Richmond, Va.	8	3:00	39
Washington, D.C.	4	3:30	39
Atlanta, Ga.	75	4:00	39
Nashville, Tenn.	75	4:30	39
Memphis, Tenn.	40	5:00	39
Mobile, Ala.	65	5:30	39
Birmingham, Ala.	65	6:00	39
Charleston, S.C.	8	6:30	39
Atlanta, Ga.	75	7:00	39
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School consolidation issue heats up

POCATELLO (AP) — Although legislators anticipate more funding for Idaho's public schools in the next fiscal year, there may be fewer schools to fund.

Consolidating smaller school districts — an idea which stirs the passion of rural opponents — is an issue sure to surface during the 1989 session.

"It's going to be on the front burner," says House Speaker Tom Boyd, R-Genese.

It's also an issue that has brought legislators plenty of heat, and created a rift between rural and urban schools. Each group claims advantages: Larger schools say they can offer students more diverse courses; smaller schools say they can give students more individual attention.

Previous legislation has unsuccessfully focused on consolidation as a cost-saving measure. Opponents have more or less defused that argument. This year, however, legislators say they'll focus on whether consolidation is a way to offer students stronger overall education.

"Consolidation isn't going to save money. It's going to redirect money into more efficient units," says Senate Minority Floor Leader Bruce Sweeney, D-Lewiston. He serves on the Education Committee.

Under Idaho's public education funding formula, smaller districts receive more money per student than do larger districts.

For example, the Pocatello School District spends \$1,962 per student, based on average daily attendance figures. That amount ranks 109th out of 116 Idaho school districts. The North Gem (Bancroft) school district ranks 29th, spending \$3,211 per student.

The state average is \$2,473. Elk River, with an average enrollment of 31 students, tops state per-student spending at \$11,818. Worley is next at \$6,472.

Each year legislators hear complaints from the larger districts that their allocation isn't enough to provide a sound education. Legislators also are concerned at the cost of keeping smaller schools open.

"Living in a very small district, I keep right up with that," said Boyd, who spent 13 years on the Geneseo School Board before election to the Legislature in 1978. He admits he favors smaller schools.

"I don't try to hide it," he said, chuckling. But he also wants the best statewide system possible.

"I don't think the Legislature can force consolidation," he said. "I think that would be wrong ... It has to build down to what would be best for the students."

Boyd's opinion seems to be the consensus. Sen. Jerry Thorne, R-Nampa, chairman of the Education Committee, said recently there is "absolutely no reason to consolidate" unless the change increases education quality and saves money.

"If neither of these can be achieved, then there's no sense in doing it," he said. Another Education Committee member, Sen. Dennis Hansen, R-Soda Springs, said, "I feel that small schools should have the right to decide if they want to consolidate."

"I'm not ever going to vote for forced consolidation ... That's a community issue."

Sweeney agrees, but in a roundabout way. He said legislators need to adequately fund isolated small districts, such as Challis and Salmon, that

can't feasibly consolidate because of their distance from other schools.

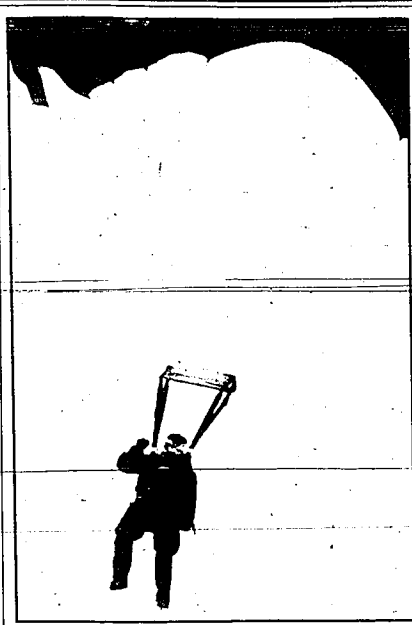
Consolidation should be discussed, he said, in rural areas containing several schools. For example, the Grace, Soda Springs and North Gem (Bancroft) schools could merge.

A new school could then be built at a centrally located site to avoid regional bickering. Hansen said legislators will review incentive options to encourage such moves. The state

could pay the interest on new school buildings.

Small-town residents complain that closing their schools would take away towns' identities. Athletic events, unify rural communities, they say.

But Sweeney, who agreed that schools are important to a town's identity, said the rural community decline began before any discussion of school consolidation.



Geronimo

Santa Claus, also known as Kerry Strand, a member of the Boeving Skydiving club, and three 'elves' arrived without benefit of sleigh or reindeer Friday for a Christmas party for about 200 members of the Everett, Wash. Boys and Girls Clubs

AP Laserphoto

Snowpack figures look promising as survey nears

BOISE (AP) — Steady snowfall this week and the remainder of December's storms mean Idaho's 1989 drought could be over before it begins.

Jerry Beard, snow conservationist for the U.S. Soil Conservation Survey, said snowpack figures are quite promising as the Jan. 1 snow survey — the first of the season — approaches.

Most of southern Idaho had 90 percent or better of normal snowpack as of Friday, and the Upper Snake, Bruneau and Owyhee rivers were at 140

percent of normal, Beard said. "We're right where we wanted to be," he said. "If this will continue for the next two to three months, we'll be in good shape."

In the fall, as Idaho was reeling from 2½ years of drought, Beard predicted that snow levels would have to reach 120 percent of normal for reservoirs to fill completely and farmers to receive enough irrigation water.

In normal years, Idaho receives about 40 per-

cent of its snow by Jan. 1. Given forecasts for more snow this weekend and next week, the projected total may be greater by New Year's Day.

"With the storm patterns we're seeing right now, it appears that these outlooks will improve by next week," Beard said. "The weather is unfortunate for travelers, but, given our water supply situation, we'll take snow whenever we can get it."

A steady string of storms in November set a record for precipitation in Boise at 3 inches.

1,600-year-old book photographed in Egypt

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — An authority on ancient documents micro-filmed the pages of a 1,600-year-old book of Psalms, believed to be the world's oldest book, but he says he had no idea of the volume's age or value at the time.

Steve Baldrige of Murray, Utah, was working for Brigham Young University when he photographed the brittle pages in Cairo, Egypt, last fall at the behest of the director of the Coptic Museum of Cairo.

"I knew it was important. I knew it was valuable," he said. "But I never expected to read about it on the front page of the newspaper."

Museum director Gawdat Gabra told The Associated Press last week that the book, buried under a child's head more than 1,600 years ago, is the earliest complete book of Psalms and possibly the oldest book of any kind.

The book was discovered four years ago in an Egyptian cemetery. It is bound in leather-covered wood and handwritten on about 490 parchment pages in a dialect of Coptic, a now-dead language of Old Greek and Egyptian hieroglyphs, and includes words never seen before.

Baldrige was on an assignment in Egypt for the Mormon Church-

owned university's department of ancient scripture when he got the opportunity to photograph the book.

The task posed unique problems for Baldrige, who has recorded genealogical information from all types of documents in remote corners of the world for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"The pages, bound by threads, had to be carefully held down by hand for the camera instead of using the usual metal clamps. Parchment, which is made from animal hide, is so delicate that too much pressure would cause it to break," Baldrige said. Many of his assistants.

"Most manuscripts, you can micro-film in under an hour," he said. "This took just under a week."

Baldrige said he often thought of the girl buried with the book, which was found under her head in a shallow grave in a cemetery for the poor about 85 miles south of Cairo. "I kept thinking of the person who had been lying on it for 1,600 years," Baldrige said. Several apparent bookmarks were found tucked into the manuscript, including reeds and a key of life, or ankh, carved from bone.

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And Christ was born on Christmas Day

Now it came to pass in those days, that a decree went forth from Caesar Augustus that a census of the whole world should be taken. This first census took place while Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all were going, each to his own town, to register.

And Joseph also went from Galilee out of the town of Nazareth into Judea to the town of David, which is called Bethlehem — because he was of the house and family of David — to register, together with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child.

And it came to pass while they were there, that the days for her to be delivered were fulfilled. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same district living in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by them and the glory of God shone round about them, and they feared exceedingly.

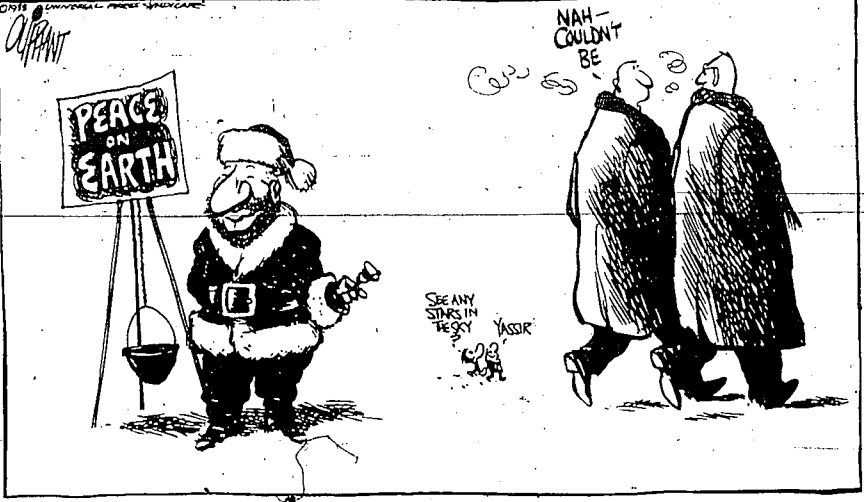
And the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be to all the people; for today in the town of David a savior has been born to you, who is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign to you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men of good will."

And it came to pass, when the angels had departed from them into heaven, that the shepherds were saying to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

So they went with haste, and they found Mary and Joseph and the babe, lying in the manger. And when they had seen, they understood what had been told them concerning this child. And all who heard marvelled at the things told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept in mind all these things, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken to them.

— Luke 2:1-20



Letters

Don't believe all the headlines

Congratulations, Mikhail Gorbachev, on your dramatic announcement of unilateral troop reductions in Europe. You picked the right time and place so that all of America heard your pronouncement.

It won't take long to get an official reply from America. In fact you can read the response in the daily newspaper headlines. To wit:

Stealth Bomber Production; Star Wars Funding; Two New Production Reactors; Special Isotope Separation Plant; Tritium Production Needed; Defense Budget Increased 4 Percent.

The above response may not be the position of the American people. The last time the American people differed with the official military positions was called the Viet Nam war.

You may recall the people opted for peace and finally won the contest. Nuclear disarmament may be likened to the Viet Nam war in that the people are way ahead of any leadership in this quest for peace. Don't believe all the newspaper headlines.

EDWARD CRUZ

Twin Falls

Christmas presents: Five years ago last November, the veterinarian told me that my three year old cat had feline leukemia (this was the year before the vaccine). He suggested that I put him to sleep. He did say there were treatments and because he was still active and had a good appetite he could go into a remission, but they would be expensive.

I think the vet thought I was crazy but he let me make monthly payments. Every day for eight weeks I pushed pills down that cat and one day a week each week he had chemotherapy about a week after Christmas they did the tests again and they came back negative.

He has been in remission five years now and still is active and has a good appetite. Though many things that I have hoped for have not happened, one time something I hoped for did. Because of this I never give up hope and would like to wish everyone hope and joy for the years to come. Thank you.

BILLIE ROBERTSON

Twin Falls

Commissioners are bungling

Come on people of Wendell, what's the matter with us? Can our highway district commissioners get away with murder before we get them out? You have to know something's wrong when first

off they illegally fire Eldon Gough. Then, with much expense to Mr. Gough, they have a hearing to immediately reinstate him, because they knew that they were wrong.

This man has worked for our highway district for over five years, longer than three-fourths of the commissioners. Now they've decided to send out certified letters saying they can fire any employee at will, that they can lay off any employee this winter because it's a slow time.

But on Dec. 9, 1988, they hired another full-time man. Now they have a four man crew, that we're paying for, but it's the slow time of year. Furthermore they've never had a four man crew, but I guess being buddies with the foreman must mean something.

It's pretty bad when he starts out as part-time help, but gets more hours and better pay every two weeks than the full-time help, now he's full-time and gets the same wages as the two men who've worked there for over five years, plus overtime.

Give me a break. Our money sure is being spent freely, are we going to sit around and let this happen? If we do it's our own fault. All of this information is public record and can be obtained at any time.

BILLIE HENRY

Wendell

Letters

Merry Christmas to all, Magic Valley

Over the years I have found that Christmas is a time of ever changing values and styles, a time of varied expectations, and yet the basic concepts of holiday happiness remains the same.

Let's face it dear friends, for young and old it is the "biggy" of the season. As for me, this year, I'm reminded of little gray kittens and pensive children. The former, simply because one is lying asleep on the corner of my desk even as I write; and the latter, well, let me tell you all about it.....

I nearly missed her, this four year old cherub, because she was so adorably snuggly sitting quietly on the carpet by the doll counter, completely foreign to the character of so many children turned loose on their own in the toy department. Seemingly unaware that I had intruded on her place of solitude, she clutched a small doll, still intact in its Saran wrapped package, to her

bosom and rocked slightly to and fro. Called away by the whims of a customer, I next saw the little one as she left the store accompanied by an adult and two siblings.

It was nearing closing time when a tired looking lady asked if I knew of a doll in a red spotted dress, for her child had said that that was what she wanted Santa to bring her. I've looked everywhere, do you have any idea what she is talking about?

I indeed did and I quickly handed her the doll that her little one had clutched so lovingly. Was there doubt in my mind? None whatsoever for you see the red spots on the dolls dress were red sales stickers that merchants put on items when we lower the price in order to move them. Ah yes, and may I say that before the sale was completed two more red spots appeared as if by magic, seems I'm very dextrous with a price gun. Merry Christmas Magic Valley and God Bless.

TED SAMPLES

Twin Falls

Best present was healing of cat

I would like to share with you one of my best

State Department goofed on crash

WASHINGTON — I'm no red-hot admirer of Melvin Belli, the portly ambulance-chaser who seems one step behind every disaster with his pocketbook unzipped.

But when Belli says he'll go to court on behalf of victims of the Pan Am airliner that fire-bombed over Scotland, I'm a rooster.

Sombody on television asked Belli who he intended to sue. "Everybody," said Belli. "Starting with airtort action against the State Department and the U.S. government."

Good. I hope he gets a bundle, even if it is my tax dough. If sabotage theories prove right, the explosion that rained fiery bits of Pan Am flight 103 out of the Scottish sky will leave a bitter aftershock.

The State Department goofed — and goofed badly. Of 300,000 bureaucrats who work in Washington, the people in Foggy Bottom are the best and brightest. I know firsthand that if you get in a jam in Tegucigalpa, Rome or Peking, their talents are handy. That's their primary duty — protecting the safety of Americans overseas.

In the Pan Am crash, they blew it. They took care of their own, but left 258 Pan Am passengers and crew to their fates.

Overstatement? Hardly. State Department

Sandy Grady

honchos had a telephoned threat that a Pan Am plane from Frankfurt to the United States would be bombed in the two weeks before Christmas. They tipped embassy workers worldwide to the danger. In Moscow, a dozen State employees, who spotted the warning on their bulletin board, stayed off Pan Am.

But not a word to the U.S. public. No warning to the 33 Syracuse College kids, or the families flying home for Christmas, or the half-dozen U.S. military servicemen — their Pan Am flight was a potential saboteurs' fireball.

No travelers' advisory, no hint of trouble, except to striped-pants insiders.

You get used to bureaucratic comedies in Washington. But the Pan Am 103 silence was a tragic blunder that smacks of elitism.

The State Department's uneasiness was palpable when Phyllis Oakley, a confident, well-groomed spokeswoman, faced reporters in the briefing room. Oakley was in trouble.

"Why notify your embassies about the bomb threat and not tell the American public?" a newsmen asked.

"We receive dozens of these threats every week. We take them all seriously," said Oakley. "In this case, we notified airport authorities and the Federal Aviation Agency, people who can do something about security."

"But Moscow diplomats know to avoid those flights. Who's supposed to tell the American public?"

"Moscow was a special case. They decided to post it," said Oakley. "Look, you can argue with our judgment. But we notified the airports and the carriers."

Yep, business as usual. Silence from State. Silence from the FAA. Silence from Pan Am.

Yet, the threat sounded ominously real: On Dec. 5 a man with a Middle Eastern accent telephoned to say two members of an Abu Nidal terrorist group would hide a bomb in a Finnish woman's luggage on the Frankfurt-New York run. He had names, dates and the airline.

Another crackpot? Why did State consider it reliable enough to tip its own nabobs: Stay off Pan Am?

Chillingly, security forces at London's Heathrow Airport, where Pan Am 103 changed

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Letters/ CSI election, Jesus series draw reader comment

Brizee thanks her supporters

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to all the citizens of Twin Falls and Jerome County for the vote of confidence expressed in me in the recent election for a board of trustee seat at the College of Southern Idaho.

A special thanks to my family and many friends who assisted in so many ways with my campaign during this busy holiday season.

To The Times-News and the electronic media, thank you for your concern for the educational issues in our valley. To Jennifer Kauth, Times-News reporter, thank you for your outstanding and complete coverage of this election.

I look forward with excitement and anticipation in serving our community in this new capacity in January. I will strive to be a positive force for the College of Southern Idaho. Merry Christmas to all.

DIANNA T. BRIZEE

Twin Falls

'Namesake's' letter embarrassing

"Namesake's" an embarrassment. There was a letter to the editor in Tuesday's paper, Dec. 19, titled "Citizens must demand peace" and signed by an Elaine McLain of Shoshone.

It's not that I disagree with the fact that we must strive for world peace — but stop

celebrating Christmas? Come on now! I would at least hope that my "name sake" wouldn't embarrass me with such an off-the-wall message.

ELAINE MCCLAIN

Kimberly

Larsen qualified to preach

Brenda Larsen, in her two contributions to the "Who is Jesus?" series, has proven that she is qualified to preach.

Every text, for the adept preacher, is a pre-text for his/her favorite agenda. Larsen, too, has mastered the "hat and switch" maneuver.

In Larsen's first article, "Who is Jesus?" became "What is Hinduism?" Her second serving turned "Who is Jesus?" into a launching pad for a painful and convoluted diatribe against misogynic society and its chosen religion: Yahwism. The stew's predominant seasoning was her view of religious history as an epochal struggle between andocentric and gynocentric religion (and, we are led to surmise, between men and women).

Regarding Larsen's historical methodology, do all feminists do history by way of imaginative free-association? I've seen the same speculative genre employed in several revisionist histories. Ironically, it bears a striking resemblance to rabbinical (male chauvinist) midrash. But now I'm digressing!

Editors, please spare us such irrelevant pontifications in the future. If you must publish them, at least give them a title to suit the content, since the content obviously has no regard for the predetermined title.

PASTOR ROGER ROBINS

Filer Mennonite Church

There's no fascism in Hagerman

I resent The Times News headline of Fascism in Hagerman. I have never heard of such a thing in Hagerman.

I run a beauty shop in town and you know how they get "gossip" in beauty shops, never has there been a word against any race or family in town.

Hagerman is made up of 99.9 percent Christian families. We don't treat people unfairly.

I resent the father even saying such a thing. I think he is the one with the problem, not Hagerman.

BARBARA MAXWELL

Hagerman

Anger should go to the PUC

I read Mr. Fred Smith's letter a few days ago. He is certainly an Idaho Power Co. basher, misinformed and somewhat nasty concerning our Idaho Supreme Court.

Mr. Smith, your anger should be directed towards our Idaho PUC, not Idaho Power and

the Supreme Court.

When utility companies are treated unfairly they have no recourse except to appeal to the courts. You would even take this away leaving utilities at the mercy of appointed officials of the IPUC.

When the IPUC is overturned by the courts this tells me we have something wrong with the thinking in the IPUC. Too bad they are not challenged more often. Idaho Power needs to be kept in its rightful place as a healthy and thriving utility to serve us all.

WILLIAM U. HOUSE

Hailey

Enlightenment must come first

It is an unmerited honor to have been compared among the ranks of the Founders such as Patrick Henry. Which is more than can be said for the mouthpiece of the anti-nuclear movement; who is lucky to be remembered, if not respected, for a period of two days.

The cause of world peace is by far the most admirable of human endeavors. Peace on earth is the goal and result of morality. If all men were moral and righteous, there would be no need for the weapons of war; government for that matter.

It is self-evident, that there remains a considerable degree of depravity in mankind. The evidences of the same are contained in the daily newspaper.

Let us first work toward enlightening men's souls, then we can bury the weapons of war. It is a very narrow mind that would assume the reverse. Americans have always loved peace, yet they are realistic about the world in which they live.

They know that without strength (military deterrence) in a hostile world, peace is unachievable. Therefore, they are willing to use whatever means necessary and proper to preserve that peace; even by producing nuclear weapons.

Volumes could be filled with well documented inferences that can be drawn from history that will establish the truth concerning this matter. One might especially look back on the Munich Agreement as an example.

The destruction of World War II could have been avoided if appeasement hadn't replaced common sense. Guarding liberty with great circumspection is a dozen magnitudes better than lamenting with hindsight.

In the spirit of this season, I would like to express my warmest wishes to the people of southern Idaho; including R.G. Chrisman. I hope your holidays and the coming new year will bring happiness and peace. Despite differing opinions on the subject, perhaps even words of anger, goodwill is yet possible among men.

DAVID VREELAND

Gooding

Opinion

U.S. needs steady nerves in dealing with terrorism

Robert E. Hunter

In calmer times, the news that a Pan American World Airways jumbo jet had crashed, killing more than 250 people, would seem a simple tragedy — attributable to bad weather, mechanical malfunction or human error. Today, however, there is an instant and near-universal belief that it must have been terrorism. Before key facts are known — even in this case, whether there was an explosion — we begin reacting in compliance with terrorism's peculiar culture. Each of us assigns blame according to our individual outlook on world events.

In fact, there is a host of potential candidates for having conducted what could prove to be infamous business. Until a few days ago the South African foreign minister had been scheduled to travel on Pan Am Flight 103, and the United Nations commissioner for Namibia, Bernt Carlsson, was one of the victims. England's also game for Irish Republican Army terrorism, although there is no clear reason for an IRA attack on an American aircraft.

It is far more likely that this incident, assuming that it involved terrorism, was a product of developments in the Middle East. In both the Arab-Israeli and Persian Gulf conflicts, there is motivation for brutal acts. For several months, key figures in the Iranian government have been cracking down on radicals, reaching out to the West and working up to a reconciliation with the United States. For other Iranians who are more concerned to keep the revolution pure than to gain help with post-war reconstruction, there is strong incentive to rekindle the American people's hatred of Iran.

The icing on the cake would be to argue that what happened to Flight 103 was retaliation for the downing of an Iranian Airbus last July by the U.S. warship Vincennes. Indeed, in the early hours after the crash in Scotland, there was widespread speculation that "the Iranians did it." In fact, Iran would have everything to lose from such an act.

If we continue to follow the terrorism scenario, the prime candidate would be some party disaffected by the U.S. decision last week to open a

dialogue with the Palestinian Liberation Organization. As always happens when there is a glimmer of hope for the Arab-Israeli peace process, the risks of terrorism did go up dramatically. Enemies of peace abound — several with experience in perpetrating terrorism, both in the region and in Western Europe. Indeed, the degree of difficulty in placing a bomb on an aircraft at Frankfurt or Heathrow airport argues for such a connection, with Libya, Syria and radical Palestinians having the most to lose from U.S. dealings with Yasser Arafat's PLO.

Until more is known, all this is speculation. Yet it can still have a political effect. That, in fact, is what distinguishes terrorism from other acts of violence: the effort to cause a political reaction by stimulating fear among a large group of people. Thus the term — "mindless terrorism" is an oxymoron; by definition, terrorism is always purposeful.

In order for an individual, group or state to gain political effect, it is not even necessary for it to be guilty of the terrorist act. That is why so many catastrophes lead to multiple claims of responsibility, and also to the shifting of blame to enemies. At the other extreme, there can be "generic terrorism" — an act for which no one claims responsibility but nonetheless prompts political action based on assumptions about the most likely culprit.

Thus, in the absence of hard evidence, there are now cries that the downing of Flight 103 proves that the United States must not deal with the PLO, with Iran, or with someone else. That is happening even before it is clear that terrorism was involved. And it will continue so long as no other cause for the crash is established.

The downing of Flight 103 illustrates the dilemma that Washington faces as it tries to sort out policy in the Middle East. In the immediate aftermath, the State Department is being pilloried for not having informed the general public about a recent warning of a potential attack on

a Pan Am flight from Frankfurt. Assuming that more than coincidence is involved, such public notice would hardly have helped matters; terrorists, if such there were, would simply have chosen another target.

More open to question is what may prove to have been a failure of airport security in the face of the deadly combination of the tip-off and the sharp rise in the risk of terrorism because of the U.S.-PLO dialogue. Even then, there is just so much that can be done to forestall the dedicated terrorist, and too much difficulty in creating perfect airport security. The general public is unlikely to tolerate lengthy and exhausting examinations like those that now precede the boarding of any El Al liner.

The United States does not have many options in terms of retaliation. These days, both Iran and the PLO are more likely to be targets, rather than perpetrators, of terrorism. Thus even these longstanding villains (in the American way of thinking) would not be eligible for retribution.

For the U.S. government it is most important now to have steady nerves as it pursues diplomatic openings at both ends of the Middle East. And it is important for the American public to understand how little can be done to eliminate terrorism from this difficult world. That, ultimately, is the only way to deny terrorists any political gain.

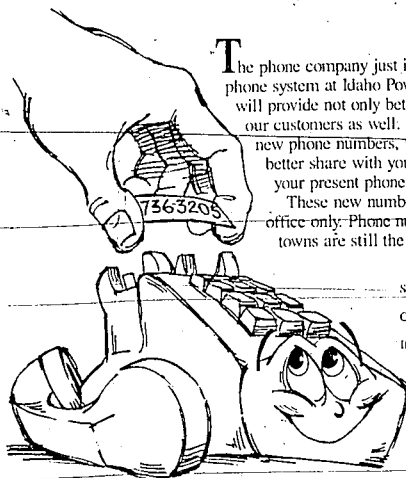
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Continued from Page A4 to the doomed jumbo jet, were in the dark. "I can say categorically we were unaware of any threat," said a Heathrow spokesman.

Somebody goofed. Sure, I know the arguments against broadcasting every two-bit bomb threat. "You can't allow anybody who drops a quarter to hold airlines hostages," says Jack McGeorge, a security expert. "You'd have panic, chaos, economic disaster." And an FAA spokesman says airily, "Why scare people?"

But the selective warning on Pan Am 103 causes second thoughts in an era when any terror gang can get plastic bombs. George Bush says, "If you have hard evidence a specific flight is threatened, the public should be notified."

I know one thing: If the State Department crowd is scared to stay off a flight because of a bomb threat, give me the same dose. I'll stay grounded. Let somebody else worry about the airline's stock.

"We took appropriate action," insisted Oakley. Tell that to the families of Pan Am 103's victims who played State Department roulette.

Go ahead, sue 'em, Melvin. Hope you make a mint.

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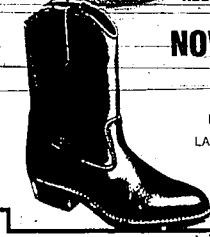


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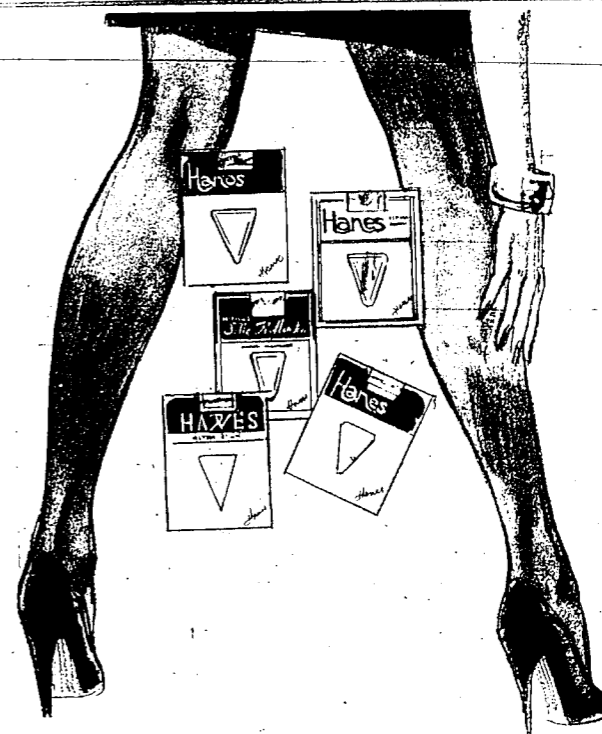


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Time names Earth as planet of year

NEW YORK (AP) — Time magazine has named the "endangered Earth" its Planet of the Year, departing from its annual Man of the Year designation to call for a "universal crusade to save the planet."



Earth has been selected as planet of the year

This year the Earth spoke, like God warning Noah of the deluge, the weekly newsmagazine said, citing natural and human-caused disasters from earthquakes to overpopulation to pollution of the world's beaches.

Since 1927, Time annually has selected the person, group or object that in its editors' views most significantly influenced world events that year. It selected an inanimate object once before — the computer, in 1982.

In the cover article of its Jan. 2 issue, released Saturday, Time warned of a series of impending environmental catastrophes:

—Pollution-caused warming of the atmosphere, known as the "greenhouse effect," threatening weather changes that could flood coastlines and render large areas of the planet infertile and uninhabitable.

—Toxic and radioactive wastes and dumped garbage that could poison drinking water and despoil the land.

—Chemical pollution that is depleting the atmosphere's protective ozone layer.

—Clearing of tropical rain forests, driving thousands of species to extinction.

"Most of these evils had been going on for a long time, and some of the worst disasters apparently had nothing to do with human behavior," Time said.

CIA chief was on ill-fated Flight 103

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Central Intelligence Agency's station chief in Beirut, Lebanon, was among the 258 people aboard the Pan American jumbo jet that exploded and crashed in Scotland, two U.S. officials said Saturday.

But there is no known reason to believe that he was a specific target of terrorists or that his presence on Flight 103 was tied in any other way to the disaster, one of the officials told The Associated Press. "I don't know of any specific link," the official said.

For the record, the Reagan administration declined to verify or deny that the CIA agent was aboard the jetliner, as initially reported by NBC News. "As you know, we never comment on any such allegation having to do with intelligence," Sandra McCarty, a State Department spokeswoman, said.

But two other U.S. officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, confirmed the CIA station chief was on the ill-fated flight from London's Heathrow Airport to New York.

American, British, Israeli and Interpol investigators are trying to determine whether the plane was the victim of sabotage, technical malfunction or high winds. All aboard perished and 20 people who resided near the crash site were missing and believed dead.

Flight recorders recovered from the wreckage on Friday showed the pilots engaged in routine conversation, with no warning signs apparent

before the Wednesday night crash. The tape ended abruptly with a short, faint noise.

The loss of the CIA station chief in Beirut is the latest setback to U.S. intelligence operations in Lebanon. In April 1983, a terrorist bomb that wrecked the U.S. Embassy in Beirut took the lives of a number of CIA agents. In 1984, William Buckley, the U.S. station chief, was kidnapped, tortured and killed, probably the next year.

The impact on U.S. intelligence-gathering and information about American hostages was "immense," the State Department lists nine Americans currently as hostages. Officials on Thursday denied reports any of the victims in the crash had been engaged in negotiations to secure their freedom.

A little more than two weeks before the crash, a caller identifying himself with the radical Palestinian Abu Nidal group telephoned a warning to the U.S. Embassy in Helsinki

that a Pan-Am passenger jet bound from Frankfurt, West Germany, to New York via London would be attacked.

