

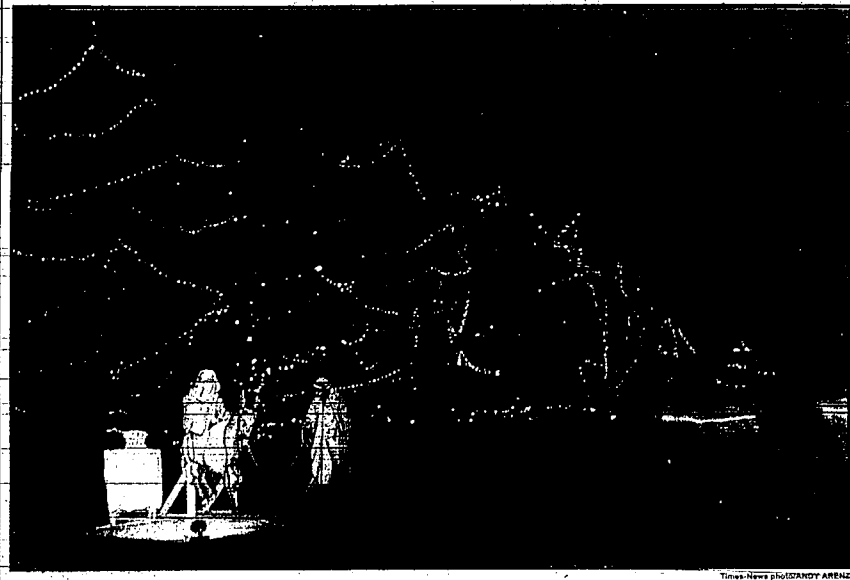
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Visitors driving through the Anderson campground are greeted by thousands of lights and Biblical Christmas characters

RV park converts to Christmas wonderland

By MARK KIND Times-News writer

EDEN — Thousands of years separate Eden from Bethlehem in Scripture, but Ruth Anderson has brought them within a few miles of each other in southern Idaho.

She has converted a 105-campsite RV park, alongside I-84, to a drive-through Magic Valley Christmas Pageant. It is a still-life pageant, composed of about 40,000 twinkling lights and 32 painted wood silhouettes that depict the Biblical story of Christ's birth.

"It's kind of a few minutes away from any stress to think about the birth of Christ and the true meaning of Christmas," she explained.

Featured are shepherds, wise men, camels, sheep, angels, a donkey and the Holy Family. Each of the figures was cut from sign board by Anderson and painted by Kimberly artist Gary Stone. Spotlights illuminate the figures.

Each evening at dusk, cars begin appearing at the campground. They meander through several acres of lighted pine trees as prerecorded Christmas carols sing from hidden speakers. Eventually they reach a lane where blue lights gradually give way to stary-white lights surrounding the nativity scene.

Some nights, live singers provide the background music. "Alongside the stable in Anderson's miniature Bethlehem is a shelter where small groups may sing.

"I think it would be really good for families to come out and do that together," Anderson said. Interested groups should call to set up a date to sing, she said.

Although Anderson said the project has cost her and her family "thousands of dollars" and hundreds of hours in labor, there is no admission charge.

"I felt like Christmas is sometimes too commercialized," she said. "I thought that everyone could come out and drive through and it doesn't cost a thing."

United Way seeks funding solutions

Fierce blows, subtle trends put Magic Valley arm at crossroads

Editor's note: This story is the first of two parts.

By JULIE FANSELOW Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "Is the United Way of Magic Valley missing the boat? I don't know. That's why we need input."

With those words in a Times-News interview a few weeks ago, campaign chairman Dan Brizez set in motion a process that people both inside and outside the United Way hope will shed light on the future of the Magic Valley's best-known fund-raising operation.



COLIN RANDOLPH

Colin Randolph, director of career placement and planning at the College of Southern Idaho, will lead a needs assessment survey for the United Way. In addition to conducting a survey, Randolph says he hopes to hold community forums that will give people a chance to discuss the United Way.

"If the community dumps a quarter of a million dollars in our laps, we want input on what they want us to do with it," he says.

The idea for a needs assessment has been on the United Way's back burner for years. But this organization has been buffeted this past year by fierce blows and subtle trends that have served to place the United Way at a crossroads.

The organization faces twin problems: Inability to reach its current goal (\$275,000 this year) and a loss of support among many in the community that the goal itself is too small to meet the area's needs.

Sandy Thomas, who served as the United Way's executive director for 10 years until resigning in 1988, says the needs assessment is an excellent idea.

The extent of the survey isn't as important as the fact it will be done at all, she adds, noting, "Doing nothing is worse."

So far, Randolph's assignment has no clear direction: He will meet with the United Way board this week to explore avenues the assessment might take. Plans are to complete the assessment process by next fall.

Randolph — who also serves as an adjunct faculty member at CSI, teaching marketing and business ethics classes for Lewis-Clark State College — agreed to volunteer for the task mainly, he explains, "because

United Way campaign tops \$200,000 — E1

United Way wants ideas

TWIN FALLS — Do you have ideas on how the United Way of Magic Valley could improve its operations?

The organization is seeking suggestions as it begins its needs assessment survey. Interested people can mail comments and suggestions to the United Way office, 219 Second St. W., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

I'm a curious person as to why people do what they do."

Although it appears that the publicity surrounding last fall's embezzlement of United Way funds hasn't crippled this year's campaign, safeguards put into place to prevent future pilferage have strapped the organization's budget.

The United Way placed last year's losses to embezzlement at \$9,692. In a plea bargain arrangement, former bookkeeper Paula Hyvens pleaded guilty to stealing \$3,241.

The United Way budgets are proposed for 1990. One would set operating costs at 21.86 cents per dollar, with a \$250,000 campaign goal. Those costs include \$2,500 for an audit — which Brizez says is a step necessary to guard against losses.

The other, which would per operating levels to 17.74 cents per dollar with the same \$250,000 goal, includes no audit.

"An operating cost of 20 percent represents a threshold many in the United Way feel should not be topped.

"We need to constantly be aware of how the community perceives us," says Brizez. "Once we go over some magical percentage, we are perceived in the community as overstepping our bounds."

But Phil Tostel, who will succeed Brizez as campaign chairman next year, cautions against putting too much emphasis on a percentage formula.

"In a small community like this, you have fixed costs you incur regardless of what your size is," he says.