The State Department said Thursday it sent out a security alert Sunday. U.S. officials complained privately that insufficient precautions were taken and that servicemen traveling home for the holidays had not been informed.

After the crash, several callers to news organizations claimed their groups were responsible for the attack.

The U.S. Embassy in Beirut operates on a scaled-down basis because of the intermittent strife in the country among rival groups. It is not unusual for the U.S. government to assign a CIA official to such a sensitive post.

CIA agents in the past have been the targets of extremists. In an effort to shield them, the State Department in 1975 ceased publishing the names of employees at U.S. embassies.

Device may detect bombs in airports

By FRANK SWEENEY
Knight-Ridder Service

A sophisticated explosives-detection device developed by a Sunnyvale, Calif., company may make it much more difficult for terrorists to smuggle bombs — including those with the newest plastic explosives — aboard airliners.

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded an \$8.5 million contract to Science Applications International Corp. of Sunnyvale and San Diego to develop and build five thermal neutron analysis devices that detect the large amounts of nitrogen present in all known explosives.

If the neutron bombardment detectors can be manufactured in large numbers, they could be installed at airports to screen luggage and cargo for bombs before they are loaded into the bellies of passenger jets.

Investigators are looking at the possibility that terrorists smuggled plastic explosives aboard Pan American Flight 103, the Boeing 747 that crashed in Scotland on Wednesday.

Such lightweight but powerful explosives are nearly impossible to detect without a time-consuming hand search of luggage.

Putty-like plastic explosives can be pressed into almost any shape. To the conventional X-ray screening machines, they may appear only as a dense but seemingly harmless substance. Tiny detonators no larger than a paper clip and powered by watch batteries blend in with ordinary items often packed in suitcases.

FAA officials say the new devices provide the first reliable method of detecting plastic explosives quickly.

Two prototypes of the neutron bombardment machines were tested successfully at San Francisco International Airport and Los Angeles International Airport in 1987.

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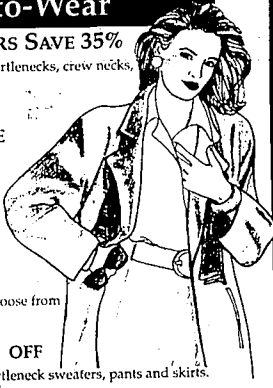
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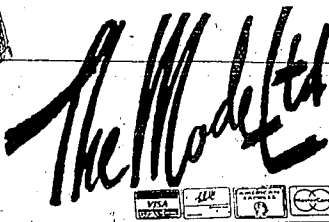
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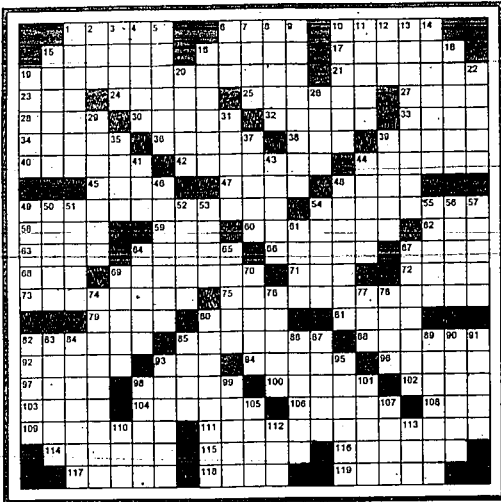
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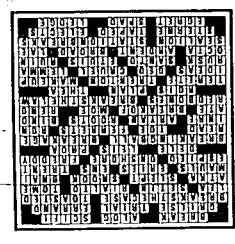
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- 93 Red gem
- 95 A Barrymore
- 98 Fr. river
- 99 Ready to be drawn
- 101 Valuable fur
- 105 Bark for cloth
- 107 — Scott
- 110 Kind of verb: abbr.
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Crossword/people

Explorer searches for remains of Boston Tea Party chests

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Exactly 215 years after revolutionary patriots dumped 342 chests of tea into Boston Harbor to protest colonial tyranny, an explorer launched an effort to retrieve them.

Harry Clifford, a salvage entrepreneur who located the first pirate ship in the New World four years ago, stood on the docks of Boston Harbor in below-freezing temperatures Friday, gesturing across a channel as divers prepared to jump into the icy waters.

"It was a cold night, the winds were coming from the northwest and the tide was coming in," said Clifford, referring to the evening of Dec. 16, 1773, when 30 patriots, angered over King George III's three-penny tax on a pound of tea, raided three ships and dumped the tea overboard.

Clifford hopes to bring back about 40 or 50 of the wooden chests and place them in a museum with some of the \$40 million in artifacts he found on the wreck of the pirate ship *Whydah* in 1984.

"He is not bothered by criticism that he may be disturbing historical sites or the skepticism voiced by museum officials about whether the tea chests are still intact after two centuries underwater."

"We've left this alone for more than

'But it came to me all of a sudden how we should go look for the chests. No one has ever looked at Boston Harbor before.'

— Barry Clifford, salvage entrepreneur

200 years," Clifford said. "Boston Harbor is one of the greatest archaeological resources we have. We've already gotten letters from schoolchildren around the country. It's good when something like this focuses attention on a historical event."

Using a chartered lobster boat, Clifford and a crew of five motored to the middle of Fort Point Channel, an

area of the harbor located between downtown and South Boston.

Three divers wearing dry suits and thermal underwear prepared to dive 35 feet into the water searching for signs of the crates. Clifford also directed electronic searches of the area using sidescan sonar and sidebottom profiling machines.

Clifford said he got the idea to look for the Tea Party chests from an unlikely source: President-elect George Bush.

"I was driving along one day listening to George Bush talk about the pollution in Boston Harbor," said Clifford. "But it came to me all of a sudden how we should go look for the chests. No one has ever looked at Boston Harbor before."

Friday's search was the first step in what Clifford said could be a project that takes years. Though Clifford has informal permission from state officials to scan areas of the harbor, he has been turned down in his bid for exclusive rights to survey a nautical square mile.

This month the state Board of Archaeological Resources told Clifford that he must first retrieve artifacts from the site that are at least 100 years old. Clifford plans to go before the board again after locating artifacts and hopes to apply again for a permit giving him exclusive rights to search the area.

Jewish groups pinch hit on holidays

ATLANTA (AP) — Volunteers from Jewish groups have become part of a Christmas tradition in Atlanta — filling in for non-emergency workers at hospitals who otherwise might have to work on the holiday.

The volunteer program started on a small scale in 1981 but has grown to a systemized effort involving about 500 volunteers who go to work on Christmas Day so that Christian workers may celebrate at home with their families.

Members of the city's Jewish community launched the "Pinch Hitter" program, when they saw that many people who wanted to be at home for the holiday had jobs that required them to work on Christmas.

"Christmas, obviously, holds little significance to the Jewish community, and here was a chance to let our Christian counterparts celebrate the holiday," said Jeff Rubin, associate publisher of the Atlanta Jewish Times, a weekly newspaper which last year became a co-sponsor of the program.

"It's an opportunity to promote brotherhood and volunteerism in the same breath," Rubin said.

Started by the Gate City Lodge of B'nai B'rith, the Jewish fraternal organization, the program had about 50 volunteers participating the first couple of years. This year, organizers are expecting about 500 people to work at nine hospitals.

The volunteers do just about any task required, Rubin said, including

janitorial work, kitchen duty and assisting in non-medical patient care.

Dave Abrams, co-chairman of the program, said some hospital officials at first were surprised by the willingness of the volunteers to do menial tasks. "They'd think in many cases we don't want to get our hands dirty... but that's what this game's all about," Abrams said. "We're not replacing the doctors, we're replacing the minimum wage people."

In addition to providing a break for some workers, the volunteers also help patients enjoy the holiday, said Judy Smith, spokeswoman for Emory

University Hospital's rehabilitation center, one of the facilities participating in the program.

The volunteers have spent time with the center's patients, some of whom do not have family in the area and are alone for Christmas, Ms. Smith said.

"It's a real important asset for our rehabilitation population," she said.

As the program has grown, there has been an effort to make it better organized, Rubin said. A committee this year is coordinating the needs of the hospitals with the available volunteers.

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Family repairs life after tornado

CARY, N.C. (AP) — The Barnes family is spending Christmas at a friend's townhouse while their home is repaired, and they are rebuilding their lives as well after losing their daughter last month in a spate of deadly tornadoes.

"We talk about it constantly," Libby Barnes said of the twisters that ripped through their community Nov. 28, killing their daughter, Janet, 9, and three other people.

"We laugh at things she did, we talk about things she did that we wish she had done."

Janet was a vivacious third-grader whose fate her parents, Walt and Libby, brother Chip, 19, and sister Elizabeth, 16, are struggling to accept.

"I'm just finding the whole concept of it kind of hard to grasp," Elizabeth said as she and her family discussed

their ordeal Wednesday night. The family said they are trying to keep Janet's life in perspective and avoid the temptation to think of her as saintly.

"She was just like these other two," Mrs. Barnes said, gesturing at Chip and Elizabeth. "So when people talk about her being super-hero or super-saint — well, she did have some really good qualities, but she was a very normal 9-year-old child."

A few days after Janet's funeral, Walt Barnes spoke at a support gathering at a nearby elementary school.

"The point I tried to make is that the weather has been around this planet four and a half billion years and we have been here a relatively short time," Barnes said. "And sometimes we get in the way of the weather

or the elements or the environment. It's not something that's sent upon us. We wanted very much for the children to understand that."

The family has been touched by the outpouring of support from government and private agencies, their church, Walt Barnes' colleagues at the state Department of Agriculture, Janet's school and dozens of individuals — many of whom they hadn't met before.

One couple, Ray and Elizabeth Martin, offered the Barneses the use of the townhouse and stocked it with food. Repair work has started on their North Raleigh house, to which the family is determined to return.

Chip said the restored house would be almost identical to the original.



Walking tree?

A Christmas tree, which seems to have West Germany, home to be decorated for sprouted legs' heads toward a Hamburg, the Christmas season.

AP Laserphoto

Neither cobra nor crocodile can get by the Lizard Lady's baggage check

ATLANTA (AP) — They call her the Lizard Lady. She can tell at a glance if a handbag is cobra or crocodile, python or plastic. Nor is she cowed by rawhide vs. Naugahyde, bovs vs. bogus.

As the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service inspector at Hartsfield Atlanta International Airport, Carol Carson supervises the shipment of wild animals, checks fish bound for restaurants, sees that leather goods are properly imported and makes sure that endangered species or items made from them are not allowed into the country.

If an item comes from an endangered species, such as the hawkshill turtle or white leopard, she doesn't monkey around. The item is confiscated, and the worst offenders can receive up to a year in prison and a \$20,000 fine.

Some travelers who have their souvenirs taken away submit quietly. Others have "made me glad I had a customs inspector standing next to me and that he was armed," Ms. Carson said.

She rides herd on hunting trophies from an African safari being shipped to a taxidermist in Birmingham,

Ala., rare monkeys being exchanged by zoos for breeding, and European salmon headed for some of the South-east's finest restaurants.

A big day was the interception of 100 illegal elephant tusks. This day's haul, though, included cheap items sent from Nigeria to an address in the Atlanta suburb of College Park.

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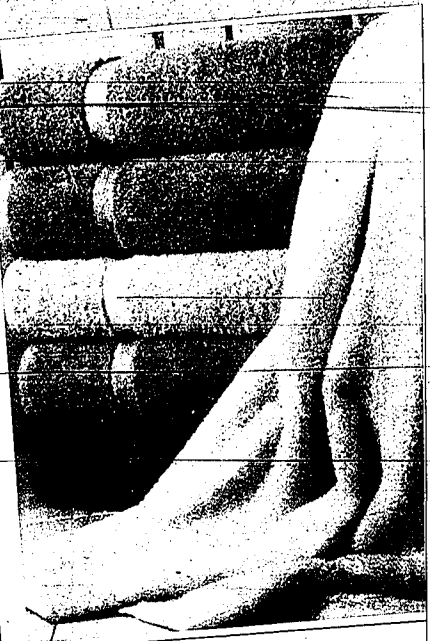
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Elko workers sacrifice lifestyle for jobs

As the gold mines boom again, housing becomes a matter of luck and patience

By ANNETTE CARY
Times-News writer

ELKO, Nev. — Leon Hall sits outside Arby's, a rich man, gulping down the last of his soda before reporting for the night shift.

The Idaho man has been lured from his home state by the riches to be found in Elko's gold mines. And he has hit pay dirt: He makes \$28,000 a year operating an ore mill for Freeport-McMoRan Gold Co.

"I didn't make \$11,000 in Boise," he says. There he worked in a lumber mill.

But along with the money has come a change in lifestyle. Over the past month he has eaten at Arby's many, many times, while his wife remains in Boise, caring for their two preschool children.

Hall lives at Motel 6. Available rentals are almost nonexistent. Fellow miners check utility disconnection and obituary notices to find vacancies.

Just down the street at Westgate Mobile Homes sits a 40-foot single-wide with Hall's name on the title, purchased with the proceeds of his windfall job. It will stay at the dealer, and his family will remain in Boise, until his name climbs to the top of one of the waiting lists at local trailer parks.

"It's hard down here without them," he says. "Once I get a home set up, I'll be in seventh heaven. It's just taking a little time and patience."

Hall's story is the story of the Elko boom. Thousands of Western miners, laborers, construction workers and heavy-equipment operators have left their homes to share in the riches in Elko's modern-day gold rush.

Like their early-day predecessors, they make money, but also sacrifice. As jobs go begging, wayside go up, but quality of life for many goes by the wayside.

Many, like Hall, leave families behind, because

while jobs may be had for the asking, only the lucky, the patient or the unparticular find shelter.

Others bring their families, but the stresses of raising children in a motel room or camp trailer drive wives and offspring home again, says social worker Frank Hall.

Frank Martinez, a Cheyenne, Wyo., electrician, lives in the Carlin "man camp," a cluster of temporary dormitories about 20 miles from Elko. His three small children and wife remain behind in Wyoming.

"There's no place to bring them unless you want to live in a motel," he says. "That costs \$200 a week."

For \$16.50 a day he gets three meals and a clean bed in an eight-by-10-foot room. It is one of 421 rooms rented mostly to construction workers at the Newmont Gold Co. mines.

The floor bounces as miners on their way to the community wash-room pass the 42 rooms lining the halls that run the length of each barack-style building.

In the camp's central recreation room a couple of dozen men slump in chairs, still wearing their coats, watching television. Others play pool or wait to call home on the bank of pay phones along a hallway.

Construction worker Brownie Brown of Warland, Wyo., compares his neatly kept room, with its industrial carpet stained from a leaky roof, to a jail cell.

"It ain't much but it's a place to bunk reasonably close to the job," Brown says. "You've got to have a man camp to have a place to park your people."

Newmont, the largest of three area mining companies, has lengthened its employee roster from 750 names to 1,800 names since August 1987. At the same time, 800 construction workers have been laboring to enlarge milling and extraction factories at the mine.

The camps are essential to relieve the already horrendous pressure on the Elko housing market, says

'You couldn't find a place to live in this town to save your life.'

— Jerry Elsing, Elko bartender

From top: A well-worn pair of boots are a reminder of the demanding lifestyle. Castleford native Jerry Griggs says he prefers living in Idaho. Below, 'man camp' resident Steve Wall relaxes as he waits to telephone his family in Farmington, Utah.



Leondert Krol, director of investor interests for Newmont Gold Co.

"You couldn't find a place to live in this town to save your life," says Jerry Elsing, a bartender at the Stockman's Hotel.

Anthony Gould, a former Challis resident who manages a Raley's grocery store in Elko, says he pays \$720 a month to rent a small two-bedroom house that cost him only \$250 a month two years ago.

But the jobs are plentiful and — if you can get on at the mines — lucrative.

Jay Falp left Twin Falls and an auto detailing job that paid \$8.75 an hour 17 months ago. He wanted work in the mines, but took a \$7.50 an hour job with a plumbing firm contracting to the mines at first. Within two months he had started as a laborer at Newmont.

Today he makes \$14.08 an hour. He and his mother have used the money to buy two new cars from Latham Motors in Twin Falls.

He talks of Idaho wistfully and returns there often.

"There's more theaters, more entertainment, more stores and shopping centers," he says. "Do you see any trees down here when you drive along the highway?"

"The environment here doesn't really bring people together," says Jerry Griggs, a Castleford native and a Newmont truck driver for the past year. "Bars and gambling is all there is."

He came to Elko with friends from Soda Springs, looking for year-round work and job security. He and



three others originally shared a two-bedroom apartment for \$455 a month. Now there are three in the apartment.

"They were lucky to find it, Griggs says. "People were staying in cars, families in motel rooms."

His real life remains in Twin Falls County. Every weekend he makes the 330-mile round trip.

"All my friends are back there. All my relatives are there," he says. "I'm not much of a Nevadan person."

Newcomers to Elko remain undaunted, dazzled by the possibility of landing a good job.

David Jardine, an Elko resident for all of six days, could only find "getting by kind of stuff" in his hometown of Tucson, Ariz., he says as he studies job listings at the Nevada Employment Security office in Elko. "I heard the mines were hiring. Ain't nothing down there."

He's had three interviews, but getting the lucrative mining job is tougher than expected. On the jobs board, there are more openings for busboys and waiters and cooks than mine workers.

"But we ain't got even that in Tucson," he says. "They'd go crazy that many down there."

He's interested in day labor or construction work until he can get on at the mines. Expenses here are high, he says.

He's brought his housing with him. Still, he's renting a parking space for his pickup and camper in an RV park for \$250 a month. Before Newmont began digging gold out of the surrounding hills, he could have had a two-bedroom Elko apartment for that price.

Later in the day he calls home collect. Over the clang of slot machines in the Commercial, he tells his folks he's doing OK, that he thinks one of the mines will hire him later this winter.

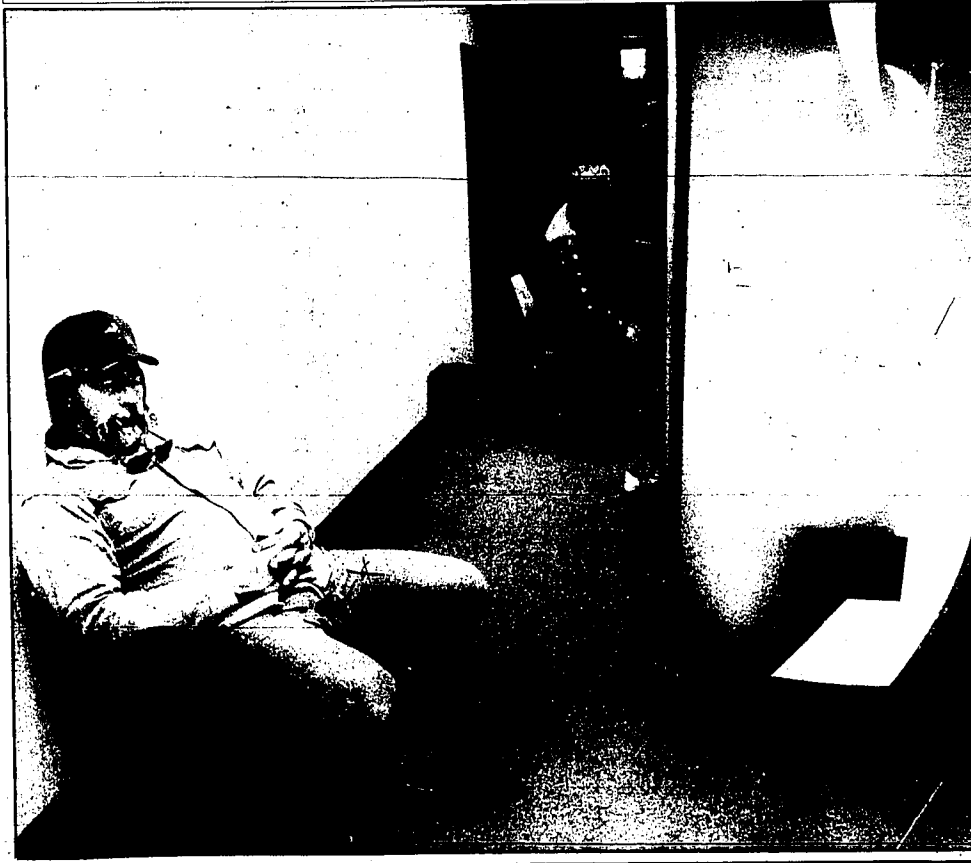
For all the transplants who look upon life in Elko with its good wages and difficult housing as a sometimes lonely blessing, there is at least one former Idahoan who seems blissfully happy.

Affable Charlie Guston, lately from Coeur d'Alene, clutches a Budweiser at the Copper Lounge after work one recent evening.

He'd heard from Elko friends there were good jobs here. But the main draw was the good hunting to be found here.

"I came down on a Tuesday. I got a jiff at a construction firm Wednesday," he says. Weeks later he was earning \$5 more an hour with a job at the mines.

His 35-foot trailer is parked at a friend's house. And the male deer hunting has been every bit as good as promised.



Mom gets tough questions

Unbelievable. Last night my 11-year-old daughter, who is literate in several dirty words I'm hoping she doesn't use, and who not only knows about the birds and the bees but also, due to the AIDS crisis, the birds and the birds — this daughter who's lost some of the mystery and innocence of life in our wide-open society — this same daughter looked me dead in the eye and asked, "Is there really no Santa Claus, mom?"

What's a mother to do? Tell her the truth? Surely, I thought, there must be a more creative way. Then I checked myself. I have gotten into trouble before being more creative than truthful.

Socrates came to mind. Answer a question with a question. Then the Savior. Answer a question with a sto-



Diana Hooley
Country neighbors

ry. This leaves the burden of proof on their shoulders and gets a mother — sometime Mrs. Claus — off the hook.

I told my daughter about the Christmas in 1969 when my family lived in a little knotty-pine house on Timberhurst Drive. I and my brother Sam had the back bedroom.

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Moyles file suit over book store flap

By MARTA CLEAVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The tables have been turned in the year-old legal dispute over operation of an adult book store. The owners of the building that housed the business are suing the group that had previously sued them.

Jay and Barbara Moyle, who own the building on Blue Lakes Boulevard that used to house the Front Page Book Store, filed a complaint in Fifth District Court Friday against a group of people, who call themselves the Determined Citizens Against Pornography, for wrongful initiation and continua-

tion of a lawsuit.

The anti-pornography group had sued the Moyles Dec. 3 last year over Idaho's moral nuisance law because their tenant was operating an adult book store where the group alleged obscene materials were being sold.

The group had asked the court to close the Moyles' building for one year, and to make them forfeit their rent proceeds to the state.

The Moyles had informed DCAP that they would not renew the Front Page owner's lease, but the group persisted in its suit.

After the Front Page moved out of town, Judge

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Lawsuit

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James May dismissed the case Sept. 16 and ordered everyone to pay their own attorneys' fees.

The Moyles' complaint charges that the DCAP group's lawsuit against them was wrongful, malicious and without probable cause. It was filed, they say, for the purpose of harassing and annoying them.

The Moyles have a good case, said their lawyer William Tway of Boise.

Members of DCAP made statements in court and on the "Party

Line" radio talk show about the reasons they filed the suit and they were improper persons — in our estimation, Tway said.

Publicly surrounding the lawsuit injured the Moyles' reputation and caused them mental and emotional suffering and distress, the complaint continues.

The Moyles also lost money because of the time they spent away from their milk farm business to defend themselves, it says.

DCAP knew their suit had no merit, and that they lacked facts or evidence to prove the Moyles had

any connection to the sale of obscene materials, the complaint says.

The Moyles are seeking \$10,000 in compensation plus \$10,000 in punitive damages, and attorneys' fees.

The complaint was delivered Saturday to the defendants: Fred and Joan Brodin, Ron Griff, Lynn and Carol Vanhousen, Phil and Jo Gerish, Bill and Ann McDowell, Gary and Becky Hurt, Dawn and Duane Luchsinger, Lorraine Patton and Adriana Hoopland.

They have 20 days to respond.

Fred Brodin declined to comment. The group's attorney, Brent Neilson, could not be reached.

Barbara Moyle said she preferred to speak through her attorney.

Police arrest 20 on drug charges

NAMPA (AP) — Twenty people in south-central Idaho, some of whom were involved in three drug rings, have been arrested since Dec. 19, authorities say.

The arrests were made after a Canyon County grand jury returned indictments against them

Dec. 14. Nampa police Detective Alan Creech said.

The suspects were arrested by the City-County Narcotics Unit, with members of the Nampa and Caldwell police, and Canyon and Owyhee County sheriff's deputies.

Police confiscated mostly cocaine, with a street value of more than \$1,000. Methamphetamine, LSD and marijuana also were seized, Creech said.

Students earn cash by recycling trash

By N.S. NORKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twenty-two Magic Valley schools participated in a statewide recycling program collecting 200,000 pounds of garbage and earning \$5,000.

This recycling project has been a tremendous success and the students who participated have taught all of us a valuable lesson. It's easier than most people think to turn trash into cash, and best of all the Idaho schools are \$70,000 better off, Gov. Cecil Andrus said at an award ceremony in Boise Tuesday.

Robert Stuart Junior High School alone collected almost 100,000 pounds — or 50 tons — of recyclable glass,

newspaper, household bottles and cans. The school was awarded \$100 worth of audio-visual equipment in the Idaho is too Great to Litter School Recycling Program.

Andrus Tuesday presented awards to 46 schools during the award ceremony at the Boise Red Lion Inn, Riverside. Besides the prizes, money collected from recycling the collected trash was kept by the schools and one lucky person drove off in a brand new Subaru dusty.

Among Magic Valley schools that won playground equipment were: Albion Elementary, Hagerman Elementary, Holy Valley Elementary in Rupert, Holister Elementary in Twin Falls, Three Creek Elementary in Rogerson and Poppelwell Elementary in Buhl.

The grand prize for the most recyclables collected by high school students was a 1989 Subaru dusty. Four Twin Falls students were among the top eight in a drawing for the car won by Alicia Davis of Notus High School.

The four Twin Falls students were Amy Swenson, Lanee Bennett and John Anderson, all of Robert Stuart Junior High; and Brian Blake of Twin Falls High School. Andrus presented each of them with a silver interlocking medalion from Twin Falls Bank & Trust.

Across the state 1 million pounds of paper, glass and cans were collected, warning Idaho schools \$70,000 in cash and prizes.

Liens against Hawkins continue

TWIN FALLS — By noon Friday, a total of 47 liens had been filed against Hawkins Co. Ltd. to secure \$7 million of dry beans held in storage at the company's warehouses.

The following is a list of people who most recently filed, together with dollar amounts for the liens:

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John S. Finsen, Buhl: \$1,270
David Eason, Buhl: \$5,100
Lee Frensen, Buhl: \$2,820
Leonard G. Frensen, Buhl: \$7,500
Michael Koenig, Buhl: \$10,474
John S. Finsen, Buhl: \$1,270
Wayne Frensen, Buhl: \$5,224
Wayne Amold, Buhl: \$14,567
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Lawell Jangle, Buhl: \$6,000
Silvio Wiggins, no address given: \$4,247
Alta E. Weche, Buhl: \$4,561
Cortney Gabel Inc., Nebraska: \$16,140
Eleanor Byland, Buhl: \$4,090
Robert Koenig, Buhl: \$400
Thomas B. Nash, no address given: \$7,958
Neil Lancaster, Filer: \$3,792
Jerry Cooper, Filer: \$7,194
Kenny Lancaster, Filer: \$11,124
Thomas Lockman, Buhl: \$1,976
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R. W. Parfitt, Filer: \$1,976
Leon Koenig, Buhl: \$5,400
Dale Everson, no address given: \$29,216
Kent Weche, Buhl: \$15,976
California Bean Growers Association, Kimberly: \$18,140
Clifford E. Johnson, Tompa, Florida: \$5,628
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Obituaries

Woodrow Hahn

TWIN FALLS — Woodrow Hahn, 76, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1988, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospital following a long illness.

He was born July 9, 1912, in Pocatello, Idaho. He grew up in Pocatello, moving to Caldwell in 1929. Following his retirement, Mr. Hahn was a conductor for the Union Pacific Railroad up until his retirement. He married Diana Crump March 16, 1940, at Salt Lake City. She died in 1980. He married Beverly Shandis in 1981 at Twin Falls.

Surviving are: his wife, of Twin Falls, a daughter, Mrs. Roger (Betty) Campbell of Twin Falls, and a grandchild, also of Twin Falls.

A funeral will take place at 1 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Gil Myers officiating. Cremation will follow with remains being interred at the Veterans cemetery at Riverside, Calif.

David E. Visser

TWIN FALLS — David Eugene Visser, 81, of Twin Falls, died late Friday evening at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of natural causes.

Born Sept. 16, 1907, in Washington, Mo. He married Geneva Audley Cate on April 7, 1934, at Panama City, Fla. He was living in Twin Falls when he enlisted in the Army and served in World War II where he received the Victory Medal and the Air Medal during the Korean War. He was a life member of the VFW and participated in military rites for decorated veterans in the area. He was also a member of the Moose Lodge.

Surviving are: his wife, of Twin Falls, two sons, Billy Cate of Augusta, Ga., and Donald Cate of Pasadena, Tex.; one daughter, Barbara Tucker of Gulf Breeze, Fla.; six grandchildren, four step-grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren, one brother, Joseph Visser of Salem, Ore., two sisters, Violet Myers and Beth McManis, both of Salem, Ore.; and his father, Eugene Visser of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. Wayne Nigh officiating. Military rites will be by Magic Valley area veterans and auxiliaries.

Friends may call at White Mortuary from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday. The family suggests memorials to VFW Chapter 2136 which may be left, with or mailed to White Mortuary, Box 545, Twin Falls, Idaho 83421.

William J. Wiest

BURLET — William James Wiest, 29, of Rupert, died Friday, Dec. 23, 1988, at his home.

Born Aug. 11, 1949, at Fancher, Alaska, the son of Gordon Wiest and Mary Ann O'Neill, he was raised and attended schools in Spokane, Wash., and Rupert. He attended East Mission High school and Missions High School. He was a member of the Lutheran Church.

Surviving are: his mother, Gordon Wiest of Rupert, his mother, Mary Ann Worthington of Burley, two brothers, Ken and John Wiest of Burley, two sisters, Robin and Cathy of Burley, Elia and Sherie Wiest of Burley, and his grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Wood of Paul.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. on Thursday at the Trinity Lutheran Church with Pastor L. G. Motzner officiating. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the Rupert Mortuary Chapel in Rupert. The Rev. Dale Anderson and Pastor L. G. Motzner will officiate. Friends may make contributions to Trinity Lutheran Church.

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Omer E. Meeks

GOODING — Omer Earl Meeks, age 104, of Gooding, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1988, at the Green Acres Care Center on Gooding.

Born Jan. 2, 1884, in Washington County, Iowa, the son of Lewis and Lillian Meeks. At the age of two and he and his family moved to western Kansas where he was raised, attended school and later owned a farm near Gooding. He was married to Cora E. Meeks in Burley, Kan. They moved to Fairfield in 1925 where they continued to farm until 1956 when Omer retired. They moved to Gooding where they lived their last years. Omer preceded his death in 1971. Omer had resided at the Green Acres Care Center since 1966.

Surviving are: one daughter, Lucille Cook of Boise; four grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Demaray a Gooding Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Harold Hink conducting. Burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday and from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday. Memorials or contributions may be made to a favorite charity.

Irene F. Johnson

TWIN FALLS — Irene F. Johnson, 91, of Twin Falls, died Friday evening at West Magie Care Center following a long illness.

Born Oct. 15, 1897, in Minnesota, the daughter of George and Alice Beckwith. She married Edith V. Johnson at Forgas Falls, Minn., Sept. 2, 1919. He preceded her in death on Nov. 8, 1971. They moved from Illinois to North Dakota in 1913 and then to Filer in 1926 where she lived until moving to Twin Falls. Mrs. Johnson was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are: one son, Wayne Johnson of Filer; two daughters, Margaret Phillips of Idaho and Eleanor Hansen of Kansas City, Mo.; 14 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren; one sister, Jesse Thomas of North Dakota.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, five brothers and six sisters, and by one grandson.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Robert

Eleanor C. Wilson

ELIM — Eleanor C. Wilson, 86, died Wednesday, Dec. 23, 1988, in Gooding.

Born Dec. 15, 1902, in Grand Valley, Colo., the daughter of Alice and Ross Gomer, she grew up in Grand Valley and moved to Gooding in 1942 and then to Gooding in 1952. She was a member of the First Baptist Church for the past several years. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and had been very active in the church for many years.

Surviving are: five children, Gary C. Wilson and Timothy R. Wilson, both of Burfield, Michael Wilson of Paoli, Ariz., Patrick J. Wilson of Sandpoint, and Terry Lynn Wilson of Spokane, Wash.; two sisters, Marion Paul of Gooding and Josephine Johnson of Burley; two brothers, Bob Gomer of Burley and five grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Elmer in 1967.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday with Pastor W. G. Christensen officiating at 11 a.m. Monday at Coffin & Moffatt Chapel. The Rev. Kenneth Arnesen of St. Joseph's Catholic Church will conduct the service. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

A memorial service will be held at the Burley Funeral Chapel at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday with Father Edward Schaller, officiating. Burial will be in Burfield Cemetery.

Thomas Hovenden, Sr.

BOISE — Thomas Tom Hovenden, Sr., 80, of Boise, formerly of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Dec. 22, 1988, at a Boise hospital after a long illness.

Born Oct. 26, 1909, in Elk River, Minn., to Mr. & Mrs. Oline Hovenden, he was raised in

John Coleman

John Coleman, 62, of Twin Falls, who died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1988, at St. Luke's Hospital, was buried Thursday in Boise. Obituary was in the Idaho Statesman. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Boise. Obituary was in the Idaho Statesman. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Boise. Obituary was in the Idaho Statesman.

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Barbara, widow of Filer and in Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Filer, of Twin Falls, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Travis Jacobson of Twin Falls.

HURLEY — The funeral for Thelma Thelma Hurley, 76, of Burley, Idaho, will be at 11 a.m. Friday in the Thelma Hurley Chapel and burial in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary and Tuesday prior to the service.

KIMBERLY — The funeral for W.E. Webb June 7, of Quana, Wash. and formerly of the Magic Valley, who died Thursday, will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Free Methodist Church in Quana. Burial will be in the Quana Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the mortuary and Tuesday prior to the service.

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Bingham receives top federal disaster relief award

By BARBARA WARD
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Terry Bingham, Cassia County undersheriff and civil defense director, has received a federal agency's top award for work in natural or man-made disasters.

Bingham received FEMA's Director's Award for his planning and coordination efforts during heavy snow runoffs in 1984 that threatened Burley and the surrounding area with flooding. He is one of about eight people across the country to receive the annual award.

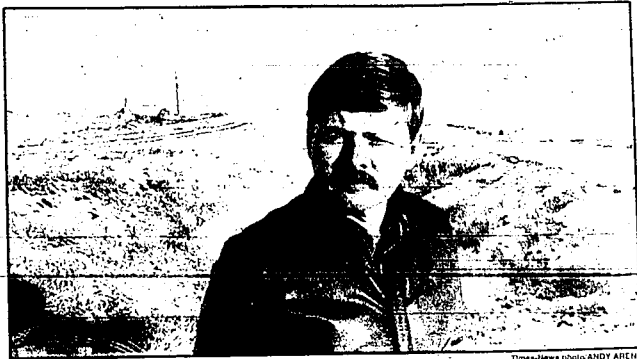
"I accepted it on behalf of the citizens of the county," Bingham said. "I didn't turn one shovel of dirt on that project. It wasn't a one-man show by any means. It was a community effort."

Bingham cited all the volunteers, National Guardsmen, county and city employees, Congressmen and federal and state agencies that helped to prevent a flood disaster that spring.

"There were many key players, and if any one of them had let down on their jobs, we would have had a disaster," Bingham said.

During the spring of 1984, snowpack in the South Hills had accumulated to more than twice the normal year's average. The Goose Creek Reservoir, backed up by a 140-foot dam built in 1913, lacked enough storage capacity to hold Goose Creek and Trapper Creek runoff.

Over the years, the natural drainage had been farmed, and in 1972, the 5th Judicial Court determined that the Goose Creek drainage no longer existed and building in the drainage began.



Terry Bingham coordinated canal construction in 1984 when runoff threatened Burley

The spring thaw threatened this land and Burley. As reservoir water came to within five feet of overflowing, a 24-mile canal was started to divert water from the reservoir to the Snake River. The three-foot-deep, 75-foot-wide canal cut through farmland to the west of Burley and took four days to construct.

By the time reservoir water was released into the spillway, water was within two feet of the top of the dam, and at some points was rising an inch an hour.

Mike Sweeney of the Bureau of Disaster Service in Twin Falls nominated Bingham for the award because "the digging of those canals in four days was a gargantuan

undertaking. They were finishing one end of the canal when they let the water in at the other end."

The Director's Award is presented annually to only a handful of civil defense, law enforcement and fire services personnel across the nation and represents the highest level of professional recognition.

"It acknowledges guys we have around the country who are real heroes," Sweeney said. "This award is only one of eight or so that are presented each year. It's not a featherweight deal."

FEMA is a government agency which plans and coordinates disaster measures against natural or man-made disasters throughout the country.

Bingham received the award at an annual workshop for Idaho Civil Defense directors on Nov. 30 in Boise. The award, a wall plaque, recognizes Bingham's efforts in the planning, coordination and supervision of the construction for 41 miles of canals necessary to mitigate the potential flooding of the city of Burley and thousands of acres of agricultural land.

Sweeney said that Bingham had been the Cassia County civil defense director only a month or so when the flooding threatened.

Two others nominated for the award this year included Peter Brown of Nassau County, N.Y., and James O'Donnell of San Carlos, Calif., Sweeney said.

Brown had entered a flaming house that a vehicle had crashed into and pulled the driver from the flaming vehicle. O'Donnell, a firefighter, had conceived the idea and caused the formation of an Emergency Industrial Council, designed to prevent and respond to hazardous materials accidents.

MVRMC faces deadlines for land purchase, county budget

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — County commissioners say they plan to give the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center a deadline to resolve whether the hospital must comply with county budget laws — a question that could affect a planned land purchase.

But the hospital board has its own deadline it must meet if it wishes to proceed with the purchase. The unnamed sellers have given the hospital until Jan. 30 to make up its mind, according to hospital officials.

At issue is whether the county-owned hospital's budget must include capital expenditures, as other county agencies' budgets do. It has not done so in the past, nor has it included the hospital's capital-expenditure and reserve funds, which have grown to \$17 million.

If officials decide state laws re-

garding county budgets apply to the hospital as well, the hospital's board would have to seek a budget amendment in order to pay for all the projects it has planned for the coming year.

"It's an important issue, not only for our hospital but for other county-owned hospitals as well," said Kent Taylor, the hospital board's attorney.

"What we want to do is get this thing resolved," said Commissioner Judy Felton. "It shouldn't go on for months and months."

"From our perspective, we want to find out what parts of the law are applicable to us," said John Bingham, the hospital's administrator.

Taylor said a section of Idaho law says the hospital treasurer has the authority to retain surplus funds. He said the hospital is different from any other county department.

"It has its own legislation that di-

rects the board with certain duties and responsibilities not like other departments and, in effect, it is autonomous."

Felton said the commissioners plan to give Taylor 30 days to consider whether the hospital should put its capital expenditures in the budget. If his reply is yes, some kind of budget amendment process will begin, she said.

If his reply is no, the commissioners will consult their own lawyer, county Prosecutor K. Ellen Baxter, said Felton and Commissioner Marvin Hempleman.

"When it gets down to brass tacks, then we'll call in K. Ellen to defend our side," Hempleman said.

Baxter said this week she regards the hospital as being in compliance with county budget laws, because so far this year capital expenditures have not exceeded \$14.2 million. That's the amount labeled "other ex-

penses" in the hospital budget.

Bingham, however, said the hospital's planned projects and purchases probably would push it over the \$14.2 million mark. That apparently would force the hospital to seek some sort of budget amendment.

Planned projects include construction of a cancer-treatment center and buying a Magnetic Resonance

Imaging system, a high-tech alternative to X-rays.

Taylor said it is "certainly probable" that the hospital would have to seek an amendment to complete the projects. He said there has been some discussion to that effect, but that no decisions have been made.

"We're really not sure of any precedent for amending a hospital's

budget. But we'll be discussing that with the Idaho Hospital Association," Taylor said.

Steve Millard, senior vice president of IHA, a lobbying group for hospitals, said this is the first time he has seen this issue come up.

"But my guess is that there is no clear answer in the codes," Millard said.

Hooley

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Some houses and some bedrooms have come and gone in my memory over the years, but that bedroom stands out because of the time I tried to climb up the closet to the top shelf. I scraped the side of my knee with a nail getting to the top. My leg still bears a faint scar. As I told my Timberhurst Christmas story to my daughter I kept running my finger o'er that scar.

Sam and I had bunk beds. I always took the top bunk because I was older and I suppose my mother thought if I rolled out and hit the floor my head was harder. It was on that top bunk spring in the dark at the pine knots on the wall Christmas Eve that I had my once-and-for-all confirmation that there really was a Santa Claus.

I had decided that I would not go

to sleep until I heard him. He might land on our roof but since we didn't have a chimney he'd probably take the porch door. If a little girl listened very hard and very long, I knew she'd have to hear something from all those noisy reindeer, no matter how sprightly the old elf was himself.

That Christmas Eve I heard everything. I heard the tap of a branch on the window. I heard the click of the furnace. I remember hearing the knotty pine walls. So, it was little wonder that I heard the faint tinkle of Santa Clause's sleigh bells. But I did hear it. I knew. The riddle was solved once and for all.

I told my daughter this little story and she seemed contented enough with my indirect, non-answer to her question. This would probably be one

of the few times in her life when she'd be satisfied with that kind of response.

What she didn't know was that I hadn't told her all the story.

The next morning broke cold at Timberhurst. I opened my presents happily but I kept harking into the heater vent next to the Christmas tree to get warm. And everytime I did, I heard a little tinkle of a bell.

One of the ornaments on our Christmas tree was a bell with a hook. I don't know why I hadn't noticed it before. But I determined it was not going to make one bit of difference. And for me, for a time, in 1959, it didn't.

Dianna Hooley writes her weekly column from her farm home near Indian Cove.

Veterans compose BID board

By MARTA CLEAVELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — All of the new directors and alternates elected to serve on the 1989 board of the downtown Business Improvement District are veterans.

The three new directors are Larry Baxter, Les Hazen and Judi Baxter. The two alternates are Neal Garrison and Ginny Wilcox.

Larson, owner of Larson Arts, and Hazen, president and general manager of Cain's Furniture & Appliance, are incumbents currently serving on the board. Larson is the vice chairman. Baxter, who owns Judi's Book Store, served on the board in 1984 and 1985.

Garrison, who is vice president of corporate training and merchant development of Twin Falls Bank & Trust, was an alternate on the board until he stepped in last year to fill the late Joe Cilek's term as a director. He returns to his alternate position.

Wilcox, the owner of The Music Center, is currently serving as an alternate.

The directors will serve a three-year term on the board. The alternates will serve a one-year term. The new board will hold its first meeting Jan. 10 and elect officers then.

Ten people entered the race for a director's chair. The losers were Bill Spencer, owner of Spencer's Office Supply, Kevin

Bradshaw, owner of Window Fashions & Discount Blind Co., Greg Edson, managing partner of Four Ways Travel Service, Donna Skinner, owner of Skinners Sewing Shoppe, and Stan Mullen, McPhee & Co. CPAs. Balloting was completed Fri-

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Mexican immigrant feels free to travel

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — For the first time since he illegally entered the country six years ago, Rodolfo Macias plans to return to Mexico City and spend Christmas with his family.

After the holiday, he will cross the border into the United States once again, but this time he will not have to slip through a hole in a fence. Macias can as legal at the San Ysidro border station as a legal immigrant.

"I've been afraid to go there ... but now I'm free to travel," he said. "I'm so happy."

Macias, 30, a recently legalized Mexican immigrant, took a day off this week from his job in steel construction to wait in line, along with hundreds of other immigrants, at the Mexican Consulate where they picked up consulate identification cards.

In what has developed into an unprecedented mass migration to their hometowns, hundreds of thousands of newly legalized Mexican immigrants are heading south of the border for holiday reunions.

Some have planned visits with brothers, sisters, parents or spouses whom they have not seen for many years.

Others are looking for nephews,

nieces or in-laws they never knew. Still others hope to place flowers on the graves of relatives or friends.

For all, it is a trip long overdue. "For those who were able to get their foot in the door of the amnesty program, being able to cross the border and not worry about being sent back has been a major relief," said Leo Chavez, a Mexico immigration researcher and assistant anthropology professor at the University of California, Irvine.

"I can't think of any moment in our history where we gave amnesty to such a large number of people who were able to take action on their new freedoms. This is truly a Christmas story," he said.

Jorge Bustamante, president of the College of the Northern Border in Tijuana and an authority on immigration, has estimated that more than 1.5 million immigrants will come to Mexico this year, doubling the total last year.

He said the Immigration Reform and Control of 1986, under which more than 2.2 million Mexican immigrants applied for amnesty, is directly responsible.

At the consulate here, 10 additional workers were hired to help process the papers of more than 1,500 immigrants who have lined up each day

this month seeking identification cards.

"I have to put all my people to work on just these requests from eight in the morning to late in the afternoon," said Eduardo Ibarrola, the deputy consulate general. Immigrants from El Salvador and Guatemala also have been flocking to the consulate for transit visas.

"Immigrants from all of those countries are really excited about being able to go back," Ibarrola said.

"We are excited, too ... this is happening around the nation" at consulates.

Although consulate identification cards are not required to enter the country, most immigrants obtain them to avoid complications when they cross the border.

As of September, consulates throughout the United States had issued more than 400,000 identification cards this year, Ibarrola said.

Officials of the Mexican Government Tourism Office here said seats on buses, trains and airplanes to Mexico were sold out several months ago.

Many immigrant families have waited at airports hoping to obtain standby tickets.

"I'm one of those people," said Lourdes Berho, spokeswoman for the

tourism office. "I've been trying for three months to get on a flight." It was just impossible.

Bertha Alicia Gonzalez, editor and publisher of Ahora Now, a Hispanic newspaper in San Diego, said her paper has published articles detailing legal immigrants' rights to travel.

"For the first time, people feel safe about going back to visit their loved ones," she said.

"There are so many going down it's amazing. They all have a sparkle in their eyes. It's a world of difference from last year."

Those who cross the border illegally risk being attacked by border bandits and youth gangs from both countries.

"From the people I've talked to, they say it's a terrifying experience," Chavez said. "They have to travel through hills and across rivers where they could be raped, robbed, murdered or picked up again and sent back."

Bustamante said the migration is "great for everybody" because it will bring families together and temporarily help Mexico's troubled economy as immigrants spend money earned in the United States. But, he said, "I'm afraid the after-effect will be like a hangover."

Morning twister in Nashville kills 1, injures 15

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — A storm-spawned tornado swept through two of Nashville's southern suburbs just after dawn Saturday, killing one person, injuring 15 and destroying 20 buildings in a three-mile-long path.

As many as eight twisters were reported in the Franklin area shortly after 6 a.m., according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, but only one apparently was responsible for the destruction in Franklin and neighboring Brentwood.

The tornado, which cut a swath about three miles long by 50 yards wide, destroyed 15 houses and damaged 40 others, and five commercial buildings were toppled and six more damaged, said Danny Newton, the agency's chief of operations.

"I'm glad that you're talking to me instead of writing my obituary," said Hardy Britton, whose

wife suffered only minor injuries after she was sucked through a shattered window of their frame house and hurled at least 20 or 30 yards into an open field.

Not a single piece of furniture remained intact in Britton's home, but he and his two daughters were uninjured.

The threat of tornadoes moved eastward with the passage of a line of intense thunderstorms, leaving residents to face Christmas with ruined homes and cars and streets littered with torn-up trees and shards of wood, metal and insulation.

A number of planes at the local airport also were destroyed, said Lt. Jim Harper of the Franklin Fire Department.

Ernest Rice, age unknown, was dead on arrival

at Williamson County Medical Center, 20 miles south of Nashville, where at least 15 people injured in the storm were taken, said nursing supervisor Arvemia Wilburn. All but two were treated and released.

Most residents were sleeping or just waking up when the storm hit. "All I know is I got up and got myself a cup of coffee," Britton said. "I heard two fast whistles (of wind) and that was it. I was blown off my feet."

Britton's neighbor, Betty White, said, "It was just like a train going through the house, a lot of wind and it was whistling real loud and glass was flying everywhere."

Mrs. White's brick frame home was heavily damaged, but she, her husband and their two sons were unhurt.

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New Hampshire governor continues to dominate state

The Washington Post

CONCORD, N.H. — New Hampshire's Republican Gov. John H. Sununu, who has called himself "a pilsycat" to defuse speculation that his combative nature will hamper his effectiveness as White House chief of staff, has not changed his style in his home state, where he managed to dominate state government.

On Wednesday, Sununu presided over a meeting of the state Executive Council, a body that approves appointments and expenditures, and alternately displayed his trademark wit and haughty personality.

After announcing the absence of a

councilor who had broken her leg the previous evening, Sununu cracked, "I suspect it was the result of one of the other councilors trying to persuade her to vote one way or another."

Later, when a reporter asked whether he had checked an education appointment with incoming governor and fellow Republican Jud Gregg, Sununu snapped, "I didn't check any of my appointments with the governor-elect."

For local political operatives — many of whom insist that the 49-year-old governor "winks" when he compares himself with a kitten — the performance was vintage Sununu. "John Sununu is not Garfield,"

said state Democratic Party Chairman J. Joseph Grandmaison. "He is a hungry tiger."

Sununu, who will complete his third two-year term at noon Jan. 5, has accomplished an unusual political feat here: While creating a rash of sore feelings, he has managed to put an indelible stamp on state govern-

ment. And, since President-elect George Bush named him to head the White House staff last month, he has continued to trample the toes of adversaries while bending state government to his will.

For example, Sununu recently secured the nomination of his legal

counsel, James O'Neill, for a state superior court judgeship, despite opposition from the state bar association.

Sununu's differences with the bar go back to his early days as governor, when he ended a tradition of submitting the names of judicial nominees to its board of governors for review. But Sununu appeared to pour salt

on an old wound last month when O'Neill ignored a bar association questionnaire and turned down an association request for an interview.

"It was the first time someone has declined to do that in my memory," said Stephen Thber, bar association president.

Schools spend extra on special education

WASHINGTON (AP) — Schools spent an extra \$9,555 for each of the 4.4 million handicapped children receiving some form of special education in the 1985-86 academic year, according to a study prepared for the government.

The total cost for special education students was \$6,335 on average, or 2.3 times the \$2,780 cost for regular classwork, the report said. About 11 percent of the nation's school children receive special education in some way.

The new \$1.8 million study, done by a private research and analysis firm, Decision Resources Corp., breaks down the special education costs by the different approaches used to teach children with handicaps, ranging from physical disabilities to mental disorders.

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Mexican immigrant feels free to travel

The Washington Post

LOS ANGELES — For the first time since he illegally entered the country six years ago, Rodolfo Macias plans to return to Mexico City and spend Christmas with his family.

After the holiday, he will cross the border into the United States again, but this time he will not have to slip through a hole in a fence. Macias can enter at the San Ysidro border station as a legal immigrant.

"I've been afraid to go there... but now I'm free to travel," he said. "I'm so happy."

Macias, 30, a recently legalized Mexican immigrant, took a day off this week from his job in steel construction to wait in line, along with hundreds of other immigrants, at the Mexican Consulate where they picked up consulate identification cards.

In what has developed into an unprecedented mass migration to their hometowns, hundreds of thousands of newly legalized Mexican immigrants are heading south of the border for holiday reunions.

Some have planned visits with brothers, sisters, parents or spouses which they have not seen for many years.

Others are looking for nephews,

nieces or in-laws they never knew. Still others hope to place flowers on the graves of relatives or friends.

"For all, it is a trip long overdue. For those who were able to get their foot in the door of the amnesty program, being able to cross the border and not worry about being sent back has been a major relief," said Leo Chavez, a Mexico immigration researcher and assistant anthropology professor at the University of California, Irvine.

"I can't think of any moment in our history where we gave amnesty to such a large number of people who were able to take action on their new freedoms. This is truly a Christmas story," he said.

Jorge Bustamante, president of the College of the Northern Border in Tijuana and an authority on immigration, has estimated that more than 1.5 million immigrants will come to Mexico this year, doubling the total last year.

He said the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, under which more than 2.2 million Mexican immigrants applied for amnesty, is directly responsible.

At the consulate here, 10 additional workers were hired to help process the papers of more than 1,500 immigrants who have lined up each day

this month seeking identification cards.

"I have to put all my people to work on just these requests from eight in the morning to late in the afternoon," said Eduardo Ibarrola, the deputy consulate general.

Immigrants from El Salvador and Guatemala also have been flocking to the consulate for transit visas.

"Immigrants from all those countries are really excited about being able to go back," Ibarrola said.

"We are excited, too... this is happening around the nation—at consulates."

Although consulate identification cards are not required to enter the country, most immigrants obtain them to avoid complications when they cross the border.

As of September, consulates throughout the United States had issued more than 400,000 identification cards this year, Ibarrola said.

Officials of the Mexican Government Tourism Office here said seats on buses, trains and airplanes to Mexico were sold out several months ago.

Many immigrant families have waited at airports hoping to obtain standby tickets.

"I'm one of those people," said Lourdes Berho, spokeswoman for the

tourism office. "I've been trying for three months to get on a flight. It was just impossible."

Bertha Alicia Gonzalez, editor and publisher of Ahora Now, a Hispanic newspaper in San Diego, said her paper has published articles detailing legal immigrants' rights to travel.

"For the first time, people feel safe about going back to visit their loved ones," she said.

"There are so many going down it's amazing. They all have a sparkle in their eyes. It's a world of difference from last year."

"Those who cross the border illegally risk being attacked by border bandits and youth gangs from both countries."

"From the people I've talked to, they say it's a terrifying experience," Chavez said. "They have to travel through hills and across rivers... where they could be raped, robbed, murdered or picked up again and sent back."

Bustamante said the migration is "great for everybody" because it will bring families together and temporarily help Mexico's troubled economy as immigrants spend money earned in the United States. But, he said, "I'm afraid the after-effect will be like a hangover."

Morning twister in Nashville kills 1, injures 15

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — A storm-spawned tornado swept through two of Nashville's southern suburbs just after dawn Saturday, killing one person, injuring 15 and destroying 20 buildings in a three-mile-long path.

As many as eight twisters were reported in the Franklin area shortly after 6 a.m., according to the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency, but only one apparently was responsible for the destruction in Franklin and neighboring Brentwood.

The tornado, which cut a swath about three miles long by 50 yards wide, destroyed 15 houses and damaged 40 others, and five commercial buildings were toppled and six more damaged, said Danny Newton, the agency's chief of operations.

"I'm glad that you're talking to me instead of writing my obituary," said Hardy Britton, whose

wife suffered only minor injuries after she was sucked through a shattered window of their frame house and hurled at least 20 or 30 yards into an open field.

Not a single piece of furniture remained intact in Britton's home, but he and his two daughters were uninjured.

"The threat of tornadoes moved eastward with the passage of a line of intense thunderstorms, leaving residents to face Christmas with ruined homes and cars and streets littered with torn-apart trees and shards of wood, metal and insulation."

A number of planes at the local airport also were destroyed, said Lt. Jim Harper of the Franklin Fire Department.

Ernest Rice, age unknown, was dead on arrival

at Williamson County Medical Center, 20 miles south of Nashville, where at least 15 people injured in the storm were taken, said nursing supervisor Arvemina Wilburn. All but two were treated and released.

Most residents were sleeping or just waking up when the storm hit. "All I know is I got up and got myself a cup of coffee," Britton said. "I heard two fast whistles (of wind) and that was it. I was blown off my feet."

Britton's neighbor, Betty White, said, "It was just like a train going through the house, a lot of wind and it was whistling real loud and glass was flying everywhere."

Mrs. White's brick frame home was heavily damaged, but she, her husband and their two sons were unharmed.

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New Hampshire governor continues to dominate state

The Washington Post

CONCORD, N.H. — New Hampshire's Republican Gov. John H. Sununu, who has called himself "a pussycat" to defuse speculation that his combative nature will hamper his effectiveness as White House chief of staff, has not changed his style in his home state, where he continues to dominate state government.

On Wednesday, Sununu presided over a meeting of the state Executive Council, a body that approves appointments and expenditures, and alternately displayed his trademark wit and haughty personality.

After announcing the absence of a

councilor who had broken her leg the previous evening, Sununu cracked, "I suspect it was the result of one of the other councilors trying to persuade her to vote one way or another."

Later, when a reporter asked whether he had checked an education appointment with incoming governor and fellow Republican Judd Gregg, Sununu snapped, "I didn't check any of my appointments with the governor-elect."

For local political operatives — many of whom insist that the 49-year-old governor winks when he compares himself with a kitten — the performance was vintage Sununu.

"John Sununu is not Garfield,"

said state Democratic Party Chairman J. Joseph Grandmaison. "He is a hungry tiger."

Sununu, who will complete his third two-year term at noon Jan. 5, has accomplished an unusual political feat here: While creating a rash of sore feelings, he has managed to put an indelible stamp on state government.

And, since President-elect George Bush named him to head the White House staff last month, he has continued to trample the toes of adversaries while bending state government to his will.

For example, Sununu recently secured the nomination of his legal

counsel, James O'Neill, for a state superior court judgeship, despite opposition from the state bar association.

Sununu's differences with the bar go back to his early days as governor when he ended a tradition of submitting the names of judicial nominees to its board of governors for review. But Sununu appeared to pour salt

on an old wound last month when O'Neill ignored a bar association questionnaire and turned down an association request for an interview.

"It was the first time someone has declined to do that in my memory," said Stephen Tuber, bar association president.

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Nicaraguan refugees find way to Miami

MIAMI (AP) — Nicaraguan refugees are arriving in South Florida at a pace reminiscent of the Mariel exodus in 1980, when 125,000 Cubans left the shores over a five-month period.

The scene in 1980: Some 700 Mariel Cubans were temporarily housed at the Orange Bowl before being moved to a tent city underneath an interstate overpass. At one point, as many as 1,200 Cubans crowded into 40 tents.

Now Bobby Maduro, Miami's mayor, is the spring home of the Baltimore Orioles, has become the winter home of Nicaraguans who fled their war-torn Central American nation in hopes of a better life.

Late this week, 275 Nicaraguans were housed at the stadium, with more arriving daily, many coming across from Mexico and traveling east.

Conny Duarte, secretary of the Committee of Poor Nicaraguans in Exile, which is helping city workers run the shelter, estimated that num-



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Joy of Christmas is mirrored on 3-year-old Rosana Espinoza's face in her temporary home in a Miami sports stadium

ber of the total has been spread out over a longer period, the impact of the refugees has been compared to the exodus of Cubans from the port of Mariel in the 1980 "Freedom Flotilla."

Homeless suffer winter in Washington

WASHINGTON (AP) — As President Reagan basks in the warmth of a California-Christmas, the homeless people he said prefer to live on the streets gather around their flameless urban campfires in the wet chill of the capital.

A sparsely decorated pine tree stands propped against a street lamp as a group of sturdy young men stamp their feet on a street grate above the city's underground network of heat and steam pipes.

These men are four blocks from the White House, where this week Reagan spoke of the homeless during a television interview with ABC's David Brinkley.

Those people still prefer (being) out there on the grates or the lawn to going into one of those shelters," the president said in the interview broadcast Thursday.

The American Civil Liberties Union called Reagan's remarks "mean spirited and insensitive," saying the number of homeless has increased dramatically during his administration. Estimates range in the hundreds of thousands, with more than 15,000 in the nation's capital.

But some of the "grate people" say Reagan was correct, in a sense, about their preferences.

"Given the choice of one of the grates and the urine and the lice and the maggots in the shelters, I'll take the grates," said Robert Jackson, a 31-year-old man who has been on the grates for three years and 300 days.

Others said the shelters were full anyway; they'd been turned away.

None of them much liked what Reagan said about street people, especially his suggestion that most are mentally retarded. The president spoke of the release of mental patients from hospitals in the face of civil liberties demands:

"They wanted freedom, but they walked out to where there was nothing for them, and they are a large percentage of that group that you see out there," Reagan said.

Again, some of the street people think Reagan was partially correct.

"It was all done with good intentions when they started releasing people who were not a danger to others," said Robert Moens, 29, who is clean, well-dressed, articulate and living over the grates across the street from the State Department. "But it's more inhuman to let them stay out here and fend for themselves. Some of them are psychotic and should be locked up."

Moens said the young men in his group are on the streets to avoid the drug addicts, serious drunks, transvestites, criminals and psychotics who they say infest some of the shelters in the city.

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Report finds priests suffer low morale

NEW YORK (AP) — A "serious and substantial morale problem" afflicts the nation's 53,500 Roman Catholic priests, many of whom are overworked, lonely and sexually troubled, says a groundbreaking report by a panel of U.S. bishops.

Discussing openly problems that once were kept quiet, the Bishops' Committee on Priestly Life and Ministry said some priests are just going through the motions, and many "have settled for a part-time presence to their priesthood."

Part of the priests' morale problem, said the committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, comes from the feeling that they are caught between Vatican directives and a Catholic laity that is often at odds with Rome.

Pope John Paul II has urged priests to accept suffering as part of their fate, but the American bishops have said that is not helpful and have compiled suggestions on how to improve priests' morale.

The panel report, obtained Friday by The Associated Press, said there are many creative and energetic priests, but "it is also clear to us that there exists today a serious and substantial morale problem among priests in general."

The report was hailed by Catholic clerics as the first official recognition of the situation's gravity.

"I think it's very encouraging that the bishops are helping the priest's name the pain," said the Rev. Frank J. McNulty, who represented U.S. priests before the pope last year in Miami. "They're putting in this document what we've said ourselves over a cup of coffee. And that's a great help when you're trying to solve a problem."

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22 killed in 2-day holiday uprising at Mexican prison

TEPIC, Mexico (AP) — Police stormed a prison and crushed an uprising by inmates who were denied Christmas pardons, but at least 22 people were killed during the two-day siege, including the warden, officials said Saturday.

There was a fierce firefight lasting about 15 minutes before the special forces could quell the mutiny on Friday night, said police officer Sergio Anzaldo, who was on duty when the commandos attacked the prison.

"It was quite violent," he said in a telephone interview. At least six people were seriously wounded during the uprising.

Anzaldo said 130 commandos flown in from Mexico City stormed the prison after a group of inmates had held 14 prison employees and

visiting relatives hostage for 32 hours. The uprising began Thursday after the mutinous prisoners were denied pardons given at Christmas to inmates whose behavior has been good.

The hostages were held in administrative offices, and the rest of the 1,200 inmates remained under control throughout the uprising on the outskirts of Tepic, the Nayarit state capital, 500 miles northwest of Mexico City.