"You can't limit yourself to running a campaign on a percentage of what your revenue is. If you don't satisfy these costs, you won't succeed in your campaign," he adds.

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American soldier shot to death in Panama

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama — A U.S. soldier was fatally shot Saturday night as he and four other American servicemen tried to flee a crowd of Panamanian troops and civilians, U.S. Southern Command spokesman reported.

Col. Ronald Sconyers said four American soldiers in civilian clothes were stopped by about 40 civilians and five Panamanian Defense Forces troopers as they were driving by the Defense Forces headquarters of Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega at 9:05 p.m. The spokesman said the crowd tried to pull the Americans out of the car, and as the U.S. soldiers drove off shots were fired at the car, wounding one of the Americans. He said the other U.S. servicemen were not injured.

The wounded American was taken to the U.S. military's Gorgas Hospital where he died, Sconyers said. He did not identify the victim pending notification of his relatives.

Civilians living in the district around the Defense Forces building, the headquarters of Noriega, had reported sporadic shooting.

They said troopers of the Machos del Monte Battalion that backed Noriega in an attempted coup Oct. 3, were in position outside the Defense Forces headquarters.

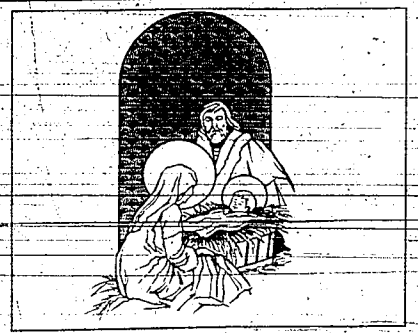
The television channel of the U.S. Southern Command announced that a "Delta" alert was in effect, restricting U.S. military personnel to their bases. That alert was ordered during the October revolt by a small group of Defense Forces personnel.

A government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Noriega, who was declared Panama's chief of government Friday, was not in the headquarters and was in the western province of Chiriqui.

In appointing Noriega chief executive, the rubber-stamp legislature said the action was necessary because Panama was in a "state of war" with the United States. It based the state-of-war declaration on previous economic sanctions imposed on Panama in an effort to force Noriega to step down.

Noriega had been Panama's de facto ruler as commander of the Defense Forces.

The general, who is under indictment on drug-trafficking charges in the United States, thwarted the Oct. 3 coup attempt when loyal troops came to his support after he was trapped and held hostage by the rebels for several hours.



Christmas in the Park

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls High School Chamber Singers will perform at 5:30 p.m. tonight in City Park.

The program will be the third in the four-part Christmas in City Park advent series.

The Hobbes family — Kamie, Michelle, Heather, Natalie, and Jason — will perform on Christmas Eve.

Colombia tightens security after drug lord killing

The Associated Press

BOGOTA, Colombia — The government has drastically tightened security to guard against retaliation by drug traffickers angered by the killing of one of the top cocaine cartel leaders, an official said Saturday.

Police shot and killed Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, 42, during a raid Friday on his hideout on Colombia's northern coast.

Military officials stationed armored cars along several of Bogota's main avenues and beamed up army checkpoints. Police and army troops remained on alert as President Virgilio Barco consulted with his security advisers.

"Naturally we've taken security measures to prevent any kind of retaliation," Interior Minister Carlos Lemos said in a radio interview.

The head of Colombia's investigative police, Gen. Miguel Maza Marquez, told a news conference late Friday that terrorism might even increase as a result of Rodriguez Gacha's death. He called the killing a setback for the government, but said the drug war was far from won.

Bush 'delighted' — A3

Officials blame traffickers for 203 bombings that have killed 199 people since a drug lord declared "total war" on the government last August in retaliation for Barco's policy of extraditing drug suspects to the United States.

Maza said authorities are pursuing Colombia's top drug baron, Pablo Escobar, with renewed optimism after their success in tracking down Rodriguez Gacha, who had been considered among Colombia's most ruthless criminals.

At Marigot, St. Martin, President Bush on Saturday hailed the Colombian government's action as a "courageous effort."

"I was delighted yesterday when the Colombian government brought to my attention that I think the man who is ranked the third most prominent narcoterrorist in Colombia — Mr. Gacha," Bush said during a news conference after meeting in the Caribbean with French President Francois Mitterrand.

Earlier in the week, Bush announced he would travel to Colombia next year for a drug summit despite security concerns. The United States has backed the Colombian crackdown on drug traffickers.

Also Saturday, White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater, returning from the Caribbean with Bush, said the president did not make a telephone call to Barco to congratulate him after the

shootout. A spokesman for the presidential palace told The Associated Press on Friday that Bush had made such a call.

Authorities revealed new details Saturday of the non-bombing that killed the death of Rodriguez Gacha, his 17-year-old son Freddy, and five bodyguards near the port of Covenas, 360 miles north of Bogota.

The manhunt began last month after a raid on one of Escobar's hideouts, according to a communique released by the Suarez state police, whose members participated in the search.

Police said Escobar was on his farm near Coema, 125 miles north of Bogota, when they raided it Nov. 22. Escobar escaped, but police found documents that gave them information about Rodriguez Gacha's movements, the communique said.

Authorities tracked the trafficker to a rural area between Covenas and the town of Tolu.

The communique said a police helicopter spotted Rodriguez Gacha and his entourage fleeing in a truck.

Initially they wanted to shelter themselves on a farm called Tolugas, the communique said. "Later they split up, fled to different sites, and attacked police following them with grenades and firearms."

The communique said police were forced to shoot back, killing all seven of the suspects. Rodriguez Gacha's body was found gripping a sub-

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Briefly

Actor Van Cleef dies of heart attack
OXNARD, Calif. (AP) — Actor Lee Van Cleef, whose steely eyes and hawklike features won him a long career portraying arch-villains in western movies, died early Saturday, apparently of a heart attack, authorities said. He was 64.

Van Cleef's film break came when he was cast as one of four desperadoes faced down by Gary Cooper in the 1952 movie "High Noon." He became a familiar gunlinger in so-called spaghetti Westerns made by Italian director Sergio Leone, including "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly."

Marines trade gunfire with smugglers
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A Marine unit accompanying U.S. Border Patrol agents in Arizona exchanged gunfire with horse-raiding drug smugglers near the Mexican border Wednesday night, Defense Department officials said Saturday.