The dead included Samuel Alvarado, the 31-year-old warden of Venustiano Carranza penitentiary, and Jorge Armando Duarte, commander of one of the two commando teams, and at least two inmates and seven of the hostages.

Anzaldo said Red Cross volunteers recov-

ered the bodies after the assault and were not immediately sure about their identities.

"We are identifying the bodies which were found lying in the prison. We'll know for sure later who were hostages and who weren't," he said.

Duarte was shot shortly before nightfall Friday, when he went into the prison compound and tried to talk the inmates into surrendering. "The answer was a hail of bullets which killed him instantly," a state official said.

About two hours later, police lobbed dozens of tear gas shells into the penitentiary and rushed it with automatic weapons blazing. An undetermined number of people died in the raid, which was unsuccessful.

About 11 p.m. Friday the commandos staged a second raid, which killed more peo-

ple and succeeded, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Alvarado was killed in a shootout when about 10 inmates tried to seize the warden's office Thursday. Alvarado was wounded in a leg and bled to death.

The total counted this morning is 22 dead and six people seriously injured. Four, including the penitentiary director, were killed before special forces stormed the place, he said.

"We now have judiciary police employees questioning the hostages, the inmates, the injured and checking things out to see exactly what happened. I was up all night with them and getting police to reinforce the guards to make sure there are no more disturbances of this kind," he added.

Anzaldo said the guard at the prison has been doubled and reinforced with special police, but as of this morning everything is quiet.

Fernando Espinoza, a spokesman for the state government, said Attorney General Rodolfo Leon was investigating. "We especially want to find out how firearms got into the prison," he said.

A spokesman at the governor's office, Francisco Flores, said a preliminary report showed the mutiny began when about six inmates, who had sought appointments with the warden, arrived at his prison office Thursday to protest the denial of the pardons, and two well-dressed visitors posing as lawyers approached the building at the same time.

Authorities find 80 more bodies in plane wreckage

LOCKERBIE, Scotland — Authorities found 80 more bodies from the crash of Pan Am Flight 103 on Saturday as this grief-stricken little village tried to keep Christmas from being erased from its calendar.

Hundreds of people and helicopters searched a 15-mile radius for victims of Wednesday night's crash, which showered this quiet town with flames and shards of jagged metal.

Authorities say all 258 people aboard the Boeing 747 were killed, and at least 13 people on the ground were missing.

Among the dead is the CIA's station chief in Beirut, Lebanon, U.S. officials said Saturday.

In the town of 2,500 people, shops remained open and churches held Christmas Eve services, but the heart had gone out of the holiday.

Police spokesman Angus Kennedy said Saturday evening that 80 more bodies had been recovered after the search area had been expanded, bringing the total to 235.

None of the bodies has been positively identified, and Kennedy said it was a "fair question" whether all the remaining bodies will ever be found.

Six local residents listed as missing have been located alive and one other has been confirmed as dead, Kennedy said. That leaves 10 townspeople still listed as missing. Police also have not accounted for the occupants of three cars incinerated in the crash.

Investigators were examining the flight's cockpit recording, which ended with a brief, mysterious "fair noise."

Suspicious of sabotage were prompted by the inexplicable sudden breakup of the plane at 31,000 feet, a claim of responsibility and disclosures that the U.S. government had been warned of a plot to bomb a Pan Am flight between Frankfurt and New York in December.

"But British aviation authorities, who are leading the crash probe, say the cause still is unknown and there is no evidence to suggest a bomb blew up the plane.

In Washington, meanwhile, two U.S. officials said the Central Intelligence Agency's station chief in Beirut, Lebanon was on the flight. One of the two officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said there was no indication the station chief's presence was connected to the crash. The CIA official was not identified.

The mourning continued through Christmas Eve in the village.

Christmas "is really the furthest thing from my mind right now. It's not important," said Joe Horgan, an American who had come to the village, where a relative had died in Wednesday night's crash.

Horgan, one of about 20 people who last loved ones and came to the crash scene in southwestern Scotland, met briefly with reporters Saturday on condition that his home-

town and any details about his relative on the flight not be disclosed. He was accompanied by one of the social workers who were assigned to help survivors deal with their feelings.

"You run quite a gamut of emotions — grief, loss, frustration, anger," said Horgan, who had walked over part of the search area in the morning.

"I think you feel better once you actually see the site for yourself."

Despite the fanciful, turret-tower of the town hall, a growing pile of flowers testified to grief.

One woman, wearing sunglasses on an afternoon dark with clouds and rain, walked up with a bouquet and as quickly departed.

Another of the three dozen hunches, including Christmas holly that had been placed by mid-afternoon said: "God bless you Melina. We love you always. Your father and mother."

A notice board carried condolences from Prince Charles and Princess Diana, and from President Reagan, but a fence put up by police kept passers-by too far away to read them.

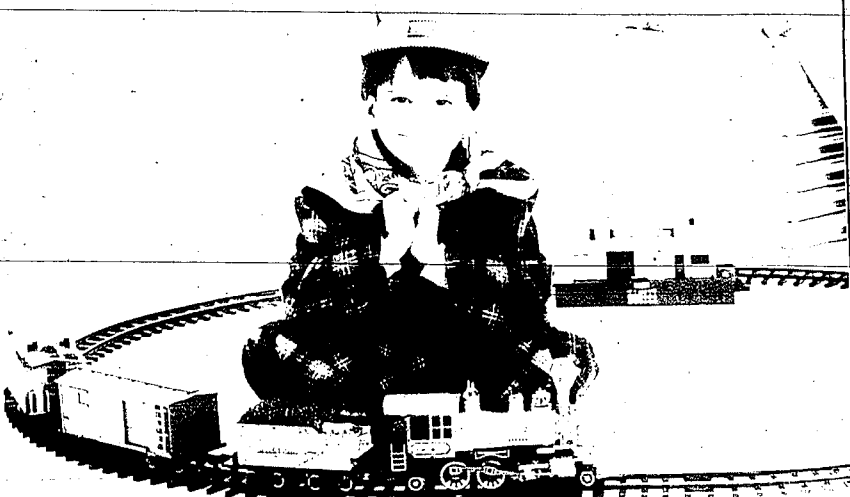
In London, Queen Elizabeth II broadcast an unprecedented second Christmas message Saturday to comfort those who suffered in the Pan Am jet crash, the Dec. 7 Armenian earthquake and the Dec. 12 rail crash in south London that killed 34 people.

She said the three tragedies "destroyed the lives of many people who were looking forward to celebrating Christmas with their families and friends." She offered prayers and sympathy to the injured and bereaved and said she hoped "the eternal message of Christmas will bring some comfort in the hour of sadness."

On Lockerbie's main street, townspeople shared the sidewalks with camera crews and a few of the soldiers who had come to search for bodies and wreckage.

"People haven't had the heart to come out," said a young woman at Wilson's bakery. She declined to give her name.

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Japanese parliament passes controversial tax reform

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Naoharu Takeshita won a major victory Saturday when parliament passed his controversial tax reform package into law, paving the way for the first overhaul of Japan's postwar tax system.

Takeshita's Liberal Democratic Party used its commanding parliamentary majority to pass the package, which introduces a 3 percent sales tax and cuts corporate and upper-level income taxes.

Strong public and political opposition stopped several previous tax reform attempts in the past 10 years.

Takeshita, who had set tax reform as his top priority, bowed deeply to the chamber after its approval and moved quickly to allay fears. "I am well aware ... that there are fears and anxieties among the people about the new tax system," he said. "The reform has laid the foundation for a prosperous aging society, and for sustaining the vitality of Japan's economy and society."

Takeshita vowed not to increase the sales tax above 3 percent through the remainder of his term, which ends next fall. Opposition parties had raised concerns that the government would raise the rate to increase revenues.

Takako Doi, who leads Japan's largest opposition group, called the legislation "defective" and said her Japan Socialist Party would continue to demand the resignations of the Takeshita Cabinet and the dissolution of Parliament.

The laws "extend injustice and unfairness by forcing large sacrifices in people's daily lives through heavy tax burdens," Doi told a news conference.

They cut taxes for corporations and higher wage-earners, but the tax burden of lower-income families is expected to increase.

The measures constitute the first major overhaul of the tax system drafted by U.S. occupation authorities after Japan's World War II defeat.

Passage of the bills followed five months of deliberations that were interrupted by frequent opposition boycotts after disclosures that top politicians, including aides to Prime Minister Takeshita and former Finance Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, had profited from questionable stock dealings.

Within minutes of the vote, Takeshita appointed a new finance minister, Tetsuo Murayama, one of the architects of the tax re-

form. Takeshita had been acting finance minister since Dec. 9, when Miyazawa resigned after being linked to the scandal.

Approval ratings for the Takeshita administration plummeted over its handling of the stock scandal and tax package.

The drop in support reflected the heavy importance the Japanese attach to political consensus.

"If Takeshita is a poor prime minister, or too straightforward, or not skilled at consensus-making, of course the bills would not pass," said Seizaburo Sato, a political science professor at Tokyo University.

Mexico moves against drugs

Baltimore Sun

MEXICO CITY — Mexico has signed a \$37.8 million contract with Westinghouse Electric Corporation for three bush-hush radar systems in southern Mexico, amid increasing signs that the country's new president will be taking a harder line on drugs.

American sources say the mobile systems will be located along the Guatemalan border to track U.S.-bound cocaine flights from South America. Mexican officials refused to discuss the contract with the Ministry of Communications and Transport.

The new sites mark a major escalation in Mexico's growing drug war against South American drug traffickers who have corrupted key police, military, political and judicial leaders, Western diplomats say.

"The Mexicans have seen how the political system was undermined in Colombia and fear the same situation could happen here," said one Western European diplomat.

It was not clear if the contract — signed in November and involving the Export-Import Bank — will involve U.S. advisers and whether the intelligence gathered by the radars will be shared with American law enforcement agencies.

Activities of the 44 Drug Enforcement Administration agents in Mexico have been severely curtailed in recent months to prevent their becoming a political issue that could serve to undermine the new government of Carlos Salinas de Gortari who has vowed to allow greater U.S. investment as a means of easing the country's severe economic slump.

The new president was elected in July in a fiercely contested campaign in which the left charged he would sell out the country's sovereignty to foreign interests, always a popular rallying cry in Mexico.

Canada OKs free trade agreement

OTTAWA (AP) — The House of Commons on Saturday approved the Canada-U.S. free trade agreement as opposition lawmakers sang the country's national anthem to protest what they said as a sellout of Canada's sovereignty.

The sweeping legislation will begin breaking down trade and business barriers with the United States as early as New Year's Day.

"People will look back on this and say it was a good day for Canada," said Prime Minister Brian Mulroney. He said the agreement, which was approved by a vote of 141-111, would bring economic prosperity.

The agreement was the focus of national elections Nov. 21, in which Mulroney's Progressive Conservative Party won a second consecutive majority government.

"It was a tough road; this is a rough business," Mulroney told reporters outside the Commons, which had met past midnight.

Legislators of the opposition Liberal Party sang "O Canada," the Canadian national anthem, to protest passage of the bill. Members of another opposition group, the New Democrats, were silent as they voted against it.

The pact is scheduled to take effect Jan. 1, after consideration by the Senate, which has promised to approve the legislation next week.

Under the agreement, all remaining tariffs between the two neighbors are to be phased out over a 10-year period. Trade between the United States and Canada was about \$160 billion last year.

The opposition bitterly opposed the pact on the ground that it would cost Canadians jobs.

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Oilers outlast Cleveland, 24-23

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Allen Pinkett scored two second-period touchdowns 15 seconds apart and Lorenzo White plunged 1 yard for the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter as the Houston Oilers beat the Cleveland Browns 24-23 Saturday in the AFC wild-card game.

Houston's victory, its second straight in a wild-card playoff, puts the Oilers into the AFC semifinals at Buffalo either next Saturday or Sunday. The result atoned for a 26-23 loss by visiting Houston just six days ago that left both teams at 10-6 for the regular season and forced the Oilers to return.

Tony Zendejas kicked a 49-yard field goal for the Oilers with 1:54 to play, offsetting a 2-yard touchdown pass from Mike Pagan to Webster Slaughter with 31 seconds left.

The game itself was a penalty-filled, controversy-marred contest in which the Browns' incredible string of bad luck continued.

They played three quarters with Pagan at quarterback in place of Don Strock, who sprained a wrist on a fumbled snap. Strock, filling in for Bernie Kosar, became the fourth Cleveland quarterback to be injured this season — Pagan himself was seeing his first action since Oct. 9, when he separated a shoulder.

In fact, Strock's injury came on the play that turned the game.

After the Browns had taken a 3-0 lead on the first of Matt Bahr's three field goals, a 33-yarder, the Oilers came back to drive 91 yards for a score on a 14-yard pass from Warren Moon to Pinkett on the first play of the second quarter.

Then, on the first play from scrimmage, Strock fumbled and Richard Byrd fell on it for the Oilers. One play later, Pinkett raced 16 yards into the end zone to make it 14-3.

Cleveland cut it to 14-9 at half-time and went ahead 16-14 late in the third quarter on a 14-yard pass from Pagan to Slaughter.

But the Oilers came right back to go 76 yards in eight plays with White going over 2:25 into the fourth quarter for what proved to be the winning score. Pinkett and White were subbing for Mike Rozier, who missed the game with bruised ribs.

The game was a festival of yellow flags as several near-brawls broke out.

Houston penalized 13 times for 118 yards and Cleveland nine times for 75. The combined total of 22 penalties was a record for a



Houston's Haywood Jeffries grabs a pass above a Browns defender, but is out of bounds

Browns' playoff game.

Pinkett rushed 14 times for 82 yards. Moon completed 16 of 26 for 213 yards but was intercepted three times.

Pagan, meanwhile, completed 17 of 25 for 179 yards and two touchdowns in relief of Strock.

It didn't take long for the crowd of 74,977 to have an effect, forcing Moon to call a time out on the Oilers' second play from scrimmage.

Then, on the third play, Felix Wright intercepted the Houston quarterback's pass over the middle and returned it 13 yards to the Oilers' 32.

That set up Bahr's 33-yard field goal that gave the Browns a 3-0 lead 5:17 into the game.

But the Oilers then silenced the crowd with a remarkable drive — 91 yards in 17 plays consuming 9 minutes and 44 seconds to take a 7-3

lead. It included three third down plays on an 18-yard pass on third and 17 from Moon to Curtis Duncan.

Moon, who was 7 of 8 for 74 yards on the drive, got the score on the first play of the second quarter with a pass in the flat to Pinkett, who broke a tackle by Frank Minnifield at the 10 and burst by Mike Junkin.

Then Strock fumbled the snap on Cleveland's first play from scrimmage and Richard Byrd recovered at the Cleveland 16. Strock sprained his right wrist on the play.

On the first play, Pinkett started inside, then cut left and roamed untouched to the end zone. The score came just 22 seconds into the second quarter, 15 after the first.

With Pagan at quarterback, the Browns then mounted their own long drive, moving in 12 plays from their own 20 to the Houston four in a drive marked by two roughness calls, one against each team. Bahr's 26-yard field goal with 8:33 left in the half made it 14-6.

Bahr cut it to 14-9 with a 27-yarder with 3:15 left in the half after the Browns were 41 yards to the Oilers' 10, 20 of the yards coming on a roughness call on Houston's Richard Johnson and an offside call on Johnny Mendis.

Then the Browns stymied a threat by the Oilers when Wright picked off a Moon pass in the end zone after Houston had reached the Cleveland 12.

The Browns got as far as the Houston 24 with the second-half kickoff.

But the drive was stopped by two consecutive penalties against Earnest Byner, one for unnecessary roughness, the other for unsportsmanlike conduct.

After losing a long pass completion and an apparent fumble recovery at the Houston five — the first when the replay upheld what appeared to be a completion, the second when it was ruled that line judge Ray Dodez had blown the play.

As of right now, they ought to be Heisman Trophy candidates for next year," Pardee said. "They're both brilliant quarterbacks — the arm, the speed, the smart decisions. They're as good as I've seen."

Washington State, 8-3, is ranked third in the nation in total offense, averaging 494 yards a game. Houston, 9-2, is fourth, averaging 484 per game.

Houston averaged 41 points per game, fourth in the nation, while Washington State averaged 35.5 and ranked fifth.

Houston finished third in the Southwest Conference. Washington State tied for third in the Pac-10.

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Alabama just gets by Army

By WENDY E. LANE
The Associated Press

EL PASO, Texas — Army's efficient wishbone kept the pressure on Alabama until an interception returned by a Cadet touchdown ignited Crimson Tide quarterback David Smith.

"We came right back (after the interception) and moved the ball," said Smith, who completed 33 of 52 passes for 412 yards and two touchdowns.

"That showed we could play under pressure."

Following the interception, which O'Neal Miller returned 57 yards to give the Cadets a 28-20 lead, Alabama rallied with a field goal and a touchdown for its 29-28 victory Saturday in the Sun Bowl.

Army rushed for 366 yards and failed to complete any of its six passes.

"It was the first time we had faced the wishbone in several years, so it took us a while first half to get used to it," said Alabama coach Bill Curry.

While the rest of Curry's defense was puzzling over the wishbone, All-American-linebacker Derrick Thomas blocked two field goals in the first half.

"If we could have kicked a couple of field goals we would have won," said Army coach Jim Young. "We could have won. I don't know about should have."

The Alabama defense woke up in the fourth quarter, seeking Army quarterback Bryan McWilliams twice for losses on the Cadets' final possession.

Smith led a 54-yard drive for the winning touchdown that ended when David Castael leaped two yards over the pileup to score, putting the Crimson Tide up 29-28 with 4:01 to play.

Two tries at a two-point conversion failed.

Smith's 33 completions broke the Sun Bowl record of 23, set by Stanford's Guy Benjamin in 1977.

The Cadets rushed for 350 yards, led by Ben Barnett who had 177 yards on 14 carries.

With Army ahead 28-20, Greg Gadsden sacked Smith on third-and-two for a 13-yard loss, forcing Alabama to settle for a 32-yard field goal with 7:30 remaining.

And Smith gave up his only interception to free safety Miller, who returned it 57 yards to score with seven seconds left in the third quarter.

Houston QB sees WSU matchup as elite opportunity

By STEVE ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Houston quarterback Andre Ware says playing against 1988 Heisman Trophy candidate Tim Rosenbach of Washington State is an opportunity to establish himself among the nation's elite.

No. 14 Houston and 18th-ranked Washington State spent part of Christmas Eve making final preparations for the game, which is expected to be an offensive showdown.

"It's a chance to showcase my talents with a guy that's gonna be looked at as one of the best up for the Heisman (Trophy in 1989)," Ware said. "So, naturally, I want to have a good showing myself and have people put me in that category."

Rosenbach, who was first in the nation in passing efficiency, finished seventh in this year's Heisman Trophy balloting. He completed 66 percent of his passes for 2,791 yards and 23 touchdowns.

The junior quarterback also led the Pacific 10 Conference and was third in the nation in total offense, averaging 286 yards per game.

Ware, a sophomore who started Houston's first seven games, passed for 2,501 yards and 25 touchdowns while leading the nation's second-most-productive passing offense. Houston averaged 377 yards passing per game.

"I hope it will be a shootout between Andre and me," said Rosenbach, who helped Washington State to only its fourth bowl appearance in the school's 93-year football history.

Houston coach Jack Pardee said Ware and Rosenbach will be among the nation's best quarterbacks next season.

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Ski report

Sun Valley — Sun Valley has a total of 44 inches of packed snow at the top of Bald Mountain, with all lifts and all runs except the lower bowls on Baldy in operation. Hours today: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pomerelle — Pomerelle has 88 inches of snow on the top of the mountain and 58 inches at the base. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow tires or chains are required. Bus service will run from Jerome and Twin Falls Monday, leaving Lincoln Plaza in Jerome at 7:10 a.m., Kmart in Twin Falls at 7:30 a.m., the Burley Inn at 7:30, B&B Market in Rupert at 8:45 and the DeLo service station at 9. Hours today: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Soldier Mountain — Closed today. Soldier's current totals are 50 inches on the top of the mountain and 40 inches at the lodge. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow tires or chains are advised. Bus service will run from Twin Falls and Jerome Monday, leaving Blue Lakes Mall in Twin Falls at 7:30 a.m., Lincoln Plaza in Jerome at 8. M&W Market in Wendell at 8:20 and Gooding Junior High School at 8:30. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Magic Mountain — Closed today. Magic boasts 32 inches at the lodge and 43 inches at the top of the mountain. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow tires or chains are advised. Bus service will run from Twin Falls Monday, leaving at 8:15 a.m. from Pro-Fit, 8:30 from Kimberly and 8:45 from Daw's Market in Hansen. Hours: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Lucky 13 gives CSI's Trenkle a happy holiday

It is a merry Christmas for CSI Coach Fred Trenkle as he relishes a 13-0 record in the briefest holiday layoff in Golden Eagle history.

"I would have sold my soul to be 11-2 right now — provided those two were not Dixie and Snow," admitted Trenkle with a chuckle after watching his Eagles thump Lethridge Thursday night. "That opening schedule — with those opening six of seven games on the road against very good competition — scared me to death."

"The other day I came across a schedule of the season we won nationals," he said. "I couldn't believe it. I didn't remember it myself. Our first four games were Eastern Oregon jayvees, two with the NNC jayvees and one with the College of Idaho jayvees. Compare that to Central Florida, Santa Fe, Dixie, some of the teams we've played. It's hard to believe we came through that 13-0."

But as the Eagles press toward the heart of the Region 18 schedule, it apparently doesn't get a lot easier.

It's a good second-half start with Eastern Utah and Colorado Northwestern coming in Jan. 6-7. The schedule runs well from now on with CSI home and away on alternate weekends.

The critical moments come in another two weeks when CSI goes to Ricks Jan. 14 and North Idaho Feb. 12. That means two very iffy road trips prior to the two games, even with the day between.

"Either of these teams can beat us at home, no doubt," Trenkle said. "But if we win those two, we come back in very good shape to win the best designation for regionals," the coach said. "After that it would depend on us winning at home pretty much although we'd still have that one major game at Salt Lake. Utah Valley is a strong team and I would assume that Colorado and Eastern Utah will be tough at home, too. But our goal is to finish higher than any northern division team and a sweep at North Idaho and Ricks would put us in very good shape."



Larry Hovey

The following weekend could be the best of the year locally when Salt Lake Community College and Utah Valley invade CSI's gymnasium. The Salt Lake Community College game is important because it is a northern

division game. The Utah Valley game is important because the Wolverines might be as strong as any team in the region.

The situation at SLCC continues to leave everyone up in the air.

The word always is that the National Junior College Athletic Association is conducting an investigation into some of the Bruins' recruiting practices. Usually the word is "the NJCAA is going into Salt Lake next week," but apparently next week hasn't arrived as yet.

Tank Collins, the former CSI player now at SLCC, sued the NJCAA over eligibility matters and was the first to play for the Bruins in a California tournament earlier this month.

He came eligible along with freshman Jon Staggers, who enrolled this fall at UTEP and then transferred to Salt Lake.

These two accounted for 62 points their first night together on the SLCC team, but the Bruins lost in the tournament the next night.

Still the situation at Salt Lake could prove an unsettling factor the length of the season. It is only infrequently that the NJCAA tries to take any enforcement action and it is probably a very good guess that the body hasn't much money to pursue

such things.

But with the regional tournament to be played in the northern division this year and SLCC in that division, things could remain sticky for a long time.

Meanwhile, it appeared that Utah Valley might be the powerhouse of the region — especially after beating North Idaho in Coeur d'Alene by 19 — but Ricks College fell only by four points to the Wolverines a couple of nights later.

But under any conditions, Utah Valley is considered strong along with Dixie, with its three 6-8 players of substantial talent and a solid guard entourage headed by Booie James, the UNLV transfer.

Dixie comes to Twin Falls Feb. 24 with Snow winding up the regular season here the next night.

CSI travels to SLCC and Utah Valley Feb. 17-18.

By then the series may be the most critical in years or simply be playing out the season.

The usual fun weekend of North Idaho and Ricks coming here is Feb. 10-11.

Twelve of CSI's final games will be played at home.

Larry Hovey is a sportswriter for the Times-News.

The morning line

Good morning. It's Sunday, Dec. 25.

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3:30 p.m. — Channel 11, 12, NBA basketball; Los Angeles Lakers at Utah

7:30 p.m. — Channel 6, College basketball; Houston vs. Washington State

8 p.m. — Channel 6, NBA basketball; Washington at Philadelphia

Sam Bowie returns to Trailblazers, until his next injury

By Knight-Ridder Service

The news ticked across the wire last week, informing NBA-watchers that Samuel Paul Bowie, 7-foot-1 medical marvel for the Portland Trail Blazers, had resumed practicing with his team.

It is possible that Bowie, the second pick in the 1984 draft, will be back in uniform for the Trailblazers by the middle of January.

Courtside ticket-holders, beware. Falling-center zone ahead.

In a five-year pro career in which he has played exactly 119 games, Bowie, a native of Ighansen, Pa., has made Bill Walton, another center from another Portland era, look like a candidate for an iron-man award.

But here's the scary part: Despite the missed time, despite the fact that the Trailblazers have Bowie ahead of Michael Jordan, despite the matching bone grafts in his left and right legs — despite all that — Sam Bowie still has a chance to be a great player in the NBA.

OK, OK. He's got a chance to be a really good player.

This is undoubtedly a kiss of death and Bowie will break an ankle as he ties a shoe or something, but the possibility exists that the Trailblazers may finally get to view Bowie as something other than a wasted draft pick. At his best, Bowie is nearly the perfect center for the modern professional game. When not in traction, he's mobile, runs the floor well, is a great outlet passer and possesses a surprisingly deft outside shot. He's also a shot-blocker — something the Trail Blazers — ranked 18th in the league in that department — can use.

If the guy hadn't broken each leg twice in his just six years of action, there probably would be even more good things to say about him.

Bowie practiced on Monday and Tuesday with the Trailblazers before sitting out Wednesday as he slowly worked back into game condition.

"There's got to be an easier way to make a

million dollars a year," Bowie said about 20 minutes into his first practice session in more than 14 months.

After practice, Bowie, 27, said: "Jogging is one thing, but to get ready to play basketball, you would have to jog for a while and run into a telephone pole, then get up, run another quarter-mile and run into a fire hydrant. I thought I was in shape. But this was an eye-opening experience for me."

Bowie's medical history is rather remarkable. It took him five years to play three seasons of college ball, and after his 76-game rookie year with the Trailblazers, he played 38, five and no games in the next three seasons. The likelihood is that 35 more games will have passed this season before Bowie returns.

At the University of Kentucky, after a solid sophomore year in which he averaged 17 points and nine rebounds a game, Bowie had to sit out two full seasons while the tibia in his left leg mended from a series of stress fractures. He played his junior year in 1983-

84, averaging 10.5 points and nine rebounds, and then entered the NBA draft.

After his rookie year with Portland, a season in which he played 29 minutes a game and averaged 10 points and 5.6 rebounds, Bowie sailed through the first 36 games of 1985-86 before teammate Jerome Kersey fell on his left leg.

The tibia was broken again, and this time, doctors performed a graft that left a steel plate at the point of fracture.

Bowie rehabilitated and came back for the 1986-87 season. He played five games before his right leg — his good leg — shattered as he took a jumper along the baseline with no one near him.

Bowie rehabilitated again and came back for the 1987-88 season. He lasted until the warm-ups for the first exhibition. As he tugged up a jumper, his right tibia split apart again.

Another bone graft left a steel plate in his right leg, and Bowie went back to rehabilitation.

Now he's back again, a threat to set off airport metal detectors everywhere.

"I'm sure, when I come back, I will have a few rough games," Bowie said last week. "But it won't take long, and I won't come back. I won't play at 50 or 60 percent. If there's a ball to live for, I'll live for it."

Dr. Robert Leach, one of two nationally renowned orthopedic surgeons consulted by the Trailblazers (Walton taught the team a lesson about medical insurance), pronounced Bowie as good as new — which he didn't mean as faint praise.

"You can play football if you want to," Leach told Bowie.

But the lanky center only wants to play basketball. Time is quickly slipping away. Most of his teammates — from the 1980 Olympic squad — guys like Isiah Thomas, Darnell Valentine, Buck Williams, Rolando Blackman, Mark Aguirre, Danny Vranes — are long-established or long gone.

Bowie is still waiting for his moment. Good luck, Sam. Break a... well, good luck.

Despite heart attack, Ditka keeps up sideline attacks

CHICAGO (AP) — The quintessential meat-and-potatoes man is more likely to be eating chicken and fish these days, but it still isn't safe to make any bonehead plays with Mike Ditka back on the prowl.

"Because the forces that made the Chicago Bears coach one of pro football's most driven — not to mention feared — sideline tyrants are resurfacing more than two months after he was stricken by a heart attack."

"I'm going to make it," said Ditka in a recent interview, responding to concerns raised by people who saw his nationally televised tantrum against the Minnesota Vikings in the Bears' last regular-season contest.

"And if I don't," he added, the old defiance reappearing in his voice, "then I'll tell you what, it's going to be a heart-shattering, with the coach diving on the sideline."

Ditka, however, insists he feels great and few people would doubt him.

"He's getting back to his old style," said guard Tom Thayer. "Initially, the first couple of weeks back, he was pretty low key. But as the weeks progress, he's getting back into his old style."

"I'm a little," added Thayer, "but he thinks he's immortal again."

Some things, Ditka vows, have changed irrevocably since he suffered a mild heart attack in the early morning Nov. 2 — shortly after an exercise routine that included heavy weightlifting, 250 sit-ups, windprints and long distance runs.

"Ditka has cut his exercise regimen slightly and his cholesterol level from 215-milligrams per deciliter to about 150, says his cardiologist, Dr. Jay Alexander.

He is 10 pounds lighter, eschews red meat, eats oatmeal for breakfast



Mike Ditka's sideline tantrums have Bears' fans worried about his health

and takes everything from turkey sandwiches to mashed potatoes without benefit of butter, dressing or gravy. Cigars, once a passion, are now passe.

But don't make the mistake of thinking this is an entirely new Ditka.

"That much, sure. I have been clear during the eye test at Minnesota — a game in which the already play-off-

bound Bears stood little to gain and played like it during the first half.

When rookie defender Lemuel Stinson got called for roughing the punter, Ditka forgot his self-imposed restraint, raced up the sideline to where Stinson was coming off the field and blistered the youngster.

Though that was the first time since the heart attack he blasted anyone on the team in public, he appar-

ently returned to form at least one game earlier, during a Dec. 11 game against the Detroit Lions that would clinch Chicago's fifth consecutive AFC Central Division championship.

"I got weak because I was yelling at 'em so hard at halftime," Ditka said.

Oilers' White makes playoff time count

CLEVELAND (AP) — Lorenzo White got his warning from Houston Oilers coach Jerry Glavin before the kickoff of Saturday's AFC Wild Card game against the Cleveland Browns.

"I told him I was going to run him until his lungs choked like a necktie," Glavin said after the game. "White was in his conference semifinal advance-to-the-conference semifinal against the Buffalo Bills."

White's tongue was fine after the game. But it was the most productive game of his rookie season, carrying 12 times to 30 yards and Houston's final TD.

White had been used sparingly on a Houston team deep in talented running backs, including Heisman winner Mike Rozier, Alvin Pinkett and Alonzo Highsmith. To date, White's shining moment in the NFL was a 94-yard kickoff return for a touchdown on Dec. 4 against the Pittsburgh Steelers.

"I didn't know how much, I just knew I was going to get the ball," White said after the game. "It's a round draft pick after the game."

His 1-yard touchdown 2:35 into the fourth quarter came on the fourth consecutive time he was handed the ball. The role was familiar to White, who was the workhorse of the Michigan State offense in the Spartans' Big Ten and Rose Bowl championship last year.

When Rozier was unable to play because of injured ribs Saturday, the responsibility for Houston's scoring game fell to Pinkett, who scored Houston's first two touchdowns, and White.

Boola Boola did a good job," Glavin said, calling White by a college nickname. "A year ago in his conference semifinal playoff game against Denver, Houston found itself without the ability to run because of injuries to its running backs."

"After that happened in Denver, we decided to take Lorenzo first in the draft. Lo and behold, we come into Cleveland this year and our running backs are hurt again. I vowed that wasn't going to happen again. This time, we have another running back," Glavin said.

White said his first year in the league has been one of learning, mostly to keep his head down.

"You've got to do that in this league because the linebackers are so good. They can pick up on anything you give them," he said. "It's a lot of small things."

Like getting used to the road. Playing two consecutive weeks in Cleveland Stadium — the Oilers lost the regular season finale to the Browns in Cleveland last week and were forced to return for the Wild Card game — was no treat.

"It's like a year you're going to fight in another country," White said, referring to the screaming fans in the open end zone.

Scores and Stats

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NBA standings

Table with Eastern Conference standings showing teams like Atlanta Braves, Boston Celtics, etc. with columns for W, L, Pct, GB.

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NFL playoffs

Table with playoff matchups including Buffalo Bills vs. Houston Oilers, Houston Oilers vs. Cincinnati Bengals, etc.

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Prep scores

Table with prep scores for various schools like Boise State, Idaho, Washington State, Oregon, etc., listing scores and dates.

NFL box score

Box score for Buffalo Bills vs. Houston Oilers, showing stats for both teams.

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Veteran ace Flanagan signs deal with Jays

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Flanagan, the 37-year-old left-hander who led Toronto in starts and innings in 1988, Saturday agreed to a two-year contract with the Blue Jays worth \$3,925 million.

Flanagan was 13-13 in 1988 with a 4.18 earned-run average, making 34 starts and pitching 211 innings. He earned \$550,000 and became a free agent after the season.

Flanagan will get a \$325,000 signing bonus, \$725,000 in 1989 and \$875,000 in 1990. The contract contains the neutral contract language, which means an arbitrator will decide if Flanagan gets paid during a lockout in 1990. Flanagan will get an additional \$75,000 if he is traded by Toronto.

Blue-Gray game gives little-known players a chance

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — It's a great showcase opportunity. The Blue-Gray All-Star Football Classic on Christmas Day offers dozens of little-known college players a chance to exhibit their wares and boost their stock in the professional draft.

Charles "Fats" Jones, executive director of the Blue-Gray game, concedes most of his players have not achieved stardom in the collegiate ranks.

But being a household name is not a prerequisite to becoming a star in the NFL, he said.

Kickoff for the 51st annual charity game is noon EST Sunday in Crumpton Bowl. The contest will be televised nationally by ABC-TV.

Each of the 76 players on the Blue and Gray squads has spent all week at practice trying to impress some 100 scouts from the NFL and the Canadian Football League.

The Gray team is led by record-setting Tennessee quarterback Jeff Francis and tight end Wesley Walls of Mississippi.

Francis, the leading passer in Tennessee history, directed the Vols to five straight victories after an 0-6 start. The 6-foot-3, 206-pound signal caller will be joined by Jay Gruden, who broke John Unitas' passing records at Louisville.

Quarterbacks Eric Wilhelm of Oregon State and Brent Snyder of Utah State will lead the North squad.

Wilhelm, a sophomore, broke or tied 33 school and PAC-10 Conference passing records with 9,393 yards in the air. That eclipsed the mark set by Stanford's John Elway.

As a senior, Wilhelm completed more than 62 percent of his passes, racking up 13 touchdowns passes his senior year and a career total of 52.

He ranked in the top 10 in the nation in total offense.

Snyder, a junior college transfer, had 39 scoring strikes during his two-year career and finished the season with 3,218 yards passing.

Walls, the only two-way player in the Southeastern Conference, also played outside linebacker for Ole Miss. He is considered a first-round draft choice.

"If it comes down between me and another guy, hopefully they'll say I'm a little more versatile," Walls said. "I hope somebody gives me a chance to play football because that's definitely in my plans."

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Quarterback controversy could be Vikings' downfall Monday

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Los Angeles Rams quarterback Jim Everett watched the Minnesota Vikings race to a 21-0 lead over Chicago in their Monday night finale and like the rest of the country, he was impressed.

The Viking defense was totally dominating the Bears and Everett's Minnesota counterpart, Wade Wilson, threw two touchdowns.

Then, with 1:02 left in the third quarter and Minnesota leading 21-7, Wilson was benched by Coach Jerry Burns and replaced by Tommy Kramer.

"I saw that. I didn't understand why you would pull your first-string quarterback. It's beyond me," Everett said.

Unlike Wilson, Everett knows he won't be benched this Monday when the Rams visit Minnesota for the



NFC wild-card game.

Everett took almost every regular-season snap — backup Mark Herrmann has thrown five passes — in

leading the Rams to a 10-6 record.

"He's playing what I would call winning quarterback," Rams coach John Robinson said. "Quarterback is an easy position to list a bunch of numbers behind and arrive at some conclusion. But guys who throw for 400 yards only win about half the games they play."

Playing winning quarterback is being able to get out of a bad play, anticipating a blitz, throwing the ball away when there's nobody open or the coaches have called a play that's going nowhere.

Conversely, Wilson hasn't been given much of a chance to play winning quarterback during his Viking career.

He spent his first six seasons as Kramer's backup. Last year, he caught up to Kramer and a quarterback controversy has raged since.

Wilson thought the controversy might be over when he led the Vikings to a 6-2 record while making eight straight starts this season, but Burns "opened the whole can of worms back up" last Monday when he benched Wilson.

The Vikings still beat the Bears 28-27 thanks to some big defensive plays to finish 11-5.

"It's hard to play quarterback when you're always looking over your shoulder," Wilson said. "Other quarterbacks have the chance to dig themselves out of holes. At the first sign of trouble here, you're gone. It's upsetting."

Wilson bristles at Burns' insistence that he is still the No. 1 quarterback.

"No. 1? That means a lot. Real meaningful," he said.

Ironically, Wilson's peers voted him

into the Pro Bowl as a backup, over Everett.

Wilson started 10 games, completing 61 percent of his passes for 2,746 yards and 15 touchdowns. He scored 91.5 in the NFL's complex ratings system, best in the NFC.

Everett completed 60 percent of his passes for 3,964 yards and an NFL-high 31 touchdowns. His 89.2 rating was just behind Wilson's.

"Congratulations to Wade making it (to the Pro Bowl)," Everett said. "I'm just trying to be the quarterback the Rams need."

Everett is finally getting comfortable with the quick-rhythm passing game employed by offensive coordinator Ernie Zampese, who is in his second year after coaching Dan Fouts in San Diego for eight seasons.

When the Vikings played the Rams

at the beginning of the 1987 season, they were all Eric Dickerson," Burns said.

Zampese overhauled the system. Dickerson was traded and Everett became the focal point. At first, the offense struggled.

"When Ernie came here, it was like bringing a dog bone to a cat," Everett said. "It took us awhile to understand what was going on."

The Rams have three straight victories, the longest winning streak of any of the 10 playoff teams.

"It definitely gives you some momentum. I won't deny that," Everett said. "But it doesn't make a difference what you just did yesterday. If it did, the month of November being 0-4, we'd be (out of the playoffs). We feel good about ourselves. We're happy to be in the playoffs."

Joyner-Kersesee calls Ben Johnson scandal beneficial to track and field

NEW YORK (AP) — The Ben Johnson drug scandal that rocked the Olympic Games could turn out to be beneficial for track and field, Jackie Joyner-Kersesee says.

When Johnson was caught for using anabolic steroids, after finishing first in the men's 100-meter dash in the fastest time ever, the immediate impact on the sport appeared to be disastrous.

Now, it appears the Johnson incident may lead to more attention avoiding banned substances, Joyner-Kersesee said in a telephone interview from her California home.

"I don't want to say it was fortunate for Ben, but it was fortunate (for track and field) that it happened," Joyner-Kersesee said.

"They can fall back on Ben Johnson... because he was such a prominent athlete... No. 1 in the world, and see what happened to

him. Also, I think, it will open avenues for doctors (not to be hesitant about fingering us), and for the rules and regulations set forth in the sport to be enforced."

The rules disallow drug use, with offenders set down for two years.

"I think the sport can be cleaned up," Joyner-Kersesee said, "but you have to test everyone, all the time. If you're going to test random, you test the first 25 in each event, but just one or two."

"If the Americans do it, maybe the rest of the world will do it, too. And if there is random testing in the United States, it should be done by an independent agency, so it will be done properly... by people who don't know anything about track and field."

Joyner-Kersesee, the Olympic gold medalist

in the heptathlon and the women's long jump, was the victim of rumors at the Games that she had been using drugs. The word was spread by Joaquim Cruz, the Brazilian who won the gold medal in the 800 meters at the 1984 Olympics but was performing below par in the Seoul Games.

Cruz, who made his comments in an interview on Brazilian television, also implicated Joyner-Kersesee's sister-in-law, Florence Griffith Joyner, winner of three gold medals and one silver, as a drug user.

When Cruz's remarks got back to Seoul, he denied them, contending he was misquoted.

But Al Joyner — Joyner-Kersesee's brother and Griffith Joyner's husband — was so incensed by Cruz's remarks that he obtained a tape of the TV interview and demanded that the Brazilian apologize to both women.

"Joaquin apologized to Al, Florence, and my father," Joyner-Kersesee said. "He never apologized personally to me."

She said Cruz did try and call her hotel room, unsuccessfully, and later apologized to her husband, Bob Keresee.

"But he should have been man enough to apologize to me personally."

Nevertheless, Joyner-Kersesee has forgiven Cruz.

"I don't hold a grudge against anyone," she said. "I would still have respect for him, as I have for everyone else."

Joyner-Kersesee has not suffered financially since the Games.

She said she has signed some lucrative endorsement offers, and others are being negotiated.

"A year ago, I wasn't being given a lot," she said. "Recently, the calls have been piling up. I'm shocked, but I guess all these people recognize me from seeing me in the Olympics. All the good things I did previously, in the World Championships, in the Goodwill Games and in college did not compare to the recognition I've received since the Olympics."

Her Olympic exploits, strengthening Joyner-Kersesee's claim to being the world's best female athlete, are featured in "Track and Field — Women," a series of six videotapes of the Games produced by NBC and released this week by Wood Knapp Video.

Horn fans enjoy hoop resurgence

AUSTIN (AP) — Outside the University of Texas basketball arena, the billboard advertises the "Runnin' Horns." Inside the 16,000-seat facility, new coach Tom Penders' Longhorns are living up to the promotion.

Texas, emerging from what Longhorn fans remember as the walk-the-ball style of Bob Weltlich, won eight of its first nine games and averaged 101.6 points a game.

"I've always run," Penders said. "An organized fast break with five-on-four is better than any play I can diagram, and you get that by running."

Penders, 43, was hired in April from Rhode Island to revive Texas' basketball program after Weltlich's teams in six years had compiled a 77-98 record, which chased off thousands of spectators.

"It was light years from what I was experiencing in Rhode Island," Penders said of the Texas job, his fourth at a major basketball school. "I would have been out of my mind not to get involved with the job."

Penders coached at Columbia and Fordham before going to Rhode Island, where his teams were 48-17 in two years and made the NCAA's Sweet Sixteen last season.

He brought to Texas a sales program, as well as coaching skills, to once again make basketball an acceptable social event in the capital.

"I've blown out in the community a lot," Penders said of a schedule that averages 10 speeches a week. "I've spoken to just about every civic group and political group, from lobbyists to surgeons to teachers to IBM. I've been out to just about every group that's asked me to speak."

Penders' is a familiar sight at student dwellings, such as fraternity houses, and predicts that student attendance in the spring semester will rise from 2,200 a game this fall to 3,000.

On Monday, in the crush of Christmas shopping and with students taking final exams, Texas drew 8,456 for a game with Southern Utah State, double what had been expected.

Texas responded with 117-79 victory as the December attendance average rose to 7,107 a game — the highest in December since 1980 and 4,500 more a game than last year.

The Longhorns, whose schedule so far has been relatively soft, are among the nation's leaders in scoring and 3-point shots with a lineup that includes three holdover starters and two transfers recruited by Weltlich, who is still on the staff but rarely seen on campus.

It turned out to be a good hand as Lance Blanks, a transfer from Virginia, and returning letterman Alvin Higgs and Travis Maye are averaging 21.3, 20.6 and 20.1 points a game, respectively. Drake transfer Joey Wright has become an explosive No. 6 man on offense.

Penders' first efforts at recruiting also have been successful, including the signing of 6-foot-4 Tony Watson of Pilgrimage, a Class 4A player Penders believes is the best high school basketball player in Texas.

Two-time 3A all-state player Benford Williams of Sweeny is academically ineligible as a freshman but is expected to play next year, Penders said.

"Here at Texas, once we establish ourselves, we won't have any limitations in terms of recruiting."

NBC expects to bowl over viewers

By The Associated Press

NBC expects to bowl over the competition on Jan. 2.

Only three teams have a shot at college football's national championship, and all of them will play that day on NBC.

The network's lineup features the Fiesta Bowl between top-ranked Notre Dame and No. 3 West Virginia, followed by the Orange Bowl between No. 2 Miami and No. 6 Nebraska.

"We feel very lucky," Michael Weisman, executive producer of NBC Sports, said. "Everything worked out perfectly for us."

The game can't be said for ABC, which recently plucked the Rose Bowl from NBC.

ABC's first Rose telecast will go head-to-head against the Fiesta. Southern California-Michigan is an attractive game, but it doesn't compare with a showdown between the nation's only two undefeated teams.

The dream Fiesta matchup was secured when Notre Dame beat Southern Cal 27-10.

"I sat in front of the TV set pretty much dressed in green, which is pretty unusual for a Jewish kid from New York," Weisman said. "You could have called me Michael O'Weisman."

Rose Bowl ratings have plummeted in recent years and may reach a new low Jan. 2 because of the Fiesta competition. But ABC isn't sorry it agreed to pay more than \$11 million last year to televise the nation's oldest bowl.

"It's still a game with great tradition and fan appeal," David Downs, director of programming at ABC Sports, said.

"I know everybody's talking about the Fiesta, but our game isn't too shabby. Southern Cal was undefeated until the last game, and Michigan would have been a national contender if hadn't lost a couple of games in the final seconds."

Both ABC and NBC will televise tripleheaders Jan. 2, while CBS will show the Cotton Bowl (Arkansas vs. UCLA), ABC has the Citrus (Clemson vs. Oklahoma), Rose and Sugar counters with the Hall of Fame (LSU vs. Syracuse), Fiesta and Orange.

Seven games in 11 hours. Is it too much, even for the football junkie?

"As a fan, it can be a frustrating day," Weisman said. "There's a lot of attractive games on, but it's hard to watch them all."

Len DeLuca, director of programming at CBS Sports, said having so many games on one day "takes a little bit of the luster off. I think sometimes you can have too much of a good thing."

Fans aren't the only ones hurt by the proliferation of New Year's bowl games. Heavy competition also dilutes the ratings.

"Clearly, it's not an ideal situation," Downs said. "You get your best ratings when your game is unopposed. When there's three games on at the same time, it's hard to get a big number."

"To get a jump on the competition, NBC has moved the Fiesta kickoff off to 4:45 p.m. EST. That's 15 minutes before the Rose Bowl is scheduled to start."

"Once you start watching our game, I don't think you'll switch channels," Weisman said.

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KU player named in allegation

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LEXINGTON, Ky. — ACT test answer sheets indicated that University of Kentucky basketball player Eric Manuel and another student had identical answers on 211 of 219 responses; the NCAA said in the text of Allegation No. 10, parts of which were released Friday.

Of the eight different answers, seven on Manuel's sheet were in a space next to the space marked on the other student's list of responses, the NCAA said in the allegation against UK.

The NCAA based its charge of academic fraud, in part, on a comparison of college entrance exam answer sheets belonging to Manuel and the other student, according to the allegation.

Asked about the answer sheet comparison, one of Manuel's attorneys, Ed Dove, said Friday: "Eric says he did not cheat on the test and that's his position."

The partial text of Allegation No. 10 indicated Manuel denied he cheated in an Aug. 19, 1988, interview with UK and NCAA investigators.

Manuel took the test in question, the American College Test, at Lafayette-High-School in June-13, 1987. In two previous attempts at the Scholastic Aptitude Test in his hometown of Macon, Ga., Manuel had previously failed to meet the NCAA's minimum academic standard for freshman eligibility, commonly known as Proposition 48.

An earlier UK release indicated Manuel scored a 23 on the ACT test, which meant he made the equivalent of at least a nine-point increase in his score.

The NCAA minimum allowable score is 15 on the ACT or a 700 on the SAT.

Friday's release of the charge, Allegation No. 10, indicated the other student scored a 24 on the ACT test.

The other student mentioned in the allegation "sat adjacent to Manuel during this test," the charge said.

Chris Shearer, then just graduating from Lafayette, High, has said that he sat next to Manuel. Shearer said that he did not permit Manuel to look at his answer sheet, but that he could not guarantee that the player did not copy his answers.

The text of Friday's release indicated that Manuel twice refused to agree to let investigators compare his answer sheet with that of another student.

Asked about the denials, Dove said: "You're getting into attorney-client here. I can't tell you specifically, but generally, Eric's academic records are Eric's. They're not the NCAA's or UK's. At that time, Eric wasn't ready to make a decision on how to proceed with the investigation. They didn't give him much of an option. It was just, 'Here, sign this.' We wanted to explore the options."

Friday's partial release came after an order was issued by a state appeals judge.

Earlier this month, Circuit Court Judge George E. Barker ordered UK to release the full text of all the allegations. Appeals Court Judge Anthony Wilhoit temporarily blocked that order with regard to Allegation No. 10.

However, he approved the partial release that was made Friday. A three-judge panel will hear arguments from attorneys and then decide if the still undisclosed information should be made public, Dove said.

L.A. Rams' Everett ready for 2nd playoff game

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Two years ago, Jim Everett was about to start his first playoff game as an apprentice.

Monday afternoon in Minnesota, the Los Angeles Rams quarterback will start his second playoff game as a self-assured veteran.

"There's a huge difference," Everett says. "At that point, I don't think I knew anything about what was going on. I was relying all on instinct."

"Now, I think there's a lot more confidence in myself and in my teammates and what we're trying to get accomplished. I feel a lot better this time around."

So do his teammates. They've come to see the still-young Everett — tabbed two years ago as the Rams' quarterback of the future — as a leader.

"He's producing and he's grown into a leadership role," third-year guard Tom Newberry said. "It's not really what's being said in the huddle or anything like that."

"It's more just a feeling of leadership. You just have confidence in someone who has done it."

Few quarterbacks did it any better than Everett did this season while leading the Rams, 10-6, to a wild-card berth.

He set club records for passing yards (3,854), completions (308), attempts (517), touchdowns (31) while building a quarterback rating that was fourth-best in the NFL.

Contrast that to 1986 when he missed training camp and didn't play until the 11th week of the season. He started the final five games of the season, completing just 49.6 percent of 147 passes for a team that



Rams quarterback Jim Everett has passed several expectations this season

still relied on Eric Dickerson and a strong defense. He was basically an apprentice quarterback then, Rams coach John Robinson said. "We were going to

succeed depending on how our defense played and how well we ran the ball. Now, Jim's much more responsible for the team's success. He's very

competent in the physical skills to be our quarterback in a much better system for him." Dick Quire, the Rams' quarterback coach, isn't surprised by Everett's breakthrough season. "He's a very mature young man, a guy who works as hard or harder than anyone," he said. "He's always had the potential to be a leader, but you have to remember this is his first season. He came late as a rookie and last year was a strike season."

Plus, he has a better supporting cast. (Wide receiver) Henry Ellard is having a great year and (tight end) Pete Holohan's been a big plus." Everett completed nine of 18 passes for 136 yards in the Rams' 19-7 playoff loss to Washington two years ago. He will have to do much more, of course, against the NFL's top-rated defense Monday in the Metrodome.

"There's no question they have a great defense," Everett said. "They've forced a lot of teams to beat themselves this year. But we're confident about our game plan. We like to believe we can move the football on them."

One thing hasn't changed in the two years since Everett's playoff debut. "I was very excited that day," he said. "It was kind of like one of your dreams to play in the NFL playoffs."

"But I'm pretty excited about this game, too. It's going to be a great game."

Playoffs? These teams will only be watching them

By The Associated Press

New Orleans Saints (10-6) They would have been dancing on Bourbon Street with this record two years ago, but following a 12-3 mark last year and a 7-1 start, the 3-5 finish was a downer. Still, it's about the Saints' level — they played the first half against weaker teams, the second half against stronger ones.

The biggest problem was the offensive line; it hung up all season, and an attack that slacked off from rookie fullback Craig Heyward was hurt. They need depth on the offensive line; a two-way defensive lineman or two, speed in the secondary and a speed receiver, though rookie Brett Perriman showed promise.

New England (9-7) Talk about one play. The Patriots' playoff hopes may have died when they elected to roll out on fourth and inches at the Denver two rather than go to their strengths — the offensive line and power backfield.

The Pats found some good rookies this year in running back John Stephens and nose tackle Tim Goad. But they have to decide if Doug Flutie is a full-time quarterback; if Tony Eason is healthy enough for the job or whether a trade is the answer and soon will have to replace such aging stars as cornerback Raymond Clayborn and wide receiver Stanley Morgan.

Indianapolis (9-7) A 1-5 start and an 8-2 finish should signal continued good health for the Colts. But their strength is their weakness — dependence on Eric Dickerson unbalances the offense.

Moreover, Dickerson, at 28, has taken a lot of hits, so the future may be Chris Chandler, who showed signs he may become a first-year NFL quarterback. The offensive line is solid, more

speed would be helpful at receiver, though Clarence Verdin was a good stopgap. The defense never really meshed despite the overpriced addition of Fred Young, which cost two first-round choices and Coach Ron Meyer chose to blame his staff, firing defensive coordinator George Hill, defensive line coach John Marshall and four other assistants. The secondary is the weakest spot; linebacker, the strongest with Duane Bickett, particularly if Young finally fits in.

New York Jets (8-7-1) The Jets got a big lift from knocking the Giants out of the playoffs and won three games in December — three more than they had won in all of the four previous seasons.

The future looks bright after a good draft that included safety Erik McMillan, a Pro Bowl star as a rookie. If Ken O'Brien remains healthy and confident, they should have a decent quarterback and they discovered an offensive lineman by name Dave Cadigan uncovered a gem in free agent Jeff Criswell.

They still need pass rushers, however, and Wesley Walker and Freeman McNeil were a lot of yards on them, although this was the first time in his eight NFL seasons that McNeil was healthy all year.

Denver (8-8) What was obvious in two Super Bowl losses became more so this year — John Elway can carry a team only so far with an undersized defense and a running game that was dependent on 34-year-old Tony Dorsett as a "savior." And it's a copout to say that two straight Super Bowls "fatigued" the team.

With Joe Collier and the defensive coaching staff gone, next year almost has to be rebuilding — the players and philosophy will be different. Assuming Elway recovers from elbow surgery, the Broncos may remain respectable, but other than at wide receiver, there are talent needs everywhere, as evidenced in such road blowouts as 42-0 in New Orleans; 42-14 in Seattle.

Los Angeles Raiders (7-9) On the one hand, two of the Raiders' first-round draft picks — Tim Brown and Scott Davis, look like future stars and the third, Terry McDaniel, could be if he gets healthy. On the other, Al Davis gave up next year's top pick for Willie Gault, an extraneous player at best, with plenty of holes left to plug.

One problem is that Davis went for big play guys — Brown, Gault, Jay Schroder — while Coach Mike Shanahan favors a control offense, so how long Shanahan stays is a question. The offensive line remains a disaster area and it would help if Bo Jackson decides on one full-time vacation rather than two hobbies.

Washington (7-9) Only some of the problems are the post-Super Bowl malaise, although, but for a couple of missed field goals and a league-worst minus-24 turnover ratio, the Skins might have been 10-6 or 11-5.

There's a lot of age, in Dave Butz, Russ Grimm, Joe Jacoby, Neal Olkewicz, Monte Coleman and Dexter Manley, who may be gone in any event. The trade for Jim Lachey should be a plus once Lachey has a full year to learn the system; ditto for Wilber Marshall, who seemed lost for much of the season.

Underdog 'Huskers unlikely to roll over for #2 ranked 'Canes

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Sixth-ranked Nebraska isn't an underdog often and hasn't been placed in the "unlikely to win" category more than a handful of times since Coach Tom Osborne took over in 1973.

But against second-ranked Miami, 10-1, in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 2, Nebraska, 11-1, is a 6-point underdog with what Osborne calls the toughest assignment of the New Year bowls.

Early last week, Miami's Jimmy Johnson all but indicated Miami figured to have this game in the bag. Lately, Johnson has expressed concern of his team being overconfident.

"I hope they keep thinking that because those are the times you lose big because you're so confident of a win you just forget about the game," Nebraska 1-back Ken Clark said. "I think that's what happened to us against UCLA," he said of Nebraska's only loss of the year, 41-28. "We thought they were going to lay down for us and it just didn't happen. So I hope they (the Hurricanes) keep thinking that all the way to Jan. 2. I'd like to be a disappointment."

Nebraska players appear to be

having fun with the underdog role and the talk of Miami being the best team in college football this year.

"I think it will work to our advantage," said offensive tackle Doug Glaser. "If they want to think they're going to have an easy time against us, I think they should go ahead and keep thinking that."

Miami has been lobbying for a national title in the event No. 1-ranked Notre Dame looks bad or loses to unbeat West Virginia in the Fiesta Bowl. That national title attention also may be a Husker blessing, according to Glaser.

"I think they're looking solely at the national championship right now," Glaser said. "I feel they should be looking at us a little harder than they do. It doesn't bother me. They're a great team and it's going to be tough to beat them in Miami. I think if we play physical and move the ball on them we could win the game."

Nebraska has been absent from the Orange Bowl as Big Eight champion since the 1983 season, when the Huskers lost a national championship to Miami 31-30. The Hurricanes have been in the bowl two of the past three years, snuffing Oklahoma's wishbone offense with a speedy and talented defense.

"Regardless of what happened in a previous game, we're not going to go in and lay down for anybody," Nebraska safety Mark Blazek said. "Regardless of being an underdog or not, we're going to go in there with every intention of winning the game. If we're not going to win with the intention of winning, there's no sense in playing at all. We're going down there and give it our all."

Banker Abel Holtz and four other Miami investors have submitted an application to establish an expansion team, even though Commissioner Peter Ueberroth said expansion would be considered until after a new collective bargaining agreement is reached in 1990.

Holtz, chairman and chief executive officer of Miami Baseball Inc., said the investment group, worth more than \$400 million, has not ruled out the possibility of buying and moving an existing team despite the application.

Holtz said he and his partners — Miami developer Jorge Perez, Miami-based car dealer Alan Potamkin, New York developer Stephen M. Ross and Miami attorney Al Cardenas — have made a "commitment" to build a 45,000-seat baseball stadium in Miami and will meet with league officials next week in New York to discuss the application in detail.

Expansion Hopes
In September, a group of local investors led by Holtz failed in negotiations with Seattle Mariners owner George Argyros. A second effort led by Miami's Heat co-owner Zev Bufman a week later to obtain the Minnesota Twins also failed.

Major League Baseball players and owners agreed to a new collective bargaining agreement in 1988. The minimum salary in the major leagues next season will be \$68,000, based on an automatic cost-of-living increase of \$5,500. In the 1985 collective bargaining agreement, the minimum salary was set at \$60,000 with cost-of-living increases after the 1986 and 1988 seasons. The minimum, which is pegged to the Consumer Price Index, increased to \$62,500 after 1986. CPT figures show an 8.9 percent increase from December 1986 to November 1988.

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Garden Party
The biggest ovation at Madison Square Garden Thursday night didn't go to Patrick Ewing or Mark Jackson. During the New York Knicks game with the Detroit Pistons, for-

Major Leaguers await first arbitration hearings to see how money flows

By The Associated Press

Several player agents say the first few arbitration hearings in February will dictate if the money bonanza continues in baseball.

Next year's Toronto reliever Tim Lincecum will have a \$331,000 in 1987, asked for \$1,025 million, Cincinnati's John Franco, who made \$300,000 in 1987, asked for \$925,000 and lost at \$675,000.

They both lost their cases on Feb. 10. Raymond Goetz ruled against Henke and Frederick Reed ruled against Franco.

Instead of going to arbitration, several players then decided to sign. San Francisco reliever Scott Garrels, who made \$290,000, asked for \$795,000. The Giants offered \$590,000 and he settled at \$625,000.

Reliever Roger McDowell, who made \$305,000, asked New York for \$800,000. The Mets offered \$555,000 and he settled at \$615,000.

The one reliever who didn't settle was Montreal's Tim Burke. He made \$210,000 in 1987, asked for \$850,000 and lost at \$625,000 in a decision by Edward Kamber.

Contract Clauses
As part of Nolan Ryan's deal with the Texas Rangers, he has use of the

cover of the 1980 media guide, Billy Martin was on the cover of the 1985 media guide and Lou Pinella was on the cover of the 1987 media guide.

Each made it through the entire season — and then was fired.

Relief Needed
Kent Tekulve needs six games to surpass Hoyt Wilhelm as the all-time major league leader in appearances. But first Tekulve needs a team.

Tekulve was released by the Philadelphia Phillies last month. "I'm playing somewhere," the 41-year-old Tekulve said. He was 3-7 with four saves and a 3.60 ERA for the Phillies in 1988.

Tekulve, who didn't reach the majors until he was 27, is tied for seventh on the all-time victory list for relievers with 94.

"Tekulve, who has never made a start in the majors, says breaking Wilhelm's mark has nothing to do on why he wants to keep pitching. "When I first started playing this game, I didn't come in with the idea of breaking any records," Tekulve said. "I just wanted to be able to play and be a good ballplayer for my club and contribute."

Rose Garden
Pete Rose used his bullpen more this year than any other team with 343 appearances. In 1987, Rose went

Irish take different attitude to Fiesta

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (AP) — Notre Dame has packed a new attitude for its trip to the Fiesta Bowl.

"I think we'll keep ourselves on a short leash," said center Tim Ryan.

"Last year we went down and looked at it as a four try, something we deserved. This year it's going to be a different attitude."

Last year the Irish traveled to Dallas for the Cotton Bowl after their first winning season in three years and their best performance since 1980. But Notre Dame played without punch and lost 35-10 to Texas A&M.

This year, the Irish play West Virginia in Tempe, Ariz. At stake is an unbeaten, undefeated season and a national championship.

"We're going on a mission this year, a couple of weeks of sacrifice for something that we're going to be able to enjoy and celebrate for the rest of our lives," said Andy Heck, an All-American offensive tackle.

"That's a small price to pay."

The squad scattered after a final practice Wednesday, and will regroup Monday in Arizona.

Flanker Ricky Watters and tailback Tony Brooks, two starters suspended for the Southern Cal game after appearing late for a team

meeting, are back in good graces, said coach Lou Holtz.

The suspensions got the message across.

"They're going to be cold, back in South Bend, under three feet of snow," said guard Jim Gramard. "If they want to live by the pool in Phoenix, they're going to be on time for meetings. If Coach Holtz calls a surprise meeting, they'd better be there — listen through the walls to make sure what time everything's happening."