Nobody was killed or injured during the half-hour skirmish in U.S. territory just over the border from Nogales, but the Border Patrol captured one horse and 537 pounds of marijuana, officials said.

Killing

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The owner of the boat later told police of the trafficker's whereabouts in an effort to earn the \$581,000 reward offered by the government for information leading to his capture, La Prensa said. It identified its source as Silvio Cohen, a correspondent for Barranquilla's El Heraldo newspaper.

El Tiempo, Colombia's leading daily, quoted a police official as saying authorities had acted on information provided by farmers in the area.

A Bogota police spokesman, reached by telephone, said he could neither confirm nor deny any of the versions.

La Prensa reported that Rodriguez Gacha killed himself with a hand grenade after being surrounded by police, but an official coroner's report said Rodriguez Gacha and the

other men died from bullet wounds to the head and body.

Rodriguez Gacha was the second most important leader of the Medellin cartel, which together with a rival group from the southern city of Cali is responsible for 80 percent of the cocaine sold on U.S. streets.

The other cartel boss was Escobar and Jorge Luis Ochoa.

Rodriguez Gacha was perhaps the most ruthless of the three. Authorities blamed the billionaire trafficker for hundreds of deaths of political leaders, judges, journalists and farmers.

Maza, the investigative-police chief, accused him of contracting the Aug. 18 killing of Luis Carlos Galan, a leading presidential candidate whose killing provoked the latest government crackdown.

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"You can't hold it to 15, 16 or 17 percent and get the job done."

Even before the embezzlement, the United Way has had trouble in recent years meeting its fund-raising goals. Possible explanation: United Way may be public information. It may be that the United Way is funding the wrong mix of clients. Or the problem may be competition from other charities, even from secondary fund-raising drives held by a number of Washington agencies themselves.

One question looming large appears to be whether the United Way needs to lower its expectations and set a less lofty campaign goal. The question is being asked at a time when the board is just outside the United Way believed the goal needs to be higher so more agencies can become United Way members and more people can be served.

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Today's weather

Mostly cloudy, slight chance of snow

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Mostly cloudy Sunday with a slight chance of snow showers. Light winds in the day. Mostly cloudy Sunday night and a chance of snow showers. Breezy. Lows in the lower 20s. Partly cloudy Monday and cooler. Highs 30 to 35.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley:
Variable clouds Sunday and a chance of snow. Light winds. Highs 25 to 35. Partly cloudy Sunday night and a chance of snow showers. Breezy and cooler. Lows a few to above zero. Monday sunny breezy and cold. Highs around 20.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah — Mostly cloudy Sunday and Sunday night with scattered snow showers in the early morning and turning much cooler. Lows 15 to 25. Highs mid 30s Sunday and dropping into the 20s Monday afternoon. Occasional breezy north winds Monday.

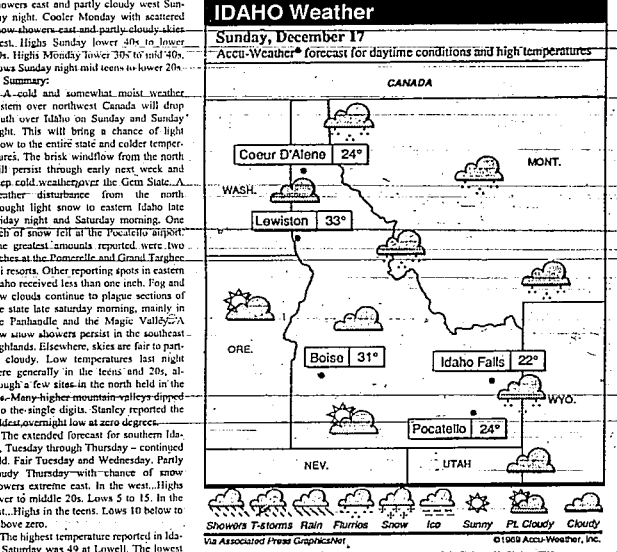
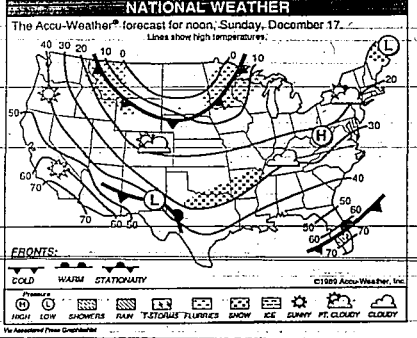
Nevada — Mostly sunny and with increasing clouds on Sunday. West winds 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Mostly cloudy and windy with a few snow showers east and partly cloudy west Sunday night. Cooler Monday with scattered snow showers east and partly cloudy skies west. Highs Sunday lower 40s to lower 50s. Highs Monday lower 30s to mid 40s. Lows Sunday night mid teens to lower 20s.

Summary:
— A cold and somewhat moist weather system over northwest Canada will drop south over Idaho on Sunday and Sunday night to the entire state and colder temperatures. The brisk windfall from the north will persist through early next week and keep cold weather in the Getis State. A low-pressure disturbance from the Pacific brought light snow to eastern Idaho late Friday night and Saturday morning. One inch of snow fell at the Pocatello airport. The greatest amounts reported were two inches at the Bonanza and Grand Targhee ski resorts. Other reporting spots in eastern Idaho received less than one inch. Fog and low clouds continue to plague sections of the state late Saturday morning, mainly in the Panhandle and the Magic Valley. A few snow showers persist in the southeast highlands. Elsewhere, skies are fair to partly cloudy. Low temperatures last night were generally in the teens and only slightly above zero in the north held in the 30s. Many higher mountain valleys dipped into the single digits. Stanley reported the coldest overnight low at zero degrees.

The extended forecast for southern Idaho, Tuesday through Thursday, continued cold. Fair Tuesday and Wednesday. Partly cloudy Thursday with a chance of snow showers extreme east. In the west, high temperatures in the middle 20s. Lows 5 to 15 below zero. Highs in the teens. Lows 10 below to 5 above zero.

The highest temperature reported in Idaho Saturday was 49 at Lovell. The lowest was 21 at Stanley.

Elsewhere in the nation, the high temperature Saturday afternoon was 79 at Key West, Fla. and the low Saturday morning was -22 at Bismarck, N.D.



Idaho road report
BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Transportation Department said most Idaho highways were closed Saturday afternoon, but snow covered major highways in eastern Idaho after a snowstorm.

Conditions:
U-25 — Plummer-Camden border, icy. Higgins-White Bird Hill, wet. Orangeville-Whitewater, icy spots. Winch-

ester-Leawood, dry; Lewiston-Mogaw, dry; Weiser-New Meadows, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon line, dry.

Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, snow floor.

U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Oronago, dry; Orofino-Kooskia, dry; Kooskia-Lovell, dry; Lovell-Lato Pass, wet, broken snow floor.

Interstate 84 — Dry.

Idaho 25 — icy spots.

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

U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Monica line, icy spots, broken snow floor.

U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, broken snow floor, icy spots, black/foot- INEL, wet.

Idaho 51 — Dry.

U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Area, dry; Arco-Salmon, icy spots; Lost Trail Pass, broken snow floor, snow floor.

Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Gatena-Summit, icy spots.

Interstate 86 — Ralf River-Pocatello, wet.

Interstate 15 — Utah-Pocatello-Idaho Falls, wet; Monida Pass, icy spot.

U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, wet; Soda Springs-Knapptoner, wet, icy spots; Mosier-Chester-Wyoming line, icy spots, drifs.

U.S. 91 — Downey-Prentiss-Utah, wet.

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"I think Kathy really wants to help us," adds Wooten. "She was very positive and honest in her approach."

Despite her own agency's inability to secure United Way funds, Suhr says her experience as a member of the allocations committee has convinced her that all the agencies now receiving United Way money are "worthy."

"It would be hard to argue against funding for any of the organizations," Suhr says, adding that she was impressed with the presentations each client made before the committee.

Wooten says she believes the public deserves the same information. The United Way should take pains to help the public see exactly where the money is going, Wooten says.

Suhr agrees the public needs more details on where the money is going. Such information, she adds, might allow the United Way to boost—and reach—its goal.

"I've always felt people in the Magic Valley were caring," she says. "It's a matter of putting the needs before them in a way that compels them to give."

—Suhr says she is glad to see the needs assessment process begin. "Their openness is going to be very productive," she predicts.

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Bush pledges to be 'responsive' to Eastern European aid requests

MARIGOT, St. Martin (AP) — President Bush discussed the changes in Eastern Europe with French President Francois Mitterrand on Saturday, and said the United States would be "very responsive" to any request for emergency-winter-time food aid from East Germany.

Bush said that except for "some nuances," he and the French leader are in general agreement on the "big questions" of how to react to the political upheaval sweeping Eastern Europe. He did not elaborate.

At a joint news conference that wrapped up their one-day Caribbean retreat, Mitterrand expressed satisfaction with U.S.-French relations. He said Secretary of State James A. Baker III "showed great understanding of the needs of Europe" when he pointed the way to a new role for NATO in a speech last week. Baker suggested NATO consider reductions of troops and armaments and take new steps to build alliances with the East.

At the same time, the French leader hinted broadly at differences over the issue of German reunification with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Bush's voice was raspy from a cold and laryngitis as he and the French president fielded questions after holding private talks on this sun-splashed island in the West Indies.

On another subject, Bush said he had no second thoughts about his much-criticized decision to send two top aides to China last weekend for the first high-level contact since Beijing-brutally-crushed-pro-democracy forces in Tiananmen Square.

He said he "already seen an indication, a couple of indications" of positive results from Chinese leaders, but did not provide details.

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Colombian police, but Bush did not directly refer to the man's death. "It was a very courageous effort on the part of the Colombians... I think we ought to salute them," he said.

Bush and Mitterrand both said they had discussed the change in Eastern Europe, where several hard-line Communist regimes have been swept away in recent months with the encouragement of Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev.

Bush was asked if he would be willing to consider emergency food aid for Eastern Germany, whose citizens are among millions in Eastern Europe striving for greater freedoms after four decades of communist rule.

"Obviously, if there's emergency food aid required there, we have no request for that. But if it's required we would be very responsive, and would like to think others in the alliance would be," Bush said.

Bush pleased with Colombian action

MARIGOT, St. Martin (AP) — President Bush said Saturday he was "delighted" by the Colombian government's action against a cocaine cartel leader and hailed it as a "courageous effort" against drug fronts.

In Bogota Friday, police shot and killed Gonzalo Rodriguez Gacha, 32, during a raid on his hideout on Colombia's northern coast. Rodriguez Gacha's 17-year-old son Fredy and five bodyguards were also killed.

"I was delighted yesterday when the Colombian government brought to bay the, I think the man who is ranked the third most prominent narco terrorist in Colombia, Mr. Gacha," Bush said during a news conference after meeting in the Caribbean with French President Francois Mitterrand.

drug lords then declared "total war" on the government in retaliation for President Virgilio Barco's policy of extraditing drug suspects to the United States.

"We have all different kinds of terrorism. This narco terrorism is simply outrageous and unacceptable, and when we see a president of an embattled country, and Colombia fits that description, doing its level best to bring them to justice, I think we ought to salute them," Bush said at a joint news conference with Mitterrand, where

the two leaders discussed a variety of subjects.

Earlier in the week, Bush announced he would travel to Colombia next year for a drug summit despite security concerns.

On Friday, national drug policy chief William J. Bennett called Rodriguez Gacha's killing "very important psychologically to the Colombian people and I think to the American people." "The notion that the cartel leaders are invincible is put to rest," Bennett said.

Temperatures plunge in eastern U.S.; New England gets over a foot of snow

By The Associated Press

Temperatures plunged to record lows Saturday from the Midwest to the Mexican border as north winds held sway while a storm that dropped more than a foot of snow made travel difficult in New England by land and by air.

Twelve deaths in six states since Thursday night were blamed on the weather. Blowing snow also disrupted an aerial search for a missing private plane in New York, and ice and snow covered roads from Kentucky to New England.

Cold forced postponement of a candlelight commemoration at a Civil War battleground in Maryland.

Police said they were busy with fender-benders, but less so with crime.

"When it's this cold, even the weasels stay inside," said Sgt. Will Connelly in Omaha, Neb., where the low was 11 degrees below zero.

The National Weather Service said even though the cold was less numbing Saturday than it had been Friday in the Midwest, a fresh

supply of arctic air was on its way Sunday.

"Cold," forecaster Mike Wolf in Chicago said, summing up the Illinois forecast in one chilling word. "Monday through Wednesday. There's no break in sight. Cold."