Not that there's going to be much poolside lounging.

Defensive tackle George Williams said the Irish will take a business-like approach to keeping their record perfect.

"The same approach we took the first 11 games," he explained. "Everyone has a job to do, and that is win a football game and bring a national championship to Notre Dame."

Top-ranked Notre Dame and No. 3 West Virginia both carry 11-0 records into the January 2 game.

Williams made the trip to Dallas as a freshman and came home with little good to remember. "The weather wasn't very good and we weren't mentally prepared," he said.



Lou Holtz hopes his Irish stay on top in Arizona

N.C. State grid coach refuses Georgia offer

ATHENS, Ga. (AP) — North Carolina State football coach Dick Sheridan Saturday turned down an offer to become coach at the University of Georgia, leaving the Bulldogs still searching for a replacement for Vince Dooley.

This morning, Dick Sheridan has declined an offer to become head football coach at the University of Georgia, school president Charles Knapp said in a statement today.

Sheridan cited his strong commitment to North Carolina State University, and to the players he has recruited in the three years he has been there, as the primary reason for his decision.

Knapp said he was "of course, disappointed" by Sheridan's decision, and has asked Georgia's search committee to "accelerate the ongoing process" to find a new football coach.

Sheridan is the second coach to take himself out of the running for the Georgia job. Georgia Southern coach Erik Russell, a former assistant to Dooley, bowed out earlier this week, saying he had been offered the job but could not make a long-term commitment at age 62.

Sheridan is in his third year as N.C. State's football coach.

N.C. State's associate athletic director Frank Weedon said Sheridan and Wolfpack athletic director Jim Valvano met Friday in Valvano's office.

"I saw coach Sheridan when he came in and when he came out," Weedon said. "When I saw him, I said, 'There's the man in the news. I hope the news you hear for us is good news.'"

"He just said, 'Thank you. I appreciate that.'"

Weedon said Valvano took Sheridan into the "Room of Dreams," a theater of sorts that Valvano uses as a motivational tool in recruiting. In a film presentation, recruits are reminded of N.C. State's two national championships in basketball (1974 and 1983) and urged to dream of future titles.

"Who they did in there, I don't know," Weedon said. "I guess they watched the film."

After the Wolfpack's basketball game with Coppin State Thursday night, Valvano said he was pulling out all stops to keep Sheridan and to fight the perception that it is easier to win a national title in football at Georgia than at N.C. State.

"I've asked him to dream along with us," Valvano said. "I know about the Georgia program. But I'm not willing to take a back seat. I know that Clemson won a (national football) championship in the ACC, and that's what we want to do."

Valvano said all week that he does not want the N.C. State football job to be viewed as a stepping stone and that a big step in that direction would be made if Sheridan remains with the Wolfpack.

"We've talked about the problem being perception, Valvano said earlier this week of his talks with Sheridan. "The perception has been that you come to the ACC, build a (football) program and you're gone. But if Dick stays, it will re-emphasize that is changing."

Bills find stars by covering nation's small colleges

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. (AP) — For every spot on the Buffalo Bills' roster filled by an Alabama or Penn State grad, it seems there's an alum from a Wabash College or Kutztown State.

The AFC East Division champion has eight players who played college football at Division I-AA or smaller schools. Included are Kutztown's Andre Reed, who set a single-season Bills record with 71 catches this year; Pro Bowl alternate Mark Kelso, who attended Division I-AA William & Mary; and cornerback Wayne Davis, who graduated from Division I-AA Indiana State.

According to John Butler, Bills director of college scouting, those small college players are found by canvassing the country and compiling lists of players who combine two key statistics: size and speed.

"We send scouts to anywhere in the

country if we feel a player shows professional potential," Butler said. "Those (size and speed) aren't the only things we go on, but they help."

Butler — who is through a grapevine of people inside and outside of the NFL, players who have talent but are at small schools somehow get noticed.

"Look at (fullback) Jamie Mueller," he said. "Everybody knew about him. I don't think they've ever had so many scouts at Benedictine (College)."

Mueller, 6-foot-1 and 225 pounds, set many records at Benedictine and got scouts' attention when he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.46 seconds and bench-pressed 450 pounds. However, Mueller said his size and strength didn't prepare him for what he found once he got to the NFL.

"I never had to do so many things at college," he said. "At a small school

you don't have to learn any techniques. Here you have to."

Pete Metcalfe, who played football and basketball at Wabash and now is the starting tight end for the Bills, agreed with Mueller.

"It was a big, big jump," he said. "To go to that (NFL) level (from Division III) was a big adjustment. The speed and quickness of the guys was unbelievable."

"I thought I'd just play four years at college," he said. "I never thought this would happen until I got scouted and went to a tryout in my junior year. I saw the other tight ends who would be in the draft and I thought I might get picked."

Butler said the shock of seeing bigger, stronger, faster players at professional tryouts is common for small school graduates.

"They usually don't even play against guys who get cut from profes-

sional camps at small schools," he said.

Robb Riddick, the Bills' leading touchdown scorer, said the biggest transition — from playing at Millersville (Pa.) State College and suiting up in the NFL was mental toughness.

"I saw coach Sheridan when he came in and when he came out," Weedon said. "When I saw him, I said, 'There's the man in the news. I hope the news you hear for us is good news.'"

Mets' Ojeda hopes to complete his miracle

NEW YORK (AP) — Three months after nearly severing the tip of his left middle finger, Bob Ojeda calls his recovery a miracle on the mound.

"I thought I would never play again," Ojeda says. "But the doctors did a remarkable job."

On Sept. 21, the New York Mets were on the verge of clinching the National League East title at home against Philadelphia. Before leaving for the park and a possible night of celebration, Ojeda decided to do some gardening with an electric hedge clipper.

He lost control of the clippers and the blades cut through both the bottom and top arteries and tendons of the finger. The joint was also shattered.

Ojeda underwent five hours of microsurgery at Roosevelt Hospital and Dr. Richard Entenreich reattached the damaged arteries, tendons and nerves.

Eaton removed the damaged parts of the joint and then fused the remaining portion, connecting the remaining blood vessels and nerves.

The tip of Ojeda's finger was fused in such a way as to have a bend to grip the baseball.

"Sounds scary, doesn't it?"

"There have been times when deep down I said 'You're not going to pitch again.' ... Ojeda said. "In my own life, this is the hardest thing I have had to go through."

He spent a few weeks just exercising the finger and then started some light throwing. This week, Ojeda started throwing off a mound at a field near his California home.

"It's nothing short of a miracle ... what Dr. Eaton did for me," Ojeda said in a telephone interview. "I'm amazed at my recovery. It's only three months and I feel very fortunate the way it worked out."

Ojeda, 31, wants to be ready for

spring training, physically and mentally.

"That's why I've been throwing so much out here. I don't want to go in there and then have to work on it," Ojeda said. "I want to have all my feeling and all my touch when I get to spring training."

Ojeda was 10-13 last season with a 2.88 earned-run average. Many observers considered his absence in the playoffs one of the reasons New York lost to Los Angeles in seven games.

"At first, doctors said Ojeda would not be able to throw until the spring. He is way ahead of schedule and is learning how to pitch again."

"I found that the changeup it doesn't effect in the least," Ojeda said. "The pitch that I found it effected is the curveball and I really just have to get used to the way it feels. Each day becomes more and more comfortable. At this point, the curveball is spinning just like it ever has."

'Oil Can' Boyd works to make comeback

WORCESTER, Mass. (AP) — In a high-tech training facility, deep beneath the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, Dennis "Oil Can" Boyd has begun throwing a baseball in hopes of making it into the starting rotation of the Boston Red Sox.

Boyd, 29, was in an out of the lineup in 1988 after doctors discovered two separate blood clots in his right shoulder within a five-week period.

The first clot was dissolved with medication, allowing Boyd back into action, and by the victory Aug. 26 over the Seattle Mariners. But a second clot was discovered two days later and put Boyd out of action for the season.

Friday, under the watchful eye of team physician Dr. Arthur Pappas, also a minority owner in the Red Sox, Boyd pitched for 30 minutes. Other interested observers included Boyd's wife and son, former Red Sox teammate and Oakland A's reliever Benito Eckerley and Bud Tewelesbury, a St. Louis Cardinals pitcher coming off elbow surgery.

During his workout, Boyd tried out a new sidearm motion that will have him pitching at about 8 or 9 o'clock.

"I've been thinking about changing my motion since I went on the disabled list. But it doesn't matter where you throw from. You still got to throw it down and away or down and inside. The thing is, I like it," Boyd said.

Boyd, who gave up a team-high 25 home runs in 129 2-3 innings and a 5.34 era, will continue pitching at UMass and then eventually go to the team's training facility in Florida.

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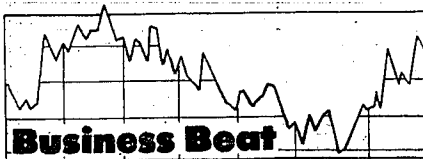
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DENVER — Applications are being accepted from the fourth annual Sheep Industry Leadership School July 16-19 in Greeley, Colo. Twenty-five people between the ages of 26 and 36 will be selected from across the country. It is sponsored by the National Lamb Feeders Association. For more information, write the association at 10 Lakeside Lane, Suite 200, Denver, Colo. 80212.

SBA representative to be available

TWIN FALLS — A representative of the Small Business Administration Service Corps of Retired Executives will be here Thursday to provide free business counseling. For an appointment call 734-6586.

Farm Bureau tops membership goals

POCATELLO — The Idaho Farm Bureau topped its membership goal for the sixth consecutive year, closing its fiscal year with 28,687 members. That represents a gain of 885 over 1987 and a new all-time high for the organization. Canyon County Farm Bureau led the membership growth, adding 258 new members and edged past Bingham County to move into third place in total members in the state. Bannock County is first and Ada County is second. Twin Falls County signed 78 new members. The Idaho Farm Bureau was one of 44 state chapters that topped 1987 membership figures.

Low-interest business loans available

TWIN FALLS — The Region IV Development Association has low interest loans available for area businesses seeking fixed asset financing. The revolving loan fund can provide loans that carry fixed interest rates as low as 3 percent below prime, with terms up to 15 years. Loan applications must be in process before March 15. There is a limited amount of money available. For additional information contact Ron Boian at 734-6586.

Farm Bureau changes meeting place

POCATELLO — The American Farm Bureau Federation will withdraw its 1991 annual meeting from San Francisco, following that city's decision to endorse the United Farm Workers table grape boycott. The San Francisco Board of Supervisors on an 8-2 vote last week endorsed the boycott, despite warnings that several state and national agricultural organizations were prepared to cancel their convention business. Farm Bureau, the nation's largest farm organization, planned to hold its January 1991 national meeting in San Francisco. The convention annually attracts 6,000 to 10,000 Farm Bureau participants from across the United States. Farm Bureau cancelled a previous convention in 1982 when the San Francisco Board of Supervisors endorsed a UFW lettuce and banana boycott. "While we commend the efforts of the San Francisco Convention and Visitors Bureau and many others in San Francisco who represented our interests, we must interpret the vote as an indication that we are not welcome," AFBF President Dean Kleckner said.

3 industries still plan to consolidate

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Cenex, Land O'Lakes Inc. and Farmland Industries Inc. are continuing the planning process for their consolidation. That's the conclusion reached by the consolidation policy committee of directors and chief executives representing the three regional cooperatives at a meeting this week. The committee reviewed a comprehensive financial analysis prepared by Touche Ross, a national auditing/consulting firm. A consultant's study identified two-to-three-year financial benefits in the range of \$40 million to \$60 million to be gained from the consolidation. It also projects significant additional gains resulting from longer-term strategic synergies, according to the chief executive officers of the three firms. "The financial benefits clearly reinforce the view of all parties that consolidation of our three companies is in the best interest of farmers," said Ralph Hofstad of Land O'Lakes. "And, significantly, the long-term strategic benefits and increased competitiveness of the combined system are seen by the consultants of greater potential impact than are the short-term financial gains," Noel Estenson of Cenex said. The next meeting of the consolidation committee will be early January.

New product would enable corn to grow its own pesticide

The Associated Press WASHINGTON — Field trials have "proved the safety of the technology" for a new product that would enable corn to grow its own pesticide, the manufacturer says. The bioinsecticide, or Cx-Bt, was developed by Crop Genetics International Corp. of Hanover, Md., and is aimed at controlling the European corn borer, a pest estimated to cost \$400 million in losses annually to the nation's corn crop. A series of tests was performed in Maryland this year and Crop Genetics said it will seek further approval from the Agriculture Department and the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out additional field trials in 1989 at various locations, including major corn areas of the Midwest. The scientific data from our field trials in Maryland confirms the environmental safety of our bioinsecticide," Peter S. Carlson, chief scientist and co-founder of the company, said. Some environmentalists had feared the bioinsecticide might spread to other plants or to humans and other animal species. But Crop Genetics said the Maryland tests showed that Cx-Bt does not multiply or survive outside its host plant. The Cx-Bt part of the "vaccine" was described as a naturally occurring microorganism which can live only inside a plant's vascular system. "The Bt part" is lethal to the borer but harmless to humans, animals, birds and non-target insects," the company said. The product, which the firm calls In-Cide, is inserted in corn seeds, enabling corn plants to grow their own biopesticide against the borer. Company officials said the 1989 field tests will include yield and production information to see how well the biopesticide performs.



Roger Jones has been on several trade missions to the Orient to develop markets for Idaho potato products

Idaho finds market in Pacific Rim

'Famous potatoes' begin to take root in Taiwan, Japan and Korea

By MARTA CLEVELAND Times-News writer

RUPERT — At the Mandarin Hotel in Hong Kong, one menu item says "Idaho baked potato." The potato doesn't necessarily come from Idaho, but the publicity doesn't hurt, says Roger Jones. The owner of Magic Valley Foods in Rupert recently returned from Gov. Cecil Andrus' trade mission to Korea, Taiwan and Japan. Jones called the trip "a good start to get out in the world and show we have quality products to sell and tourism to offer. Go anywhere in the United States and say 'I'm from Idaho,' and the response will be, 'Oh, that's where they grow the great potatoes,'" Jones said. He wants the reaction to be the same worldwide and is helping the effort by calling the french fries he sells in the Orient "Idaho fries" instead. "Why not, they don't know the difference," he said. Idaho's economy is based in agriculture and other natural resources. And the growth for Idaho agriculture is in foreign markets, particularly the Orient, Jones said. On July 1, Korea opened its borders to frozen french fry imports for the first time. However, having

access isn't enough when the Korean government imposes a 30-percent duty on the fries that prices them out of the market. If french fries here cost 30 cents a pound, they cost 65 cents there, said Jones, an Idaho Potato Commission member for eight years. The Idaho trade mission went to Korea to lobby for removal or reduction of the duty, and to open a permanent Idaho trade office in Seoul, the capital. The delegation opened a second office in Taipei, Taiwan, so Idaho businesses can provide information about their products and provide services for display and distribution. The Nov. 26-Dec. 8 trade mission included a delegation of Idaho businessmen and government and higher education officials, including Andrus, James Hawkins, director of the Department of Commerce, and Dick Rush, director of the Department of Agriculture. Korea and Taiwan are important U.S. trading partners and are growing areas for fast food consumption and Western eating habits, Jones said. Japan is already Westernized. In 1972, McDonald's had nine fast-food restaurants in Tokyo. It now has 660. Potato consumption in Japan is in-

creasing 20 percent each year, Jones said. In 1982, Japanese ate 37,566 metric tons of potatoes. In 1988, they consumed 110,000 metric tons, mostly from the United States. Most Asian countries cannot grow a good quality potato. Idaho has two exporting advantages of growing top quality foods and being close to Pacific ports. "Having the governor actually be there really does help," Jones said, especially in meeting with dignitaries. Oriental presidents, prime ministers and premiers perceive governors almost as heads of state, he said. For example, they met with Taiwan's head of state. "He's pretty tough to get in to see." The Japan portion of the trip was officially cancelled because Emperor Hirohito was seriously ill and the Japanese might have construed the Idahoans' visit a bad omen if he died while they were there, Jones said. But without Andrus, Jones and Rush went to Tokyo and Osaka. On the trip, Jones managed to combine a little business with diplomacy. He sold some of his Idaho spud chips — a blanched, cooked, sliced and frozen potato that is deep-fried before serving — for introduction

into the fast food market in Osaka. He also sold several 43,000-pound containers of the spud chips in Korea where a "convenience" store plans to sell them hot over the counter. But Jones quickly pointed out that, "You just don't come back from there with a pocket full of orders. They don't make quick decisions." He has been to Korea three times in the last 18 months working on the sale that finally materialized on the trade trip, he said. Jones began selling abroad in 1973 with potato flakes going to Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan. He went on his first trade mission with Gov. John Evans in 1983. That trip to China proved highly successful for opening doors to Idaho businesses, he said. "Idaho has been a little lax in promoting our own state in the last few years," Jones said. Oregon and Washington have offices in Asian cities, he said. "If Idaho is going to stay ahead in the next century, we have to get out and sell our products," he said. "We're promoting those products as value-added." The more potato products Jones can sell overseas, the more people he can hire and the better off is Idaho's economy and its people.

FmHA builds 40-year loss of \$36 billion, GAO says

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The General Accounting Office says the Farmers Home Administration has built a 40-year loss record of at least \$36 billion, of which about \$22 billion occurred last year. An audit by GAO, an investigating agency of Congress, showed that since FmHA's revolving credit accounts began in 1946, cumulative losses have amounted to about \$99 billion, of which Congress reimbursed the Agriculture Department agency \$23 billion. Frederick D. Wolf, director of GAO's accounting and financial management division, said: "Our opinion on FmHA's statement of financial position reflects our concerns over the agency's inability to repay its borrowings and to meet its current operations without incurring additional debt and the magnitude of its accumulated \$99 billion deficit, which includes \$22 billion for losses recognized in fiscal year 1987. FmHA has its roots in the mid-1930s during the Depression and is often called the government's lender of last resort for hard-pressed farmers who cannot get credit from banks and other commercial lenders. Although farm loans are a key element of FmHA operations, rural

housing and rural development also are involved. The GAO audit was for the fiscal year that ended on Sept. 30, 1987, and was the first in the agency's history. It was submitted on Tuesday to Agriculture Secretary Richard E. Lyng, who is required by law to respond to Congress within 60 days. Marilyn Aycock, a spokesman for FmHA, said Wednesday that as of Sept. 30, 1988, the agency had total loans outstanding of about \$62 billion. Less than half — \$25.5 billion — was owed under the farm lending programs. The balance was loans for rural housing and community development. Of the total \$62 billion in loans, about \$9.2 billion were delinquent. The farm delinquencies represent

ed \$8.3 billion of that amount, Aycock said. "Every loan we make is subsidized to one extent or another," he said. "Over half of \$62 billion loans we've got are made at interest rates below 5 percent." As to GAO's finding that the agency lost \$22 billion last year, Aycock said much of that was bookkeeping that the GAO itself had insisted upon. For example, he said, the FmHA at the GAO's insistence included a budget item for about \$15 billion as a "loss allowance" whether the agency actually lost that much or not. Aycock said the entire \$15 billion for 1987 was included as a loss by the auditors, although the final accounting by FmHA has not been done. Besides the loss allowance, Aycock said there was more than \$6 billion in interest subsidies in 1987, plus about \$1 billion in grants and other items, which added up to the \$22 billion cited in the report. "Farmers Home was created by the Congress to do specific things," Aycock said in an interview. "I don't think it was created to make a profit, or else they wouldn't have said we have to lend to people who can't get money elsewhere. The GAO audit was first reported by The New York Times in Wednesday editions.

Drought drops dryland crop, grain volumes

The Associated Press

POCATELLO — The second straight year of drought that caused massive losses on southern Idaho's dryland grain farms coupled with federal land-idling programs popular with dryland growers is taking its toll on southeastern grain storage operators. "Our volume is dropping drastically," said Lamont Waldron, manager of Weston Grain. The drought that destroyed dryland crops in southeastern Idaho, where nearly half the land idled under the so-called Conservation Reserve Program is located, has cost Weston Grain almost a third of its volume. Farmers Grain Cooperative President Layne Rindlshaker, who oversees several elevators in Idaho, says the combination of drought and land-idling has cut his storage by half. "The reduction in storage has caused income for many granary managers to plummet, ending years of income stability brought about by government programs to remove mounting surplus grain from the markets. "We are financially okay this year, and we should be next year," Waldron said. "But with another dry year, it'll be tough." Bancroft Grain Growers Inc. found itself facing financial problems last summer, manager Ray White said.

Tradewinds

Manuel Gutierrez of Burley has been elected president of the Idaho Association of Realtors for 1989. He is a broker-owner at Candid Realty in Burley and a commissioner on the Idaho Housing Agency.



MANUEL GUTIERREZ
New Realtors president
tractor models and met top management from the company.

Jens Tschanner, an employee at Jensen Jewelers, Magic Valley Mall store, recently graduated from the certified professional jeweler program. Tschanner completed an 11-week course including training in all products in the jewelry industry.

R. Lynn Lapray of Andy & Bob's Motor Co. in Buhl recently attended the Deutz-Allis North American Dealer meeting in Orlando, Fla. He previewed new

Too many Christmas trees spoil profit

Los Angeles Times

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Dave Evans' hands were numb because he had been at the controls of the helicopter for hours. Learning to see the ground below, he hovered near the lead of Christmas trees was snapped on to the line dangling from the chopper.

The blast of air from his rotor beat the earth as he pulled the bundle of trees into the sky, turned, and churned toward the waiting truck. Evans had been doing this hour after hour, day after day, as the Christmas season approached. He flew in the Christmas trees, in a state where there are millions of them. The Christmas tree harvest does not wait for the weather and the weather had truly been bad.

"This is the nicest day we've had," said Evans, as fog rolled in and the near-freezing temperature dropped by the minute. But there was still an hour or so of daylight left. Time enough to haul out another 1,800 trees — 25 or so to the bundle — for Holiday Tree Farms, one of the big players in the billion-dollar business of Christmas-tree growing.

So Evans went back for more. From his aerial perch, he could see thousands of Christmas trees, in a state where there are millions — 5 million alone on Holiday's 3,000 acres. In Oregon, an estimated 6.5 million trees will be harvested for Christmas, a figure matched only by Michigan, the other giant in the Christmas tree industry.

Only a few growers count their trees by the millions or use helicopters for harvesting. But when the nation's Christmas tree crop is tallied this year, it should come to more than 34 million conifers cut for the holidays. They will be grown on 12,000 farms, from the likes of Holiday Farms and larger to mom and pop operations, in all 50 states.

And the figure for harvested trees does not count the stolen ones. In some places, such as the forests of Utah, thieves often take thousands at a time for sale in Nevada and Southern California. To prevent thefts, growers in Hutchinson, Kan., spray their evergreens each year with a solution that smells like rotten eggs when the trees are broken into.

Even without the black market variety, Christmas trees have become too abundant, largely because the number of small-time operators has increased at a time when artificial trees have been gaining in popularity.

Those two factors have cut into the profits of the

Texas farmers, for instance, are predicting they will sell 650,000 trees this season, 150,000 more than two years ago. In balmy Florida, membership in the state's Christmas tree growers' association has jumped from 23 members to almost 300 in the last eight years.

traditional suppliers, who once had only to wait for the phone to ring, to fill their orders. Now they face the double assault of artificial trees and farms that have sprung up in places where there once was little or no local competition.

Texas farmers, for instance, are predicting they will sell 650,000 trees this season, 150,000 more than two years ago. In balmy Florida, membership in the state's Christmas tree growers' association has jumped from 23 members to almost 300 in the last eight years. Even Hawaii has a fledgling Christmas tree industry.

"We don't like to talk about the glut," said Hal Schudel, the founder of Holiday Farms, which will harvest just under 500,000 trees this year. "We say that we have a plentiful supply. But, a few minutes later, he put it more succinctly: "Everybody and his dog has gotten into it."

It is the artificial tree that really gives the growers fits, especially since it is sometimes difficult to tell artificial from real these days. Now, 34 percent of the nation's households have artificial trees, while 38 percent buy live trees each year and 28 percent buy no tree at all.

This year, the National Christmas Tree Growers Association, in a move that bespeaks its concern, is spending \$1 million on an advertising campaign extolling the virtues of a live tree — scent, beauty, family tradition, etc. — with Willard Scott, the round, honey-Tu weatherman plugging for the organization.

Hundreds of trucks laden with Christmas trees have been traveling the highways since the first part of November, the start of the cutting season in the Pacific Northwest. Several other figures

that if all the trucks carrying Oregon Christmas trees were bumper to bumper, they would stretch the 100 miles from Portland to Eugene. Here in early December, as many as 40 trucks carrying 30,000 trees were leaving Schudel's three processing areas each day. And before that, the farms had sent trees to the East Coast in refrigerated rail cars.

The evergreen has long been a symbol of power. Primitive man believed evergreens had godlike qualities and that were used for winter solstice ceremonies aimed at insuring the protection of family and food sources. But it was the Germans who popularized the Christmas tree as we know it, according to the "Christmas Tree Book," by Phillip V. Snyder, the oldest mention of a decorated tree was in a 1605 travel diary of a visitor to Strasbourg. Over the years, the Christmas tree has taken on some unusual looks. For a time in Austria and Germany the evergreen was hung upside down from the ceiling. Others were hung tip up — from the rafters, with an apple attached to a sharpened tree butt.

The Germans brought their Christmas tree tradition to the New World, but — given the strong influence of Puritanism over the earliest settlers — it was hardly quick to catch on. As late as 1840, decorated trees were so scarce that entrepreneurs were selling tickets for the public to view them.

The first American to see that there was real money to be made in Christmas trees was a New Yorker named Mark Carr. Carr, who lived in the Catskills, filled two ox sleds with young firs and spruces, loaded them on a steamboat, and brought them the 80 miles to New York City in 1851. He sold them at a tidy profit and that fact was not lost on others. By 1860, more than 200,000 trees were being shipped to New York each year.

In Chicago, a pair of brothers named Schuennemann became part of the city's lore when they were the first to lash Michigan trees to the deck of their fishing schooner, sail across Lake Michigan, and sell them at the Clark Street Bridge in 1887.

It is said that a New Jersey farmer named W. V. McCalliard was the first to grow Christmas trees as a crop, doing so at the turn of the century. And Franklin D. Roosevelt helped popularize growing Christmas trees by planting them on his Hyde Park estate in the 1930s.

But it was not until 1954, when Congress created special tax incentives, that Christmas trees farming began to evolve into a big business. That also happened to be a time when there was a shortage of trees.

State requests extension of FmHA farm loans

BOISE — Idaho Agriculture Director Dick Rush has joined agricultural officials from six other states in urging the Farmers Home Administration to extend its deadline for farmers who are trying to restructure their delinquent loans.

Joining Rush in making the request to FmHA's Acting Administrator LaVerne Ausman were state agriculture officials from Texas, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Ohio, Oklahoma and Vermont.

Idaho's First-District Congressman Larry Craig has also called for an extension.

Few farm borrowers had had time to adequately read the two-pound packet of information FmHA has mailed these producers, much less gather the necessary financial information," Rush said, "and only a handful of farmers have had time to seek financial counseling."

Rush feels the timing of the process has been particularly trouble-

some for many producers. It has come in the middle of the holidays and the harvest season when farmers are too busy to respond adequately to the government forms, he said.

"I would be in everyone's best interest to take a breather during the holidays and then start this program off on the right foot early in 1989," Rush said.

FmHA's debt restructuring program is required by the Agricultural Credit Act of 1987. To be eligible for a restructured loan, farm borrowers must return the act forms no later than 45 days from the date of the notice of delinquency was first mailed by FmHA. In Idaho, those notices were mailed on Nov. 14.

More than 1,800 Idaho farmers and ranchers received the notices of delinquent loans from FmHA and face foreclosure if they are unable to comply with FmHA's debt restructuring options.

GM chairman rebound of his company

DETROIT (AP) — Roger B. Smith sits in a corner office of industrial America, looking over his desk filled with model cars and trucks, trying to drive the nation's largest corporation off the shoulder and back into the passing lane.



ROGER B. SMITH
"I like convertibles"

The General Motors Corp. chairman, a one-time accountant who never worked an assembly line, says things are getting better for the company, which has faced lower profits in the past few years while domestic and foreign rivals have lured customers with sleeker, more innovative vehicles.

During that time, GM has been streamlining layers of management and outfitting plants with new equipment to introduce a few innovations of its own.

It has closed more than a dozen plants and cut more than 130,000 people from the payroll, including a 25 percent reduction in its white-collar work force.

It was under Smith's auspices that the symbol of U.S. industrial might took a back seat to Ford Motor Co. in earnings and watched its share of the U.S. market slip 10 percentage points from mid-1986 to 48.6 percent now.

GM has been rebounding lately, the 63-year-old chairman is proud to say.

"A lot of the things we did dating back to 1982 are starting to pay off now, that's the big thing," he said in a year-end interview in his 14th floor office of the GM Building. "Our quality has come up, our new plants are on stream, a lot of the things in the old plants aren't even done yet."

"A lot of the (plant and equipment) investments we made are paying off," he said. "It's just a slow steady grinding of the progress we've been working on."

Smith pointed to surprisingly strong third-quarter earnings, a resurgence in sales and,

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— Roger B. Smith, GM chairman

most visibly for employees, an announcement earlier this month of profit-sharing — the first since 1985 — amounting to about \$200 per worker.

The GM chairman is well-versed in the finances of the corporation, an attribute for which he has been both praised and rebuked. He began his career with the automaker as a general accounting senior clerk in 1949, and rose through the company's finance arm before winning a director's seat in 1974.

Some critics have said Smith is so preoccupied with numbers that he let style slip to the point where it was hard to tell a Buick from a Chevy from an Oldsmobile is trying to change that perception with its 1989 models.

Smith himself is fond of the classic styles GM pioneered. He owns two Corvettes — a 1969 and a '87 — a 64 Corvette and a muted yellow 1936 Cadillac convertible sedan.

"It's the big old wheelbase, one with a divider windshield and a hood that runs from here to down there and back again," he said gesturing toward the other side of his office.

"They're great cars," he said. "The only problem is that the engine is so big and the pistons are so small I have trouble knowing when the engine's running."

Smith keeps the Caddy at his summer home near Burke Lake in the extreme northern part of Michigan's Lower Peninsula. He takes it out frequently there.

"People wave at you, they think it's nice. The people are waving at the car, I think," Smith said to retire in 1990, a decade after he was elected chairman and chief executive officer amid one of the toughest times for the automobile industry.

In the 1980s, the industry as a whole has recovered and is approaching the second-best sales year on record. U.S. sales estimates for 1988 are running at more than 15.5 million cars and light trucks, second only to the 1986 record of 16.3 million.

Smith sees pretty good times ahead. "If you flatten at 15 (million)," he said, "I don't have any problem with that. I think General Motors is particularly well-positioned. We've got a lot of our new plants that were in the startup phase last year."

Smith holds out great hope for Saturn Corp., a subsidiary plant outside Nashville,

Tenn. Little news about the car has been released, other than it will be a compact or subcompact, marketed via a new dealer network.

"I think Saturn is going to be a colossal success," Smith said. "Under budget and ahead of schedule, that's what we like."

Production is to begin in 1990 for the 1991 model year.

One unknown for the industry will be the policy of the Bush administration. Smith, like other automobile company executives, is cautious about forecasting Washington's policy shifts.

"A little tiny stroke of a pen down there can shatter our industry," he said. "Look what they're talking about on a 15-cent-a-gallon gas tax that can take 150,000 jobs out of this industry. That's crazy."

Smith reacts strongly when he feels the industry or GM is threatened. But he has spent his time in the bulge, too.