In Bloomington, Ill., the temperature was 7 degrees below zero but the wind-chill index made it feel like 44 below.

Farther south, the wind chill in Kentucky was 10 to 20 below, keeping roads in state's southeast icy. Lows around Tennessee were mostly in the single digits early Saturday and were generally about

30 degrees below normal.

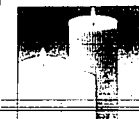
Records temperatures for the date were set or tied in more than 50 cities in 17 states, including 8 below zero in St. Louis; 16 below in Salina and 15 below in Topeka, Kan.; 15 below in Sioux City, Iowa; and 16 below in Lincoln and 11 below in Omaha, Neb.

Also, 2 degrees in Nashville; minus 6 at Lexington and minus 4 at Paducah, Ky., and Louisville; and zero in Parkersburg and minus 2 degrees in Beckley, W. Va. A low of 8 degrees in Memphis, Tenn., was a plunge of 40 degrees below the high reported Friday.

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Regulations needed for field burning

At this point in time, no one really knows today whether Jacklin Seed Co. is correct when it says assuringly that there will be no environmental problems from the burning of grass seed fields in the Magic Valley.

But if the company is wrong come this fall or in the years ahead, there is little that Southern Idahoans will be able to do about it.

That is because the grass seed industry in Idaho is essentially a self-regulated one, depending on a smoke management program of the growers themselves.

Prior to the mid-1980s, the state had some authority in this area through the Division of Air Quality.

But in the rush to deregulation of the time and the desire of the state to "save money," grass industry lobbyists successfully convinced legislators to remove the state's monitoring of grass seed burning.

Today, folks, those of us who live downwind from a field burn are essentially unable to stop it.

In an ideal world, industries would not need regulation by the state. But the history of the grass seed industry is one of repeated problems throughout the Northwest.

In North Idaho, hundreds of people called both air quality officials and legislators when clouds of smoke enveloped homes, leaving asthmatics and many others wheezing.

In Oregon, five people were killed when grass burn smoke, drifting across a highway, caused a major pileup.

Despite these problems, industry people and their supporters, including many farmers who stand to clear up to \$500 an acre for raising grass seed, have maintained that the problems can be solved through education of growers.

And they have looked for areas to locate where the smoke they generate will not affect as many people.

In that, there is a similarity with the nuclear waste industry and the bombing range advocates, who seem to think that, if they're not polluting Boise, Spokane or Coeur d'Alene, there's no one out here they need to worry about.

But the assurances will be hollow indeed if clouds of smoke start to drift over our homes next summer. At this point, there is no one to call who can stop it.

Privately, Health and Welfare officials say they are concerned. So are some legislators. But so far, few are speaking up.

Meanwhile, industry promoters are busy signing up growers, and lobbying legislators not to reimpose monitoring.

To be sure, an expanded local grass seed industry would have some positive environmental effects, in addition to the alluring potential incomes it would mean to growers. It requires little plowing and fertilizer, thus preserving soil from erosion and groundwater from pollution.

One can also make a case that government regulation should not be put in place on an industry unless and until there is a need.

But in the case of the grass seed industry, the historical record shows that air quality problems are both likely and predictable.

Southern Idahoans should not have to wait until we are choking and wheezing before our legislators act.

This is an environmental problem coming at us like an unlit, speeding truck on a dark highway, and the only protection we have is the assurance of the driver that he is in control. Is that good enough?

Uncontrolled grass seed burning could make the problems of the local dairy industry seem mild by comparison. This time, we have an opportunity here to prevent a problem before it happens.

Our area legislators should be at the front of an effort to consider and re-enact appropriate field burning regulations in this session of the Idaho Legislature, and citizens in this valley should not be hesitant to ask them to do so.

Not in our backyard

One of our readers has sent us a clipping of a letter to the editor of the Ft. Wayne, Indiana, Journal-Gazette, on hazardous waste, dumping in that state. We quote without further comment:

"In the western states, there is much wasteland that does no good whatsoever. The population there is very sparse and the water table is extremely deep in some areas.

"What would be wrong with using these places to dump these waste materials instead of using our area, where the population is heavy and our water supply is being threatened with contamination?"

Farewell to The Paris, Faulkner

As the new BID (Business Improvement District) Manager and long-time admirer and customer of both The Paris Company and Downtown Twin Falls, I would like to express a warm farewell and good luck in all

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Wildlife



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Economic trends diminishing relevance of national boundaries being redrawn

Jodie Allen

This is the paradox of the coming decade: Even as political events redraw old national boundaries, economic trends are diminishing the relevance of those boundaries.

Paddy Chayefsky, the playwright, was more attuned to this trend than were most economists.

"There are no nations, there are no peoples... there is only one holistic system of systems," says the television mogul in the Chayefsky-penned movie "Network" released in 1976.

"It is the international system of currencies which determines the totality of life on this planet," and corporations "are the nations of the world today."

When Chayefsky wrote those words, the borderless world governed by the laws of economics rather than of governments, seemed only an intriguing, if vaguely threatening, possibility.

And, today, as the crowds in Eastern Europe take to the streets, waving the banners of ancient principalities and fanning the flames of age-old rivalries, it might seem that nationalism, rather than internationalism, is on the rise.

But the demonstrators may be confused about where their destiny lies. They may be singing old Czech songs, chanting democratic slogans or even carrying monarchist placards, but their future is in working for Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Glohn GmbH or Mitsubishi, international companies that salute no flag but the company standard and move their money and jobs across national borders as quickly and remorselessly as an arbitrageur swaps currencies.

This reality is already dawning in Europe. Now, observed Dominique Moisi, editor of Politique Etrangere, France's political and intellectual thinkers, skilled in the intricacies of NATO force correlations, are finding they must learn to talk in a whole new idiom: the language of international economics. Indeed, said Moisi, speaking at a recent TransAtlantic Futures seminar in Washington-France, "enthusiasm for the economic confederation promised by Europe '92 arises partly

from the concern that without the internal changes it will force, France will be left behind by a resurgent Germany, already turning its attention eastward.

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(and lower wages) and restricted access to the best technology and enticements that the world market can provide.

But the market does not value many things that people enjoy (blue skies, rolling countryside, long vacations, a secure old age) and the trade-off has seemed like a good one to most Europeans. (Europeans do not even apologize, as we feel the need to do, for the far more restrictive barriers they pose to Japanese cars and electronics.)

Of course, even a stateless conglomerate cannot be totally indifferent to the welfare of populations. Companies must have someone to sell to. And that means that workers — though not any specific set of them — must have adequate wages to buy. In time, when the U.S. market is finally sated, or has traded away much of its claim to the future fruits of industrial growth, corporations will turn more of their attention to bolstering purchasing power of workers in the newly emerging countries of the Third World and Eastern Europe.

But the most successful of the world's new industrial powers, Japan, has built much of its corporate prosperity by denying its citizens access not only to many basic public services (sewer, sewer systems, for example) but even to the far lower prices at which Japanese products typically sell in Western markets. In time, the conglomerates who now dominate Japan's often corrupt political factions may decide that they have amassed enough of the world's wealth to share its fruits more liberally with the Japanese public. But the Japanese model — which depends upon selling far more than it consumes and using the surplus to buy other countries' assets — cannot be pursued simultaneously by many nation states.

Someone has to be on the losing end.

Already, the Wall Street Journal reported last week, many East German emigres to the West are dismayed by the uncertainties and pressures of Western life. Nostalgia for the miserable security

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Wildlife, livestock grazing contribute to range conditions

Gary Glenn

The Times-News recently ran a story regarding my comments about the impact of domestic livestock grazing and wildlife grazing on public lands.

Recent letter-to-the-editor writers have suggested that I said wildlife were doing severe damage to rangeland and should, therefore, be reduced in number.

Both statements are false. The truth is that I never made any such statement. The story, written by a reporter present during my comments Nov. 14 to the Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce, did not include a single direct quote attributing such statements to me.

I did say that grazing by wildlife as well as by domestic livestock contributes to range conditions — good or bad, and that management agencies should develop some means to scientifically measure that wildlife impact.

Calling for scientific measurement of wildlife impact cannot accurately be interpreted as support for reductions in game. Neither the Idaho Cattle Association or any other agricultural group has taken such a position.

his ongoing and future endeavors to Mr. Earl Faulkner. I would also like to express my thanks to Faulkner and The Paris Company employees, there are 170 some stores and businesses with caring, knowledgeable and helpful owners, managers and employees that strive to make our downtown a unique and pleasurable environment in which to shop and/or attend to business. All these people want to understand the needs of their patrons and, in turn, make downtown the friendly and special place that it is.

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What is the motive of the recent high-level visit — perhaps groveling is the better word — in China? Money? There were dollars spilling into the street with the blood at Tiananmen Square.

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Land Management, the trend of an overwhelming majority of the land is either stable or improving. It is nonetheless indisputable that whatever the range condition, its use by any animal — wild or domestic — has impact on those conditions.

The one condition under which I do believe most sportsmen do believe game herds should be reduced — by allowing for increased hunting — is when the only alternative would be widespread starvation, a much crueler and wasteful death experienced by wildlife during last year's harsh winter.

I'll close by repeating a direct — and accurate — quote from my remarks as reported in the story: "I think it is a lot more responsible to allow the citizens of this state to go out and hunt those animals for food and sport than to let the herds increase to the point where the forage on the rangeland can't support them and they end up starving through the winter."

Gary Glenn, Boise, is executive director of the Idaho Cattle Association.

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tronic gadgetry is slated for the American market. It's imperative that plutocrat profits that trade with Beijing again become respectable.

Time is of the essence. If the political risks for the Bush Administration are too high, there are plenty of operators in Asia and Europe ready to go. "As a birdie," as the Limeys would say, if George doesn't move fast enough, he's in bad with the plutocrats; if he moves too fast, he may arouse the same middle-class elements that Johnson and Nixon did. This one will be fun to watch. GREGOR R. NEWMAN
Rupert

Letters/Sales tax, downtown, China draw reader comment

Non-profit sales tax unfair

Hopefully, all of our state legislators will actively support efforts to remove the requirement that all non-profit organizations collect and remit to the state sales taxes on fund raising items they may sell.

These non-commercial organizations, whether they are the Girl Scouts, public school student organizations, service clubs, churches, etc., have money-raising activities in order to benefit and meet varied needs of our society.

Surely the state need not invoke legal technicalities to stifle the philanthropic desires and efforts of its citizens. Are we to be

deprived of fulfilling the desire to volunteer our efforts for the benefit of others? Does the state wish to negate the admissions to be "our brother's keeper?"

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War atrocities should be blamed on nation, not veterans

There's a brief but troubling moment in the movie "In Country." It comes in a scene between Sam, a teenage girl who wants to learn about her father's death in Vietnam, and her mother. In their conversation, the mother mentions another Vietnam veteran who came home tormented because he once killed a peasant family.

"Did my daddy do things like that?" Sam asks. The mother shrugs.

She doesn't know, she answers, but it's possible, "that's what they were sent over there to do."

The subject of killing Vietnamese civilians plays no further role in the movie and is not mentioned again. But that little exchange between Sam and her mother is an example of something that has become strangely prevalent in our popular

Arnold R. Isaacs
culture representation of Vietnam: the atrocity as the symbol of the American soldier's experience there.

Examples abound. The climactic incident in "Platoon" shows a U.S. infantryman killing a villager, in a scene evoking memories of the My Lai massacre. Another recent movie, "Casualties of War," is about a squad of GIs who rape and kill a Vietnamese nurse. A recent episode in the TV series "Tour of Duty" also depicts a My Lai-like massacre.

It shouldn't be necessary to say that this pervasive association of American soldiers and war crimes is horribly unfair. Nor because such crimes didn't happen, clearly, they did. ("Casualties of War," for in-

stance, is based on an actual episode.) But just as clearly, the incidence of GIs murdering civilians in the actual war was only a fraction of the murder rate in the war we have recreated in movies and novels and TV shows.

This is not only unjust to those Americans who served in Vietnam and were not murderers. It is also distorting because it obscures the real issues of American responsibility for civilian deaths and suffering in Vietnam — an issue arising not from the moral confusion and deadly impulses of scared young soldiers in the field, but from basic U.S. military technology and doctrine.

The fact is that for every Vietnamese civilian murdered by an American soldier with a rifle or grenade, thousands were killed by the extraordinarily prolific use of

artillery and air strikes that characterized the American war.