Besides taking criticism that he is too finance-conscious, Smith came under sharp attack by former GM board member H. Ross Perot for executive excesses. Perot was ousted from the board with a \$750 million buy-out after his Electronic Data Systems computer company was bought by GM in December 1986.

Through all the controversy, Smith has tried to keep the lid on — something he dislikes in automobiles.

All the cars in Smith's garages are soft tops.

"I like convertibles," he said, "and I like fast cars and I like to drive."

Normal weather could replenish grain stockpiles

WASHINGTON (AP) — The searing 1988 drought cut deeply into U.S. and global grain stockpiles, but the Agriculture Department said Tuesday that normal weather could improve things significantly by this time next year.

Next year, in the United States and Canada lowered world crop production by more than 6 percent, the department's Economic Research Service said.

Crop prices will continue to reflect the smaller supplies early in 1989; the agency said in a new outlook report. "But expanded output is likely in the second half, stopping the drawdown in stocks."

Meanwhile, world supplies of animal products will remain large enough to dampen increases in livestock prices. However, the demand for both crops and animal products is expected to be bolstered by continued world economic expansion and population growth.

The agency stuck to an earlier estimate that the net cash income of U.S. farmers in 1989 is likely to be in the range of \$48 billion to \$52 billion, down from this year's record-setting estimate of \$57 billion.

With expanded acreage and costlier inputs (production items), farmers are government payments to Directs are likely to fall one-fifth.

As used by the agency, net cash income is the amount of money farmers have to spend during a calendar year and is the difference between gross cash income and cash expenses. For example, 1988 sales of grain stored from harvests in earlier years are counted as part of another method of bookkeeping, the agency measures "net farm income" for the year, not simply the cash-in, cash-out system involved in "net cash income."

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Dollar is not almighty in Europe

U.S. dollar's volatility may result in further loss of value in no time

The Washington Post

LONDON — Surging Christmas crowds jam the sidewalks of Regent Street, Knightsbridge and other popular shopping areas here, attesting to Britain's booming economy.

There are few American bargain hunters among them. With banks selling the British pound these days for \$1.90 or more, there simply are no bargains to be had if one starts out with dollars. Never mind the Burberry raincoats or hand-knit Scottish sweaters; paper-back novels cost the equivalent of \$6 each and a medium pizza from a Pizza Hut goes for 60 percent more than in the United States.

Welcome to the world of the cheap dollar, tourist style. In the City, London's financial district, the wizards of the financial world expect it to become cheaper still.

And the City's bankers and financial analysts worry that the dollar's further loss of value could come with devastating suddenness. Above all, they stress the dollar's volatility, with rumors, small interest-rate changes and the latest U.S. economic statistics all capable of sending it up or down like a yo-yo.

Uniformly, too, these financial specialists are waiting anxiously to see whether President-elect George Bush can come up with a credible proposal to reduce the U.S. budget deficit and trim the United States' need for for-

eign capital. At this point, few expect he will be able to do so unless a financial crisis — perhaps originating with the dollar — forces a political compromise between Bush and the Democrat-controlled Congress.

Furthermore, there are growing signs the central banks of Japan, West Germany and other European countries may be less willing than in recent years to come to the dollar's rescue if needed.

In 1987, the central banks of Europe and Japan bailed out the United States. Along with the Federal Reserve, they bought nearly \$150 billion worth of U.S. currency to prevent the dollar's collapse. They did so to protect their export industries from a loss of business as their rising currencies made their products more expensive on world markets.

Since then, both West Germany and Japan have found that their export industries can prosper with the mark and yen at elevated levels. Moreover, a strong and rising currency is a major asset in terms of holding down inflation since it makes imported goods less expensive.

Meanwhile, the extraordinary changes taking place in the Soviet Union have focused eyes there. European companies are looking eastward for sources of raw materials and semi-manufactured products and for new markets for the finished goods produced in the West. At the same time, the arms-limitation treaty and

the announced unilateral cuts in Soviet troops and tanks stationed in Eastern European countries are making doing business with the Soviets appear a more reasonable prospect.

On top of these major shifts, Europeans also are looking inward as they approach the further economic integration of the European Community that is slated to begin in 1992.

All in all, the United States is looking a little less needed these days. That could be one reason foreign central bankers are less willing to insulate the United States from the consequences of its domestic economic policies, even if they lead to a slump in the value of the dollar. With their nations' economies growing strongly and their trade surpluses rising, both the Bundesbank — West Germany's central bank — and the Bank of Japan are concentrating on keeping inflation in check rather than worrying whether a strong mark or yen would sink companies producing goods for export.

Oscar Lewisohn, a director of S.G. Warburg & Co., a merchant banking firm, worriedly surveys this scene. "The dollar is now in the third year of weakness," he said. "About a year ago, I thought the gloom about the dollar may have been overdone and that we ought to have a bounce. Then the (U.S.) trade deficit started to become rather more friendly toward the dollar," as the size of the monthly shortfall dropped by about \$2 billion.

He added: "But sentiment has turned. The last couple of trade figures knocked it in the head," and the dollar is falling again. "The United States is very vulnerable," Lewisohn declared. "No one

wants to see the dollar weaker. No one benefits. But plenty of dollars are available — and like any commodity in plentiful supply, there is no technical reason why it could not drop 30 percent."

Lewisohn expects investors the world over to be watching every move Bush makes, particularly how he deals with the budget deficit given his flat promise not to raise taxes. "If there is no deficit correction, there will be a sell-off of the dollar," Lewisohn warns. "The situation is fragile. ... Without central-bank intervention, there is no question the dollar would not be anywhere near where it is."

If Lewisohn is right — and his comments are echoed by a number of other people involved in European financial markets — then Bush has an opportunity that he can fail to grasp only at the peril of the nation's currency. "Self-discipline is required, beginning with the United States. It is wrong to expect policy coordination to correct the effect of a lack of discipline in domestic policies."

Some analysts even look back on the degree of international cooperation that has occurred in this decade and wonder whether the world might not be better off today if West Germany and Japan had not been so eager to help support the dollar.

An economist at the World Bank in Washington said, "A failure of international coordination in the 1980s might have forced the United States to deal with its fiscal problems sooner. ... What would have happened if there had been a really big decline in the dollar? A sharp shock might have caused a large policy shift."

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Ford announcement sends platinum prices tumbling once again

Los Angeles Times

Prices of platinum, which in recent weeks had outstripped gold and silver amid a bullish forecast of growing demand, tumbled again Friday as investors reeled from Ford Motor Co.'s surprise announcement that it has developed a cheaper substitute for the precious metal in automobile catalytic converters.

The anti-pollution devices — which convert exhaust fumes into harmless gases — account for about one-third of platinum demand among Western industrialized nations. Fears that even part of that consumption could be lost has re-sent platinum prices tumbling 13 percent since Ford's announcement Thursday.

The spot market price on the New York Mercantile Exchange closed Friday at \$524.80 an ounce, down from \$531.90 on Thursday and \$604.50 on Wednesday. The metal had closed as high as \$615.90 on Dec. 2, up from \$507.40 on Oct. 1 amid reports of strong demand and possible shortages.

The Ford announcement "was a bolt out of the blue. It was totally unexpected," said Bruce L. Kaplan, senior vice president at A-Mark Kaplan, a Santa Monica wholesale dealer. "It's probably the biggest surprise piece of news platinum has had since it became an investment metal in 1980-81."

The collapse of platinum comes just as purchases by small investors had been boosted by the release since August of two new platinum bullion coins from Australia and Canada. Those two coins, the Australian Koala and the Canadian platinum Maple Leaf, were the first investment-oriented coins issued by major nations, and demand for them from small investors has been brisk, dealers said.

But while the unexpected Ford announcement was bad news to the market, analysts said that traders may have overreacted and that the outlook was not as gloomy as the sharp slide in prices would indicate. Indeed, some said, because trading volume for platinum is so much lower than for gold or silver — and even slower now, with the Christmas holiday approaching — prices can be extremely volatile and, thus, the slightest good or bad news could have an exaggerated impact.

In the next year or so, Ford's use of a platinum substitute "really means only a small drop in actual usage," said John H. O'Connell, senior metals analyst at Heco Inc., a major commodities broker.

Ford's platinum-free catalytic converters are being installed initially on a test basis on only 40,000 to 50,000 1989 Thunderbird and Cougar models to be sold in California, Ford has noted. That is a small fraction of the auto maker's total U.S. production of about 4 million cars and trucks.

catalytic converters in Europe is growing and will provide a major boost in demand in the next few years.

Accordingly, Johnson Matthey Ltd. of London, the world's leading supplier of platinum, said it continues to stick to forecasts that consumption of platinum will exceed new supplies this year. Some analysts expect such shortfalls to continue for at least the next one or two years.

In the long run, loss of demand for platinum from catalytic converters will hurt, but it is not clear how quickly the new technology will become widely used, analysts said.

One key is whether Ford will license its new technology to competitors.

Ford spokesman Bill Peacock said Friday that the auto maker is studying that option, and rival General Motors hinted it is interested. Toyota and other Japanese auto makers also are studying their own versions of platinum substitutes in converters.

Meanwhile, prices for palladium — another metal that is just as rare as platinum yet about one-fifth the price — shot up amid speculation that Ford is using it as the replacement for platinum.

Ford spokesman said Friday that the new technology is patented and refused to identify what new materials would be used.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE BOBBY WOLFF

Dear Mr. Wolff: Playing duplicate, should I have balanced with this hand after the opponents stopped at one no-trump?...

table before the opening lead is made. Is this habit sanctioned by the Laws?

Dumb Dummy, San Antonio, Texas

ANSWER: The Laws state that dummy should not expose any cards until after the opening lead is made. Why give the defenders information to which they are not entitled?

Dear Mr. Wolff: Is partner entitled to remind me where the lead is when I'm playing the dummy?

Greatie Remider, San Bernardino, Calif.

ANSWER: Yes, he is - provided, of course, that he has not forfeited his rights by looking at another player's cards.

Dear Mr. Wolff: I seem to hold more poor hands than my friends do. What are the odds against being dealt a Yarborough?

Bad Holder, Holt Springs, Ariz.

ANSWER: The odds against being dealt a Yarborough are about 1,827 to 1. Since today is Christmas, your luck is due for a change. Merry Christmas and best wishes to you and the rest of my readers.

Send puzzle questions to The Aces, P.O. Box 2163, Dallas, Texas 75221, with address, stamped envelope for reply.

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Had Viteri, Detroit, Mich

ANSWER: As a general rule, the one-club contract should be a low-level contract after the opponents have found a fit. The theory is: If they can make something with a trump fit, you and partner should have a fit of your own.

Can you specify case, I would not consider disturbing the one-club contract. The opponents have not found a fit, and it's obvious that your partner's long suit is hearts.

Dear Mr. Wolff: My LHO was dealing the blue deck when I remembered that it was my deal. Do I lose my turn to deal?

Lucky Louie, Ingersoll, N.J.

ANSWER: If you object before the first card is dealt, you get to deal. If you do not, you lose your turn.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Partner, when dummy, is in the habit of putting his trumps on the

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Clean self-contained Jet Light motorhome. 3 b'ed, sleeps 8. 500 to appreciate. 302 Jefferson. 732-5821, 92100. TRAILER BIDS: 1988 Premier 5th wheel, 21 ft. Trailer. Show Mary Lou for details. 733-4711, 8105. 1973 Sprinter 26' 5th wheel; 1970 Chevy PU in good shape, 68,000 miles, \$4,900. No phone. 500 to 534 4th Ave East, Gooding, D. Dunn. 324-5660.

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CLOSE OUT SALE!! *1988 Titan, 8'x 26', SIC, beautiful, like new, \$6,395. *1988 Western Wilderness, 9'x 20', SIC, new. West 11, 295, now \$9,995. Hurry while they last!

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127-Motor Homes

1975 Titan Class A, 28 ft. 5th wheel, roof air, 43,000 mi. Dodge. 440. \$7795. 733-6167.

128-Utility Trailers

Motorcycle trailer, holds 2 dirt bikes, factory. \$200. Call 733-1683.

Automotive

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141-Vans

1985 Ford 1/2 ton 4X4, PS, PB, AC, 4 speed, diesel, good shape. \$6000. Call 733-4515.

142-Import Sports Cars

1981 Audi 5000 turbo, fully loaded, 16,000 miles. Interior, chrome package, body-line, low mi. like new. Call 423-4747 after 5pm.

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092-Auctions

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For sale quality alfalfa hay, 1st cut and 2nd cut. Call 324-2873 or 324-5300. HEY, we haul hay & straw. 326-5889 or 326-3379. Need custom farming help? Check our Service Director, published in Times-News Classifieds.

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1300 gallon bulk tank, 12 tie up, tank washer, and compressor. \$2000. Call 733-7570. 600 gallon bulk tank, 12 tie up, bulk compressor, \$500. Call 530-2104.

104-Horses

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098-Farms For Rent

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099-Pastures For Rent

102-Cattle Choice open heifers, approximately 860 lbs. from eastern stock. 733-6494. Dan Wright Livestock Trans. 734-5407. For sale: Charmax 7 x 16 ft gooseneck, Charmax 7 x 18 ft gooseneck. Call 544-7534. 150 head black cows, 25 pairs. Call 634-5776.

104-Horses

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115-Farm Work Wanted

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Not everyone's home for Christmas

Jobs and lifestyles keep families apart even on this day of peace

By LORAYNE ORTON SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "Just to have all that noise and confusion on Christmas morning was so wonderful — and now there are just the two of us."

This lament of Connie Blacker, a relative newcomer to Twin Falls, is a generational twist on the cultural emphasis of wanting to be home for Christmas.

'You always miss going home for Christmas but eventually you develop your own traditions.'
— Mike Degerness, MVRMC paramedic

Usually it's young adults, in their first years' away from their parental home, who feel most keenly the separation from family this time of year.

Blacker doesn't yearn for her own parental home. Her heart will be in Lehi, Utah, where her six children and 17 grandchildren all live nearby and still gather under one roof for Christmas each year.

"All 30 of us always have Christmas breakfast, open presents and break a pinata," Blacker says. Some of the couples share their time with the other side of their family, but all of them spend most of the day together. "It's just wonderful," the grandma says.

But this year's festive confusion will go on without her, Blacker says she won't make the drive to join them because she's afraid of the weather.

Blacker and her new husband, Verl, whom she married at Thanksgiving, will just have two for breakfast.

"It makes me want to go out and drag in someone off the street," she says laughing.

DEVELOPING NEW TRADITIONS
"You always miss going home for Christmas but eventually you develop your own traditions," says Mike Degerness, one of the many Twin Falls residents who will be working today.

He is a paramedic at Magic Valley Memorial Hospital which, like hospitals everywhere, must maintain a regular staff on Christmas.

Police and fire departments are other places where Christmas is

just another working day. Most of the people with whom we spoke in these jobs simply adjust their celebration to their working schedules, as does Degerness.

"My family always had gift opening and most of the celebration Christmas Eve, so it's not a big change," he says.

Pat Koebner, who will put in her evening shift in the pediatrics department at MVRMC, says, "It's really great to work with the little ones on Christmas Day. You're sorry they have to be there, but it makes it special for me."

Hospital employees working today get a free Christmas dinner, says Rosemary Barta, of the Human Resources Department.

Most of the members of Company A of the Twin Falls Fire Department, who will be working Christmas for the second year in a row, are young men with families, says fireman Walt Roberts.

Leap year is the reason this company is working most holidays for two successive years, he says.

"And of all the years, Christmas is the one day you want to be with your family," he says.

'Basically it's just another day ... being with the family that day is not a necessity if you have the day before with them.'

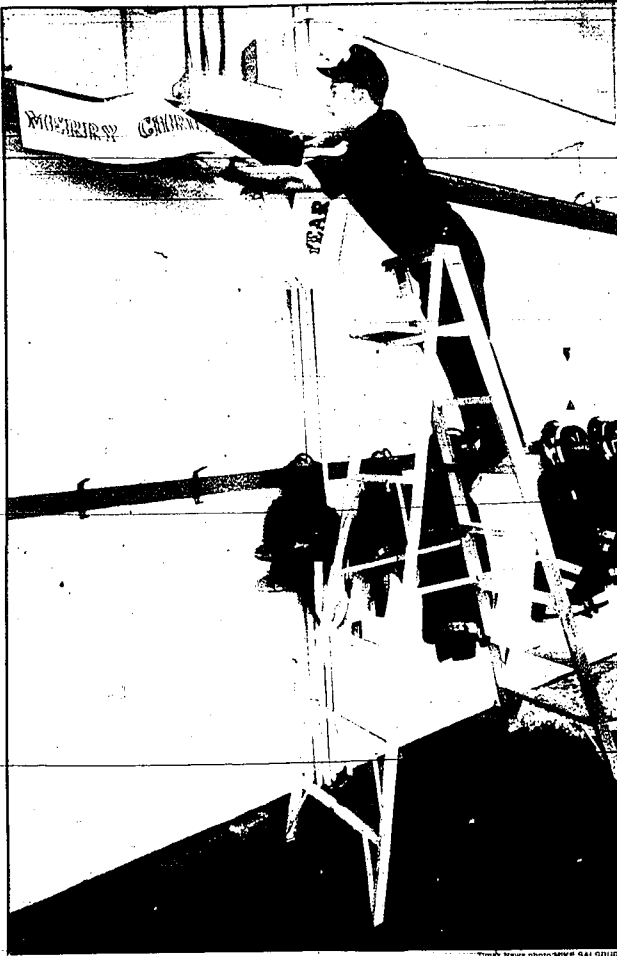
— Duane Tucker, TF Fire Dept.

"Basically it's just another day," says Duane Tucker, a hoseman and father of a 3-year old boy. But, he adds, philosophically, "being with the family that day is not a necessity if you have the day before with them."

A FAMILY OF FRIENDS
Having to work on Christmas Day, according to our highly unscientific survey, seems to cause less concern among married young adults with homes of their own, than young singles.

Sharing with friends is what saves the day for this population. Stephanie Hillins, a paramedic at MVRMC, will be experiencing her first Christmas away from her parental home, but loneliness will be eased by sharing it with friends.

Last year she got home for a week before Christmas, but this



Duane Tucker of the Twin Falls Fire Department will spend Christmas Day on duty

year was unable to get time off. "I'll miss seeing my nieces and nephews opening their gifts and seeing old classmates," she says of her family gathering in Elbin, N.D. But she will spend Christmas Eve with friends.

For Blaine Billman, a Twin Falls artist, who's been on his own for some 10 years, "my family is my friends."

He'll share Christmas Eve with

friends in Mountain Home and see his parents in Oklahoma other times of the year.

For new Americans like Mary Ann Vecinu and her husband, Emil, this will be "the happiest Christmas" they say, because they are in the United States. Both are employed as engineers in Twin Falls and struggling with English.

Asked about holiday traditions in her native Romania, Mary Ann

says the emphasis on family gatherings is similar, but "You have to look to the future."

However, depending upon their own background, many adults, single or with children of their own, cherish memories of their childhood Christmases.

"You always want to go back to where you spent those early Christmases," says Paula Hollifield, a

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Colonial Christmas wasn't like ours now

By FRANCES GRANDY TAYLOR
The Hartford Courant

The Christmas-card folks would like us to think that colonial Christmas in New England was a time of sleigh rides, celebration, warm family gatherings by the hearth and peace on Earth.

But the fact is the Puritans hated Christmas. They disliked it so much that at one point it was illegal to celebrate the holiday in colonial Massachusetts.

So much for nostalgia. Christmas in early America was quite different from the holiday we know today, according to Stephen Nissenbaum, professor of history at the University of Massachusetts. The settlers had never heard of Santa Claus, either.

The Puritans were very down on Christmas, Nissenbaum said. They were Bible literalists, and they quite accurately said that nowhere in the Bible is the date of Christ's birth mentioned, and there was no reason to think that it is on Dec. 25.

The Puritans and their Congregationalist descendants also were bothered by the boisterous street revelry that lasted for several weeks, which was the way the holiday was celebrated back home in England, said Nissenbaum, who has made a hobby of studying the social history of the origins of Christmas.

Christmas, for hundreds of years, until the 19th century, meant the whole Christmas season, probably from the end of November through New Year's, he said. "It was a period of general rowdiness. It involved a lot of reveling."

Christmas was the one season of the year when the poor felt they had a right to enter the houses of the wealthy and demand things from them, Nissenbaum said.

"In England, the notion of wassailing didn't only mean kids going around singing sweet Christmas carols. It came to mean that much later. What it really meant was the poor going to the houses of the wealthy and saying, 'Give us something.'"

"I feel they were also against it because it was a time of social disorder and rowdiness, and that as much as anything else was the reason for their (Puritans) feelings toward it," Nissenbaum said.

And if that were not enough, the holiday also has its roots in pagan practices that marked the end of the year.

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Good time of year to remember: 'Good will to all'

By LINDA COTTON
The Baltimore Evening Sun

Holiday perspective

OK. So maybe I am a little sensitive. When a letter writer offered the usual greeting of the season, "Peace on Earth, Goodwill Toward Men," I flinched. Men?

A colleague assured me I was overreacting. Men means women, too, he said.

That reminds me a little of doublespeak, and it always has. But I have found myself increasingly in the minority on this issue. So I was ready to succumb. Until I read the next letter, another glad Christmas tidings. The writer wanted to express her thanks to the members of the city police and fire departments, for unflinchingly saving us from ourselves and other disasters. "This special breed of men, endowed with such a strong sense of protection," she wrote, deserves sincere gratitude. That is true. But just men?

Surely the writer could not have meant that. But she did. I know because I called her. And I should have known it) she was at home. "No," she said. She did not mean to include women. She was angry, too. "These women who have these jobs," she snapped, "they should be home cleaning the house."

I had pondered the very same issue just that morning. Go to work and bring home the bacon, or stay in the kitchen and scrub the pan? Much as it stretches the imagination, swinging a Brillo pad full-time is a luxury most of us cannot afford.

There seems, nonetheless, this stubbornness in the American spirit — a longing to restore the black-and-white version of "It's a Wonderful Life" to its proper place as American reality. Ronald Reagan made us senti-

mental for the old days, when women were in the kitchen, pregnant with the baby boomers.

I think it has something to do with the chinking smokestack industries, dying a slow and painful death in every city in America; the fact that Japan owns half of Hawaii, that every leader in the Third World owns a condo in Manhattan and Mikhail Gorbachev wears Pierre Cardin shirts. The magic of the American economy has started to look like a boxed kit of colored handkerchiefs and paper flowers. Japan is the great Houdini.

It should by now have occurred to every American of every political persuasion that women in the work force are probably the only shot America has at restoring itself to its postwar economic eminence. There are not enough new male babies to take up the technological fight. The economy won't sustain a dad and a mom and two kids and dog

and a mini-van on a single paycheck, anyway.

Still, there is this persistent sigh of collective nostalgia that echoes through the language. For a lot of people, men does not mean men and women. It means men.

There are people, of course, who mean humanity when they say "mankind" and who are talking about female physicians as well as males when they say, "Ask your doctor for his advice." But there is no way of knowing the difference. And so, it doesn't exist.

Making a language change can sometimes be awkward. I know. Attempts to call waitresses and waiters "waitpersons" died on the vine because it was too hard to say after two martinis. Department chair sounded too much like office furniture. Sanitation engineer was altogether inappropriate for the men and women who came by the house, gloved and smelly, to dump the trash on a

truck that groans and belches as it pulls away.

It isn't necessary, though, to neuter and contort every noun like a pretzel. A simple "he or she" will do. Or any words that indicate we know that men and women are engineers, doctors, lawyers, writers, crane operators, teachers and secretaries. (Yes, it works both ways.)

Men and women are together in the work force at every level, a condition that is never going to change. You don't have to like it. But you can hardly deny it, either.

You may hate air travel, but you have to call a jet a jet when it is flying over your house.

So in the true spirit of the season, I recall the greeting that more than a decade ago held the promise of a new, more humane world and hope that this year it sticks: Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All.

Time to recognize those who make holidays joyous

Printed public words are not the most adequate means of expressing appreciation, but nevertheless as a longtime Twin Falls resident, I want to thank the dozens — probably hundreds — of men, women and children throughout Magic Valley who make Christmas more enjoyable for their communities.

They're the unsung heroes of the many public concerns and programs that brighten the season — from major community projects like Twin Falls Christmas in the Park to the most humble Sunday school program.

The "stars" of the major events are publicized, but their efforts would be meaningless without those



Lorayne O. Smith
Spotlight

who handle the fights, watch the children, bake the cookies and handle all the other behind the scenes detail.

There are, after all, the persons whose lighting displays bring so much pleasure, the many club members who helped with a Christmas project, plus untold individuals who assist Santa in some way.

It's such people who make Magic Valley a wonderful place to live —

all year-round.

And a final Christmas note. While preparing the story on people who won't be home for Christmas, we learned of a different kind of holiday celebration — at least different in Idaho.

The Rev. Steve Rukavina, priest at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls, can't spend Christmas with his family because this is a busy time for clergymen.

But on Thursday he'll go to Mackay where his family has a traditional get-together between Christmas and New Year's.

However, they won't have turkey or ham. The family barbecues a

whole pig over an open fire, a process that takes some 10 hours.

The pig has to be turned almost constantly and people come from town to his parents' place a mile from town to take turns rotating it, Rukavina says.

Most people know this custom is popular in Hawaii, but the priest says his family's practice is a Croatian tradition his grandfather brought from Yugoslavia.

In Hawaii a covered pit is used, but the Croatian tradition is to cook the pork over an open fire, he says.

Some 70 friends and relatives then gather in his parents' home to help eat the pig, served with head intact, along with sweet breads and Croatian potato salad.

They used to do this on Christmas Day, but since his siblings now have their own families, the barbecue is held mid-week between the holidays.

Raymond Robinson, son of Raymond and Teresa Robinson, Jerome, was one of 350 outstanding high school youths from throughout the country to attend the Fall 1988 National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C.

Robinson, who is Jerome High School student body president, has been selected as a Congressional Scholar, based on academic achievement, leadership and citizenship.

The youthful scholars met with

key leaders and newsmakers from the three branches of federal government, the media and with diplomatic corps during the six-day conference.

Rhonda Gerdes, Buhl, was crowned homecoming queen at Northwest Nazarene College, Nampa, where she is a senior.

A graduate of Gooding High School, she is scheduled to graduate from college in June 1989 with a major in compassionate ministries. She also is listed in "Who's Who in American College Students."

Judy Jones, Twin Falls, recently graduated from Guide Dogs for the

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Santa Claus provides answers to questions kids usually ask

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Here are some answers to children's questions of Santa Claus, provided by Ogden's temporary Santas.

Q: How does Santa get his sleigh off the mall?

A: He jacks it up, puts it on wheels, and rolls it to the door, where the reindeer take over.

Q: Why does Santa's car have Utah license plates when he lives at the North Pole?

A: St. Nick has to drive legally.

just like every else.

Q: Why didn't Santa visit my friend's house last year?

A: I didn't know what to say; it was like getting a kick in the head with a set of spurs.

Q: Who is the head elf?

A: They alternate so each one can get that valuable experience.

Q: What are the elves like?

A: They're wonderful little people who work hard.

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Blind, Inc., in San Rafael, Calif., following an intense in-residence training program for 24 blind students.

A self-proclaimed "domestic engineer," she leads a busy life caring for her husband, Chris, and 2-year-old daughter, Marie, with her new yellow Labrador retriever, Fila, at her side.

This is her second guide; her previous one, Janda, has received a deserved retirement after nine years of a devoted service.

Members of the South Idaho Association of Office Personnel donated cookies to nursing home residents. Members held the cookie exchange at the home of Nina Gonzales in Burley and secretaries from several school districts helped make up baskets which were then taken to local nursing homes.

The appointment was announced by Idaho Senators James McClure and Steve Symms.

Along with two high school student body officers from each state, Hanzel will spend Jan. 28-30, 1989, in the capital, observing federal government operations, particularly the Senate.

She was Idaho state winner of the American Legion oratorical contest for three years and was the only Idaho delegate to participate in the U.S.-U.S.S.R. youth summit last spring in Norfolk, Va.

She also was state winner in the

Misti Pond, Kimberly, will be included in the 1989 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emmet T. Pond, Kimberly, she is a senior mathematics major at the Arkansas College, Batesville, Ark.

National 4-H Congress public speaking contest, is yearbook editor and student council member, a cheerleader and president of her church youth group.

The Times-News welcomes items about area residents who receive honors and recognition.

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In the pre-Christian era, it was a season that marked the completion point in the year for an agricultural society, the time of the winter solstice. The harvest was in. It was a period of minimal work. There was meat and food that had to be consumed before it spoiled, and it was just a time of celebration," Nissenbaum said.

Centuries later, the Catholic church seems to have assimilated the pagan practices by giving those early rituals a Christian significance, he said.

St. Nicholas came to be associated with the Christmas season because St. Nicholas Day was Dec. 6. It was a bishop known for his generosity, who lived during the 4th century in Asia Minor.

about 800 years after his death, he became a cult figure in Europe, Nissenbaum said. "St. Nicholas has more churches named after him than any other saint in Europe."

The anti-Christian feeling in America began to fade by the early 19th century. New traditions such as decorating Christmas trees and hanging stockings were added as Irish and German immigrants arrived.

The evolution of Santa Claus also was beginning to take shape.

A little book called "The Children's Friend," published in New York in 1821, is believed to be the first to de-

scribe Santa Claus in a sleigh drawn by a single reindeer. He was slim and didn't look much like the contemporary Santa Claus, but no matter.

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all kinds. They started a movement to take a thing that was on the streets and put it in the home, to take something that lasted a month and have it last just one day," he said. "It was a lighthearted expression of something much more serious."

Nissenbaum said the role of social history in holiday customs is something that is often overlooked.

"These are the kinds of things not always looked at by historians of Christmas, who are much more interested in the rituals of the holiday," he said.

"I'm trying to explain the social reasons as to how the holiday has evolved the way it did."

Valley happenings

Women's Aglow to meet in library

JEROME — The Jerome Women's Aglow meets at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Library, First Avenue West and North Lincoln. Susan Burt, of World Ministry, Atlanta, Ga., will speak. Babysitting will be available at 325 East E. For more information call 343-1502.

Agency to hold guardian training

TWIN FALLS — South Central Community Action Agency's Guardian Altem program will hold training for new guardians Jan. 10-12 in the KMYT Community room. Sessions also are scheduled in the Heyburn city offices Jan. 19 and 26. For more information call Merelda at 733-3351 or 678-8404.

The Times-News welcomes notices of community events. Send to: "Valley Happenings," The Times-News, Box 548, Twin Falls, Id. 83403. Please include a telephone number where you can be reached."

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playe, was disappointed he couldn't get home this year to New York, but he is planning a "joyful celebration."

Before moving here last February, he spent 14 years in Salt Lake City where he "never was able to catch the Christmas spirit."

But this year he bought his first Christmas tree and sent cards for the first time.

Although at first skeptical of living in such a small city as Twin Falls, he says he has "really felt part of the community," citing things such as the Christmas in the Park services for contributing to his feeling of belonging.

And despite the sentimental importance attached to spending the day with one's family, artist Billman adds a cheerful perspective about maintaining good relationships at all times.

"It's a shame to wait for the holidays to do something we should be doing all year long."



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College of Southern Idaho instructor, whose parents still live in the same house where she grew up.

All her five siblings and their families will be with her parents, so they bridge the miles by phone.

"We visit and think of some crazy things that happened on past Christmases," she says.

Sometimes it's the parents who move, leaving young adult children geographically bereft at Christmas.

Judy Brownfield, Gooching, says Christmas will be good this year since her parents have moved from Boise to St. Paul, Minn., because of her mother's impending surgery.