The firepower employed by U.S. forces — unparallelled in military history — in the words of one Army study — laid waste to large areas of rural Vietnam, with an unknown but certainly high loss of civilian lives. (U.S. government statistics on these casualties were so sketchy, inconsistent and confusing as to suggest that American officials were for the most part trying not to know the facts. One Pentagon statistician did develop an estimate putting noncombatant deaths at about 25,000 a year, of which a high percentage were attributable to U.S. bombing and shellfire.)

Whether those deaths represent a crime or an unavoidable accident of modern war is a complex question. If Vietnam left us a moral issue to be

considered, though, it is this one. Yet it is rarely if ever represented in popular images of the war.

Why do our movies so persistently show young, low-ranking soldiers committing murder, while rarely if ever showing villagers shattered and peasants killed by shells or bombs as the result of standard U.S. tactics?

It may be because confronting that issue would require us to think about our character as a nation and the moral standards of our leaders, about the dehumanizing qualities of technology and about the way we chose to wage war among people racially and culturally distant from ourselves.

Rather than face such questions, we seem to have displaced the whole issue of guilt onto our soldiers, unfairly showing them as murderers in

order to escape a moral burden that properly belongs to us all, in putting this undesired blame on our veterans, we shame ourselves.

Arnold R. Isaacs was a war correspondent in Vietnam for The Baltimore Sun from 1972 to 1975.

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Where would we be without journalese lingo?

I am a recognized expert on journalese and its lingo of reports and pundits. To the delight of friends, I can do instant translations from journalese to English.

"Omnipresent," for instance, means intransigent, as in "the omnipresent Yoko Ono."

"Scandal-plagued" is journalese for "guilty." The term is affixed to the names of veteran suspects who have somehow escaped indictment, as in "the scandal-plagued former attorney general, Edwin Meese."

Simple: too much makeup, too many facelifts. An congressman referred to as "a master of detail" is always a drone. In politics, a "rising star" is a friendly low-level source whom the reporter envisions as an extremely useful gusher of tomorrow.

"Racial unrest" is a race riot that the reporter failed to attend. "Well-respected" indicates a liberal who has just defected to a conservative cause. "Even the well-respected Senator Forbush supports the administration's compromise plan for modernizing Boeing in Botswana."

The central function of journalese is to convey the reporter's actual opinion while avoiding the confining limits of bad taste and libel law.

One writer wrote about "the lush, old city of Yonkers" during the integration crisis there. This means that the writer thinks Yonkers is a crude, unfashionable place, something of a backward frontier town accidentally plopped down next to New York City.

He also mentioned, rather casually, the "Tudor-style Seaside

John Leo

home" of the Yonkers corporation counsel, thus establishing, in a brilliant three-word burst, that a key official who is trying to avoid integration lives in a fancy house outside the city limits.

Journalese users are genetically predisposed toward hyphenated constructions, the more meaningless the better: in-depth interviews, blue-ribbon panels, free-lined streets.

In the whole history of American journalism, fewer than 20 streets have failed to be identified as tree-lined.

This year, the big news in hyphenated journalese was the shift from "plagued to driven." As users know, 1988 was the year of the plague: delay-plagued Newark Airport, the injury-plagued Mets, violet-plagued rock concerts, scandal-plagued Weelch, crying-baby-plagued Bangladesh.

But here is Women's Wear Daily, on the cutting edge of 1989 journalese: "Rather than being consumer-driven and product-driven, they become cash-management-driven."

Elsewhere, baseball and golf are described as "ego-driven" magazines and "writer-driven," and one business after another is revealed to be "profit-driven" (and not less-driven, as many might previously have imagined).

One hard perennial is the night-time massacre. Since the "Saturday-night Massacre," three inflexible rules have evolved:

Hyphenated massacres occur within the Beltway and not in remote places such as Tiananmen Square. Massacres occur only at night, and they can no longer occur

on Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday, which are taken.

Of the three nights still available for massacres, the softest is Monday. Exhaustive research shows that only one event has ever been labeled a Monday Night Massacre: the firing of Keith Jackson from Monday Night Football, which occurred outside the Beltway and thus is of no general interest.

The rise of feminism has reshaped much journalese. For instance, in reform journalese, women no longer have any hair color. Even if the hair-in-question happens to be Kelly-green with tangerine frosting, no male reporter will mention it in print.

Similarly, all the terms for bimbo and womanizer have disappeared. Now they can be found only in People magazine, which functions as a museum of pre-feminist usage. ("Would-be cheerleader Donna Rice," "sometime model Donna Rice" and Jessica Hahn, "who has been around the block.")

Under current usage, the skilled journalese-user must append something upscale to the standard accusa-

tion of bimboism: "Emerging from the Tidal Basin with Senator Forbush was the former exotic dancer Pifi LaKue, an acknowledged authority on municipal bond ratings."

The retirement of President Reagan is something of a body blow to journalese-users, since it means that all the terms for "out-to-lunch" must also be retired ("hands-off managerial style," "disengaged," "prefers to leave details to others," etc.).

Instead, reporters must conjure up a whole new set of presidential adjectives meaning "without any known principles or ideas." Rather than call attention to President Bush's 14 different positions on abortion, for instance, one reporter called him "Protagon."

This is a marvelous example of the capacity of a subtle language to adapt itself to fresh presidential defects. Journalese is an omnipresent, well-respected and need-driven tongue. Where would we be without it?

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of East Bloc existence is likely to fade quickly, at least among younger workers. But the transition will be easier if the still potent protections of Western Europe's welfare states remain in place — and are extended to the new jobs created in the east by Western entrepreneurs. But pressures are mounting in the opposite direction. In a speech written shortly before his tragic assassination, leading West German financier Alfred Herrhausen stressed that Western aid to Eastern Europe should be conditioned on the acceptance of market disciplines, resisting "leveling

politics which penalize work and initiative."

Today, freedom. Next month, horseradish. A Czechoslovakian waiter is said to have replied to a Western newsmagazine to spice up his bland serving. But when their appetite for the basic conditions of Western life has been satisfied, the liberated workers of the East Bloc may find that their newly-found political liberty does not entitle them to the more subtle seasonings of liberal democracy.

Jodie Allen writes for The Washington Post.

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Wind shift moves volcano ash toward Alaska's largest city

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A slight wind shift brought a haze of ash from Redoubt Volcano drifting down on Alaska's largest city Saturday, prompting authorities to issue a warning to people with lung ailments.