The Idaho State School employee will instead spend Christmas with sisters in the Boise area.

CATCHING THE SPIRIT

Perhaps the much-desired "Christmas spirit" is more a state of mind than physical circumstances.

Bob Gilroy, a Port of Hope em-

The Bon Marche sends congratulations and best wishes to each bridal couple who has registered with The Bon Marche Bridal Registry, and we sincerely hope your future is full of happiness and good fortune.

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December 30	December 31
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John Arkoosh	Nick Baumert
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When grandma, grandson disagree, mom steps in

DEAR ABBY: While lurching with my 3-year-old grandson, he asked me a question that I answered while finishing a bite of food. Then he boomed, "You shouldn't talk with food in your mouth!"

His mother just looked at him and beamed her approval. Abby, don't you think she should have told the boy it would have been nicer for him to have whispered his comment into Grandma's ear instead of loudly calling attention to this small breach of etiquette on the part of his 7-year-old grandmother?

Please print this for thoughtful parents who preen at every word



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

their offspring utter:

HURT IN FRESNO
DEAR HURT: It confuses a 3-year-old to see an adult do something that he's been told he must not do. (Children learn from example.)

However, you're right: The mother was remiss to have approved of her son's booming reprinting of his grandmother without also stressing

that out of respect for his elders, in the future he should make such comments privately.

DEAR ABBY: Please help! The invitations are out. We are celebrating our parents' 50th wedding anniversary. We (their children) are giving them a lovely party. They are aware of it.

Abby, we were under the impression that our parents married in 1938. Now we find that they were married in 1939! (My mother was nearly five months pregnant on her wedding day.) I'm sure everyone in their families must know about it.

How can they face their families with this deception? How should we handle it? Thank you.

BETRAYED
DEAR BETRAYED: For goodness sake, do not give it another thought. The chances are that no one remembers it — if indeed they even knew it in the first place. Please don't tarnish your parents' golden wedding anniversary with negative thoughts. What was, was. And who cares? And who's counting?

DEAR ABBY: My heart aches when I read your repeated advice about thank-you notes. You applaud

disgruntled grandparents who give to charity in their grandchildren's names rather than give presents to "thankless" kids who never write thank-you notes.

Abby, I'd rather have the child give his stamp and stationery hug to charity. In this era of instant communication, many of us find the child's hug, delighted smile or precious voice on the telephone more than adequate appreciation for our gifts.

How are these punitive grandparents ever to win? Shall their grandchildren write notes of apology, promising to write thank-yous if Grandma will again send cash their way? Shall the proud grandchild remain silent and let Grandma go on

making assumptions as truly as yours, Abby, when you label the non-note-writers' "thankless"?

— MOLINE GRANDMOTHER
DEAR GRANDMOTHER: While a hug, a delighted smile or a precious voice on the phone is an adequate thank-you, a written thank-you, regardless of how messy, illegible and outrageous the spelling, has more value because it represents a little more time and effort — and can also be saved to be enjoyed for years to come. And usually is.

CONFIDENTIAL TO YOU: Deck the halls with mator balls! Have a wonderful holiday, but if you're drinking, don't drive, and if you're driving, don't drink.

Anniversaries

The Hobdeys

BLISS — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hobdey will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 60th wedding anniversary.

Friends and neighbors are invited to call from 2 to 6 p.m. at the Bard residence, 348 Spring Cove Road in Bliss.

Hobdey and Ethel Hansten were married Jan. 9, 1923. Since 1932 they have raised Hereford on their ranch north of Bliss. He was inducted into the Livestock Hall of Fame in 1973 and is still very active in the cattle industry.

The event is being given by their daughters, Mayvis Thompson and Lorna Bard, both of Bliss, along with their spouses.



Charles and Ethel Hobdey

The Morgans

KIMBERLY — Mr. and Mrs. John Morgan will be honored at an open house Friday for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and neighbors are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Cultural Hall in the Latter Day Saints Stake Center located 1 1/4 miles north of Kimberly.

Morgan and Veda Jensen were married Jan. 1, 1939 in Rupert.

He farmed in the Declo and Raft River areas and served three years in the U.S. Naval Air Service as a radio and radar technician during World War II. He was discharged in December of 1945. He retired from Amalgamated Sugar Company after 35 years of service in May of 1981.

She has been a leader in 4-H projects and has worked in cafes, laundries and variety stores. She also served as a substitute rural mail carrier in Kimberly for several years.

The Morgans are members of the



John and Veda Morgan

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Kimberly. They have resided in Kimberly for 40 years.

The event is being given by their daughter, Kaye Powell of Manhattan, Kan. and their four grandchildren.

The Fleenors

HOLLISTER — Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Fleanor of Hollister will be honored at an open house Thursday for their 40th wedding anniversary.



LeRoy and Maureen Fleanor

They have lived in the Hollister area for 40 years.

He has been self-employed as a school bus contractor for the Filer School District for the past 40 years.

She worked with her husband and has been the hot lunch supervisor for the school district for 20 years.

They have been active in the Hollister Presbyterian Church, bowling leagues, Hollister Grange and golfing.

The event is being given by their children Sue Fleanor, of California; Helen Brown, of Buhl; Katie Scott, of Buhl; Sally Williamson, of Filer; Debbie Anonson, Salt Lake City, Utah; John Fleanor of Twin Falls, and Jim Fleanor of Hollister.

The couple has 15 grandchildren.

The Humphrieses

JEROME — Chet and Helen Humphries will be honored at an open house Saturday in observance of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Jerome.

Humphries and Helen Miller were married Jan. 3, 1948, in Jerome.

They have lived here all their married life. He does custom farm work and she works at Fabricland in Twin Falls.

The event is being given by their children, LaJeann Humphries Kitchie, Madison, Wis.; Scott Humphries, San Marcos, Calif.; and Theo Lowe, Albuquerque, N.M. The couple has one granddaughter.



Chet and Helen Humphries

The Andersons

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Conrad E. Anderson of Twin Falls celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Thursday.

Anderson and Mildred C. Pederson were married Dec. 20, 1938 in Grand Island, Neb. They had lived in Nebraska, Kansas, Georgia, Virginia and in Twin Falls for the past 23 years.

They were both employed at Skyview and Hazeldel Manor and have been active in the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Their children, Ardith M. Schneider of Twin Falls, Ava R. Greene of Temple, Texas and John C. Anderson of Twin Falls honored their parents with a horse drawn carriage ride down Main Street Thursday evening. They arrived at the China Garden restaurant where they had a private family dinner.

Mrs. Schneider said they chose to honor their parents with a carriage

ride since the Pedersons traveled mostly by horse when they were first married. She added that her parents considered themselves fortunate to have a spring wagon since they lived five miles from their nearest neighbor and 25 miles from the nearest town.

The couple has six grandchildren.

Body Pillow enjoys new sales appeal

By the Knight-Ridder Service

In the tradition of the Pet Rock, the Mood Ring, the Salad Spinner and other Christmas gift oddities of yore comes the Body Pillow, a fluffy, six-foot-long bed accessory that has been mail-ordered by thousands since its introduction in late summer.

Originally designed for people with back support problems and pregnant women who need extra body support when they sleep, the pillow has rolled over into a new consumer category — companionship.

"We didn't think this would happen — it really is a serious pillow product — but it seems that some people are using it to, um ... fill up the space in their bed," says Jill Coughlin, products manager of the Company Store.

"Remember what it was like to cuddle up with your Teddy Bear? You just seemed to fall asleep faster and sleep more soundly then, didn't you?" says a caption under a press release photo of a sleepy, happy, young person clutching the pillow.

Available only through this Wisconsin mail-order company, which specializes in luxurious bed linens, the Body Pillow sports a 20 inch waist, is shaped to complement the contours of its human owner and comes with two choices of stuffing — European Goose down (\$139) and generic "prime" white waterfowl feathers (\$70).

Some buyers might view it as the perfect late '80s bed buddy for the busy single individual leery of commitment or disease.

It doesn't snore, doesn't ask for breakfast the next morning and can be physically altered with champagne or flesh-tone pillow cases.

Crossword puzzles pass 75 years of challenges

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — The coffee is brewed. The pencils are sharpened. The dictionaries are at the ready. For the six men gathered around the table at Little Gus' cafe on Lower Greenville, a daily ritual is about to begin. Since they first casually took on the checkered demon two years ago, the group has met here every weekday morning to try and beat it.

"What's a four-letter word for sea eagle?" one asks.

Two hours and two dozen cups of coffee later, another crossword puzzle bites the dust.

For three quarters of a century, crosswords have been eating erasers, decimating pencils and generally driving Americans — like the Little Gus gang — crazy. Whether you love them or hate them depends on how long it takes you to come up with a five-letter word for "it really takes you back" (recliner) or a four-letter word for a "Malaysian ox" (anaconda).

Or another word for sea eagle (tuna).

In honor of the puzzle's 75th anniversary this past Wednesday, the country's leading crossword authorities are creating a hall of fame.

But the crossword's 30 million fans in the United States have got to contend with some worrisome news.

Crossword readership is down in the past few years — a result, some puzzle reformers say, of the arcane language that has alienated younger potential solvers.

But while crossword constructors may not agree on the puzzle's future, they're awfully proud of its checkered past.

Puzzle editor Arthur Wynne published the first crossword puzzle, in the now-defunct New York World, on Dec. 21, 1913. (Wynne actually called it a word cross puzzle, but an absent-minded printer juxtaposed the words in the headline and the mistake stuck.)

But while Wynne created the puzzle, it was a secretary at the newspaper a decade later who made it a national pastime. In 1921, Margaret Pedbridge (later Margaret P. Farrar) was assigned the task of editing the World's crossword.

Under her guidance, the crossword puzzle became the talk of the country.

Fashion designers created clothes with black and white crossword patterns. Composers wrote songs about crosswords — one favorite:

"Crossword Momma, You Puzzle Me (But Papa's Going To Figure You Out.)" The American Railway Co. even put dictionaries in some of its cars to help traveling puzzle solvers.

Senior menus

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 616 Eastland Drive

Monday — Center closed
Tuesday — Cubed steak
Wednesday — Creamed chicken
Thursday — Baked potato bar
Friday — Oven fried fish
Saturday — Center closed
Sunday — Center closed

Monday — Center closed
Tuesday — Blood Pressure — 9 a.m. Massage Clinic — 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday — Bingo — 1 p.m.
Thursday — Crafts and quilting — 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Friday — Pinocle — 1 p.m.
Saturday — Phone grocery orders to Williams Foodtown
Sunday — Grocery Delivery
Monday — Pinocle — 1 p.m.
Tuesday — New Year's Eve dance — 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.
Wednesday — Center closed
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Monday — Closed
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Friday — Roast Beef
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Local homes needed for disabled adults

TWIN FALLS — Homes are needed for mentally retarded and other disabled adults who are making the transition from a state facility into the community.

Those who take these individuals into their homes will be paid under a new Personal Care Services program, says David Davis from the Adult/Child Development Center in Twin Falls.

Host families will have to meet certain established criteria, Davis says. For more information call 734-9773 or write the Adult/Child Development Center, 803 Harrison Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

'Freeze on Skis' to raise funds

TWIN FALLS — Summer returns on Jan. 1 — at least for New Year's Day.

Local water skiers will give the snow worshippers something to think about, as they take to the water in the second annual 'Freeze on Skis' fund-raiser.

The event, hosted by the Magic Valley Jaycees, is organized to raise money for the upgrading of Challenger Park, located at Shoshone Falls.

Started in 1986, the park has become increasingly popular with boaters and water skiers since it was carved out of the rocks and

woods.

Last New Year's Day, 17 skiers raised nearly \$2,000 by skiing the icy waters of the Snake River. By combining the money raised last year, along with anticipated revenue from this year's fund-raiser, promoters hope to install restroom facilities and a sprinkler system for the lawn and trees.

Any skiers interested in participating in this year's event can obtain sponsorship forms, along with all the icy details, by calling Dave Anderson at 733-7926, Bruce Barton at 733-3115, or John Rehman at 734-4978.

Somebody needs you

•Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens. Any time you have to give will be appreciated. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call Ann at the senior center, 734-6081.

•The Senior Companion Program at the College Southern Idaho is still recruiting volunteers for the next orientation session. Volunteers will be trained to assist homebound elderly. Applicants must be 60 plus and low income. Benefits include a modest tax-free stipend (wage), travel reimbursement, an annual physical, meals and accident and liability insurance. Benefits in no way jeopardize eligibility for other assistance. Call Marcie or Shirley at

734-7583 for information.

•The Refugee Center needs pillows, sheets, towels, pots, pans, kitchen utensils, bicycles in working condition, but most especially blankets. Volunteers are needed to transport refugees to and from English classes Mondays through Thursdays. If you can transport or donate please phone 734-9681 or take items to 260 Fourth Ave. East.

•Volunteers are needed to work with handicapped persons, to do clerical work or to assist adults with ceramics. Please phone RSVP office for information — 734-7683.

•Family Children Service is looking for a foster parent for a home, less 16 year old. Call Pharis Stanger

734-5700.

•If you are 60 or more, your knowledge and skills are needed. The Retired Senior Volunteer Program invites you to help others and get involved in your community as a volunteer. RSVP can help you find the volunteer opportunity that's ideal for you. Call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program, RSVP, at 734-7583.

This public service column is designed to match needs in the community with volunteer help. If you need a volunteer, call Rosemary Evans at the College of Southern Idaho, 734-7583, to have it appear in this column.

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Weddings

Engagements

Anderson-Francis

TWIN FALLS — Mitzi R. Anderson and Merle W. Francis were married Oct. 8 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls.

Officiating was the Rev. Gary Buedix. Ken Hill was the organist.

The bride is the daughter of Dan and Charlene Anderson of Twin Falls and parents of the bridegroom are Merle L. Francis of Twin Falls and Arlene Francis of Spokane, Wash.

Mynde Anderson, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor with Janet Craven serving as bridesmaid. Michelle Groves, cousin of the bride, was trainbearer and Brenda Muhs, niece of the bridegroom, was flower girl.

Jerome Ficus, uncle of the bridegroom, served as best man and Leroy Ficus was groomsmen. Ushers were Joe Norris, Toby Groves and Brett Groves. Jostyn Anderson, brother of the bride, was ringbearer.

Special guests included grandparents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Anderson and Mrs. Eus Groves, and grandmother of the bridegroom, Gladys Martin, all of Twin Falls.

A reception was held following the ceremony. Serving were Jacki Groves, Nancy Groves, Kathy Groves, Sandra Muhs and Janell Francis. Julie Nale attended the guestbook. Gift attendants were Mary Ann Groves, Jerred Jesser, Brad Myers, B.J. Myers, Becky Groves and Chris Groves.

The bride is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and attended the College of Southern Idaho. She is employed at Smith, Walsh, Clark and Gregoire Attorneys in Great Falls, Mont.

The bridegroom, a graduate of North Central High School in Spokane, works as a security police officer in the Air Force.

The newlyweds reside in Great Falls, Mont.



Mitzi and Merle Francis

Liftner-Shotwell

TWIN FALLS — Cornelia Liftner and David Shotwell were married Nov. 27 at the First Baptist Church in Twin Falls.

Officiating was Gil Meyers. Evelyn Cates, aunt of the groom, was pianist. Julie Overacre was soloist and Amy Cates played prelude music on the piano and flute.

The bride is the daughter of Hsa Nilton of San Diego and parents of the bridegroom are Dick and Jody Shotwell of Twin Falls.

Suzie Nagel, of Germany, served as the bride's matron of honor. Bridesmaids included Karen Shotwell, sister of the groom.

Steve Shotwell, brother of the groom was the best man.

Special guests included the bride's mother and the bridegroom's grandmothers, Inez Allard of Pocatello and Maude Shotwell of Twin Falls.

An open house was held at the home of the newlyweds.

The bride is a graduate of San Diego State University and is employed at the Rock Creek restaurant.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Colorado State University and is employed at Shotwell, Inc.

The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.



David and Cornelia Shotwell

Spahr-Doxey

FILER — Kenneth and Patricia Spahr of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Stacie Spahr, to Alan Ashley Doxey, son of Blaine and Susan Doxey of Filer.

Spahr, a graduate of Capital High School, Boise, attends the College of Southern Idaho.

Doxey, who graduated from Soda Springs High School, also attends CSI. He works for Triangle Young Dairy.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 18.

Kaba-Baumert

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Tim Leiva of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter Shawn Diane Kaba to Nick Baumert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Baumert also of Twin Falls.

Kaba is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho.

Baumert is also a Twin Falls High School graduate and is also attending CSI.

The wedding is planned for Dec. 31 at the First Christian Church in Twin Falls.



Shawn Kaba and Nick Baumert

Christmas is that time...

CHICAGO (AP) — Susan and Shaun McMillin thought the loss of a purse containing \$1,250 in cash would mean a bleak Christmas, but a good Samaritan returned the purse and all the money.

And the woman who found the purse in the street near the McMillins' home refused to give her name or to accept a reward.

"I couldn't believe it," Mrs. McMillin said. "She brought my purse back to me and every cent was in there. She even apologized for going through my purse to find some identification."

The woman told Mrs. McMillin she was running errands and saw the purse wide open on the ground with several dollar bills sticking out.

"Christmas would have been ruined," said Mrs. McMillin, who had lost the purse while taking money from her husband's business to a bank. "My husband was already talking about taking back my presents."

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Year-end

Top news stories of 1988: USS Vincennes, Olympics, shuttle

By The Associated Press

For one U.S. naval captain, the Persian Gulf became the site July 3 of a split-second decision with tragic consequences.

As Capt. Will Rogers' guided-missile cruiser, the USS Vincennes, exchanged fire with Iranian speedboats, Iran Air Flight 655 appeared on the U.S. warship's high-tech radar. Mistaken reports said the aircraft appeared to be descending and accelerating, as if attacking it. In an effort to respond to warnings on civilian and military channels...

Rogers gave the order to fire. The decision, he later said, was in defense of his ship and crew. But what Rogers feared was an Iranian F-14 fighter actually was an Airbus A300 with 290 people aboard, all of whom died.

The Reagan administration deferred the decision but also decided to compensate the victims' families. Among the dead: a woman flying with her eight children to meet her husband; an Iranian couple flying to Dubai to shop for a daughter's wedding.

Three days later, a North Sea oil and gas platform exploded, killing 167 men in the world's worst-ever oil-field disaster and creating another list of private tragedies. A bride of a few weeks became a widow; a teenager who had worked offshore only a few days died, as did a man who had volunteered to return to work a week early.

AIDS killed its 15,000th American victim. More than 7,000 researchers from 140 countries gathered in Sweden, where they examined 3,200 reports on the fatal disease and agreed they had made little progress toward treatment or cure.

In the United States, a new AIDS case was being reported every 14 minutes, for a total of more than 30,000 in 1988. New York City began a needle exchange program to try to curb the disease's spread among needle-sharing drug addicts.

Drug use overshadowed the Summer Olympics in Seoul, where Canadian sprinter Ben Johnson lost his gold medal, his 9.79 world record in the 100-yard dash and millions in endorsements when tests showed he had used muscle-building anabolic steroids.

The Winter Olympics in Calgary, Alberta, produced heroes who won no medals. Speed skater Dan Jansen became the world's Heartbreak Kid with his decision to compete — and his subsequent fall — hours after his sister's death.

As winter turned to spring, the fickle weather that had delayed ski and sled events in Calgary became devastating drought across America, baking the nation's farmland and turning the mighty Mississippi into a muddy mess impassable for weeks. Crops and profits shriveled in the fields as grain production dropped by one-third, but the farmer got some help from Congress — \$3.9 billion in drought relief.

There was little relief on the other side of the world as floods submerged three-fourths of Bangladesh, stranding at least 20 million people who were forced to eat raw food and drink contaminated water. As if the tiny country had not suffered enough, cyclones later killed thousands.

Hurricane Gilbert blasted across Jamaica, bounced off the Cayman Islands and careened toward Texas,

but the U.S. coast was spared in the end. All told, the storm caused billions of dollars in damage, mostly to Jamaica and Mexico, where more than 200 people died.

In the skies, there were tragedies, triumphs and a couple of miracles. A collision by three jets trying to create an aerial valentine at an air show in West Germany killed 70 people. An explosion of a military plane killed Pakistan President Mohammed Zia ul-Haq and 28 others, changing that country's destiny. Benazir Bhutto became prime minister, the office once held by her father, deposed and hanged by Zia 11 years ago.

The roof of a Hawaiian island-hopping Boeing 737 ripped away like a can under an opener, but the plane landed safely, with only one death. In a Delta crash at Dallas, 13 people died, but 95 survived what early reports called a "non-survivable" accident.

And millions held their breath as the space shuttle Discovery readied for launch, the first since the Challenger disaster 32 months earlier. On the ground at Cape Canaveral, space veteran Robert Crippen made the final decision to go.

A relieved nation cheered as the shuttle safely passed the point where the Challenger had exploded.

"Each one of us knows where our place in the future is, where America should be — it's in space," Discovery astronaut David C. Hilmers said. "So let's... make this adventure happen again and again and again."

Trapped whales grab world attention

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — Maybe the local food was too good. Or maybe they were too young to know better. For whatever reason, in mid-October three malingering whales became trapped in Alaska's arctic ice — and caught in the camera eye of the world.

Barrow was the first to spot the three California gray whales, ringed by encroaching ice off Barrow on Alaska's northern coast.

The Eskimo whaling captain could have gone for the easy kill. But he wanted to help fill Barrow's whale quota with bowheads, larger animals. He passed the grays by. His hunting instincts told him, however, it wasn't right to let them suffer. He sought advice from his fellow whalers, and they sought the advice of the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Ron Morris, a service biologist, was in Barrow discussing the matter with the Eskimos when he learned

that the key decision had already been made. Word came from Washington that he should do everything possible to save the whales.

The two-week rescue effort that followed captured the world's imagination, and cost more than \$1 million.

Day after day, rescuers tried untested techniques for freeing the 20,000-pound animals. Finally, the combined efforts of the Eskimos, U.S. government agencies and two Soviet icebreakers got two of the whales to open water, where they presumably resumed their migration toward Baja California. The third whale died midway through the rescue effort.

The debate over the decision to save the whales still rages.

Through letters to the editor and other forums, ordinary citizens have complained that the rescue money could have been used to feed the hungry.

'Rabbit,' 'Faith' among '88 winners

By The Associated Press

Here is a look at some of the winners of '88:

TOP GROSSING MOVIE
"Who Framed Roger Rabbit," a Disney film directed by Robert Zemeckis and starring Bob Hoskins and a host of animated characters called "toons."

TOP VIDEOCASSETTE (RENTALS)
"Dirty Dancing," from Vestron Video. (Source: Billboard magazine.)

TOP VIDEOCASSETTE (SALES)
"Lady and the Tramp," from Walt Disney Home Video. (Billboard magazine.)

TOP RECORD ALBUM
"Faith" by George Michael on Columbia Records. (Billboard magazine.)

TOP SINGLE RECORD
"Faith" by George Michael on Columbia Records. (Billboard magazine.)

TOP BROADWAY SHOW
"The Phantom of the Opera." The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical has sold out since it opened last January, grossing \$27.54 million for the year. By New Year's Eve, 667,896 people will have seen the show at the Majestic Theater.

MOST-WATCHED TELEVISION PROGRAM (INDIVIDUAL)
Super Bowl XXII on Jan. 31, when 110 million people tuned in to watch the Washington Redskins defeat the Denver Broncos.

MOST-WATCHED TELEVISION SERIES
Perennial favorite "The Cosby Show" took top series honors for the third straight year.

MOST EXPENSIVE TELEVISION PRODUCTION
NBC spent \$440 million to broadcast the Summer Olympics.

HIGHEST PAID ATHLETE
Michael Jordan, of the NBA Chicago Bulls is making \$2.7 million, in straight pay, for this season.

RICHEST MAN IN AMERICA
Sam Moore Walton, founder of the rapidly growing Wal-Mart discount store chain, remained the nation's richest man. Forbes magazine estimated his fortune was \$6.7 billion as 1988 began.

RICHEST MAN IN THE WORLD
Toskiaki Tsutsumi, a Japanese real estate developer, is worth an estimated \$18.9 billion, according to Forbes.

HIGHEST CORPORATE SALARY
Michael D. Eisner, chairman of Walt Disney Co., was the year's best-

compensated executive. Business Week's preliminary estimate put Eisner's earnings from stock options at more than \$24 million, which would push him above the \$30 million mark if he takes home anything close to the \$6.7 million in salary and bonuses he got in 1987.

MOST EXPENSIVE PAINTING
"Acrotch and Young Harlequin" by Pablo Picasso sold for \$38.46 million, a record for a 20th-century work and the third most expensive painting on the all-time list. It was auctioned by Christie's in London on Nov. 28.

HIGHEST SAVINGS
Japanese per-capita savings were \$38,439 at the end of 1987, an increase of \$11,136 from the previous year, according to a study released by the International Savings Banks Institute.

TOP-SELLING AUTOMOBILE
The top-selling car in the United States was the Ford Escort, with sales of 381,330 units in the 1988 model year. Its price ranged from \$6,747 to \$9,093 plus options.

TOP SELLING VEHICLE
The best-selling vehicle in the United States was Ford's F-series light truck, with sales of 588,452 units. The price on the truck ranged from \$9,676, for a two-wheel-drive standard cab, to \$15,734 for the four-wheel-drive, extended cab model, plus options.



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Year-end

Louis L'Amour, Billy Carter among those who died in 1988

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They explored the cosmos and peered into the inner space of atoms. They built racing cars and football teams and nations. They wrote tellingly of man's fate, and entertainingly of mankind's fantasies. They made the world sing and dance and laugh. And then they departed.

Here is a look back, month by month, at some who died in 1988:

JANUARY
"PISTOL PETE" MARAVICH, the floppy-haired British star of stage and screen, whose most famous role was in the 1946 film "Brief Encounter." At age 71.

GREGORY "PAPPY" BOYINGTON, World War II flying ace who shot down 28 Japanese planes and led the renowned "Black Sheep" squadron. At age 75.

ISIDOR ISAAC RABI, Nobel prize-winning physicist who helped develop atomic energy during World War II and spent the post-war years trying to control it. Age 89.

ANDREI ARTUKOVIC, "Butcher of the Balkans," official of Yugoslavia's Nazi puppet government in World War II, extradited from the United States and convicted in Yugoslavia of ordering thousands of prisoners killed. Died in prison at age 88.

FEBRUARY
HEATHER O'ROURKE, actress who played the angelic child kidnapped by angry spirits in the movie "Poltergeist." Died following what was thought to be a bout with the flu, at age 12.

MARCH
HARRIS GLENN MILSTEAD, known as Divine, the bizarre female impersonator who starred in such films as "Pink Flamingos" and "Hair-spray." At age 42.

ANDY GIBB, brother to the Gibb of the Bee Gees rock group and a solo pop star in his own right. At age 30, apparently of a heart inflammation caused by a virus.

ROBERT JOFFREY, choreographer who founded a dance troupe on a shoestring and built it into the Joffrey Ballet, one of the top U.S. dance companies. At age 57.

APRIL
ALAN PATON, South African author whose novel "Cry the Beloved Country" opened the world of apartheid to the world beyond South Africa. At age 85.

KHALIL AL-WAZIR, known as Abu Jihad, senior PLO commander and Yasser Arafat's closest aide. Assassinated in Tunisia, reportedly by an Israeli commando squad. At 52.

MAY
HAROLD "KIM" PHILBY, the most damaging double agent in modern history, who for almost three decades spied for the Soviets from the heights of British intelligence. He died a decorated KGB officer in Moscow, at 76.

JUNE
LOUIS L'AMOUR, one of America's most prolific storytellers, whose frontier tales of gunfighters, lawmen and drifters enthralled millions of readers from waitresses to presidents. At 80.

MILDRED GILLARS, known during World War II as Axis Sally, was convicted of treason for her propaganda broadcasts for Nazi Germany. Taught music to kindergartners after serving 12 years in prison. At 87.

JULY
JACKIE PRESSER, Teamsters president who led the union back to the mainstream of organized labor but extended its reputation for corruption with his own indictments for racketeering and embezzlement. At age 61, before he could be tried on these charges.

AUGUST
ANNE RAMSEY, whose grotesque character "Momma" in "Throw Momma From the Train" won her an Oscar nomination and a following in the twilight of her career. Of throat cancer at 59.

ENZO FERRARI, former auto racer who became Italy's greatest sports car builder. At 90.

MOHAMMED ZIA'UL-HAQ, president of Pakistan and strong U.S. ally. Killed in a plane crash that also took the lives of the U.S. ambassador and 28 others. Age 64.

ART ROONEY SR., a beloved founding father of the NFL who bought the Pittsburgh Steelers in 1932 with \$2,500 and watched them struggle for 40 years before they won

four Super Bowls in the 1970s. At 87.

SEPTEMBER
BILLY CARTER, President Carter's beer-puzzling good ol' boy younger brother, who alternately amused and dismayed Americans with his escapades, opinions and "Billy Beer." At age 51 of cancer.

OCTOBER
FRANZ JOSEF STRAUSS, controversial German right-wing state governor who upstaged federal chancellors to leave his mark on world af-

airs. At 73.
JOHN HOUSEMAN, who with Orson Welles produced the famous radio version of "War of the Worlds," and later gained fame and an Oscar for his role as the imperious law professor Charles W. Kingsfield in "The Paper Chase." Age 86.


NOVEMBER
JOHN MITCHELL, the former attorney general who authorized the Watergate break-in and went to prison for conspiring to cover up the

scandal in his friend Richard Nixon's White House. At 75.
CHRISTINA ONASSIS, heiress to the billion-dollar fortune of Greek shipping tycoon Aristotle Onassis. Her stormy romances and huge fortune made her an international celebrity. Of an apparent heart attack at age 37.

CARL HUBBELL, Hall of Fame baseball pitcher who won 253 games and is best remembered for his consecutive strikeouts of five future Hall-of-Famers in the 1934 All-Star

Game. At 85.
JOHN CARRADINE, patriarch of an American acting family, who appeared in more than 500 films, including "Stagecoach" and "The Grapes of Wrath." At age 82.

DECEMBER
ROY ORBISON, the rock 'n' roll pioneer who made the charts with such 1960s hits as "Oh, Pretty Woman" and "Only the Lonely," and who recently was enjoying a comeback. At 52 of a heart attack.



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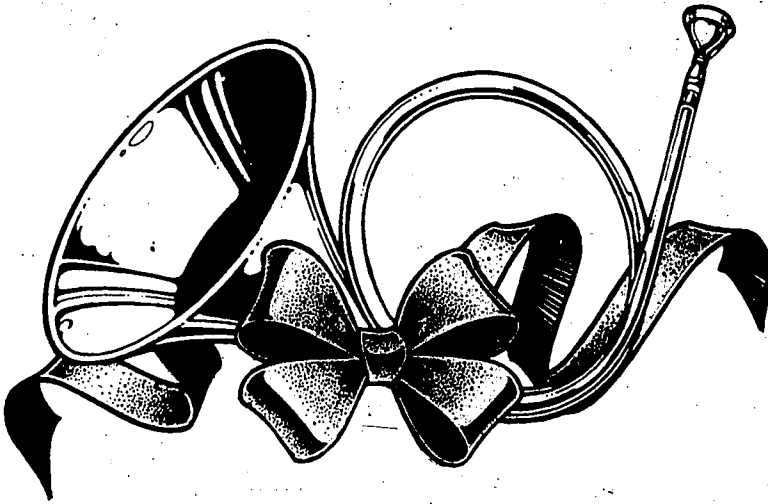
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
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
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
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
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