The volcano 115 miles southwest of here quieted down somewhat in its third day of activity but still belched ash skyward. The U.S. Geological Survey described the amount of ash sent up Saturday as "low to moderate," significantly less than was hurled into the air Friday with Redoubt's largest eruption since emerging from a 23-year sleep. The volcano southeast of Anchorage began erupting Thursday.

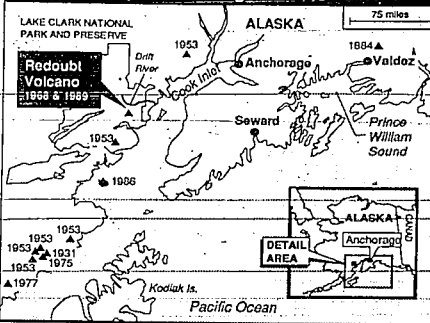
Until the wind shift Saturday, fallout had been bypassing the city of about 250,000 on winds from the west.

The dusting brought warnings that people with respiratory problems should remain indoors, and some businesses covered sensitive computers and other equipment for fear ash would filter into buildings.

Anchorage International Airport stayed open, but "we're getting very little traffic in or out," said Sgt. Charles Barton, an airport safety officer. He had no estimate of how many carriers had canceled or diverted flights.

Mechanics planned to inspect a Boeing 747 airliner that made a safe emergency landing at the airport Friday after it flew through ash, lost power to all four engines and fell more than 2 miles. The engines of the KLM Royal Dutch Airlines jet with 245 people aboard were restarted before the landing. There were no reports of injuries, the Federal Aviation

Volcanic Eruptions During the Last 50 Years



Administration said.

The ash in the sky over Anchorage on Saturday came at a time when daylight is in short supply. The city is so far north that it gets only about 5 1/2 hours of light at this time of year. The shortest day of the year in the northern hemisphere occurs in less than a week.

Geologist Tom Miller of the USGS said Redoubt went through an ash-sweeping "period of tremor" for just over an hour early Saturday morning and experienced another one that began at about 6:15 a.m. Saturday and tapered off about 2 1/2 hours later. "Our assumption would be that this

would be going on like it is for a period of several days, then I assume we would get a period of quiescence," Miller said. "Then we may go back through a similar period of what we've been experiencing."

The logistical impact of the volcanic eruptions was felt as far away as Barrow, the United States' northernmost community. The high school varsity basketball games in the Arctic Coast town 725 miles north of Anchorage were canceled Friday because flight interruptions in Anchorage made it impossible for visiting teams to travel.

House asks Baker to look into abuses

WASHINGTON (AP) — One hundred fourteen members of the House asked the State Department to launch an official inquiry into reports of arrests and torture of demonstrators in East Timor following Pope John Paul II's visit there on Oct. 12.

In a letter drafted by Rep. Tony P. Hall, D-Ohio, the bipartisan group asked Secretary of State James A. Baker III to order the U.S. Embassy in Jakarta to "investigate the events surrounding the demonstration and its aftermath."

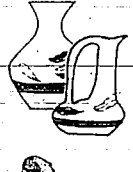

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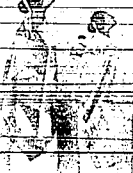
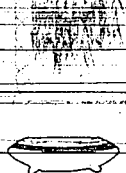
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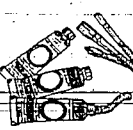
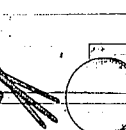
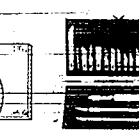

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Banking system may link Iranians to Pan Am plane bombing

The Baltimore Sun

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The effort to pursue "all logical avenues" will include "tracing the

money involved in such an act," said an official familiar with the probe.

Financial transactions involving the Damascus-based Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, the group believed responsible, could provide solid evidence of Iranian sponsorship to bolster what is now a conclusion based solely on intelligence.

As the first anniversary approaches of the Dec. 21, 1988 blast over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people, there have been these other

developments:

—A major focus by the British-led investigation is "what happened in Malta" — whether the bomb originated there and, if so, how it moved from there onto the Pan Am flight that originated in Frankfurt, West Germany, an official said. Investigators, working in partnership with Maltese authorities, are looking into a trip there before the bombing by Mohammed Abu Talb, an accused terrorist on trial in Sweden for activities unrelated to the bombing,

in an effort to learn who associated with him there.

—A probe into airline security. The presidentially appointed panel will examine how the bomb got aboard the plane, whether security or intelligence lapses were involved and how the victims' families were treated. It will take sworn testimony from government agencies from the first time Monday. The hearing will focus in part on how the Federal Aviation Administration analyzes, assesses and disseminates

information on threats and whether the agency has any standards for training airline security personnel.

—Litigation on the part of victims' families increased Friday with the filing of a suit against Pan Am World Services and its security company by families of crew members killed in the blast. The suit charges that Pan Am ignored repeated warnings from the FAA and elsewhere about threatened terrorist activity. Relatives of passengers already have a pending suit.

Impatience is increasing on the part of the United States over Syria's refusal to take action against the PFLP-GC. Syria has said that it will act if the United States provides hard evidence of the group's complicity; the United States says that enough is known about the group's terrorist role for it to be expelled. A U.S. official said that Syria regards the fanatically anti-Israeli group as an "asset," both in actions against Israel and against groups able to cause trouble for Syria in Lebanon.

Memo links Shultz, plan to aid rebels

WASHINGTON (AP) — A recently unclassified State Department memo shows that former Secretary of State George P. Shultz approved a 1985 White House plan to expedite U.S. assistance to Honduras "to encourage the Hondurans to remain firm in their support" of the Nicaraguan contra.

Congressional officials regard the document as further proof of a "quid pro quo" to expedite U.S. aid to Honduras in return for that country's support for the contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's leftist government, a source said Saturday. At the time, Congress had banned military aid to the contra.

They believe it also shows that Shultz knew about the arrangement, contrary to his statements to Congress, the source said.

The key document, a Feb. 7, 1985, memo from former assistant secretary Langhorne A. Motley to Shultz, was turned up in a new search related to the Iran-contra trial of former national security adviser John Poindexter.

The classified document, now declassified, was sent to several congressional committees on Dec. 5 with an explanation that it had not been turned up in earlier searches because of a computer matching problem.

The committee also received memos dated Feb. 13 and Feb. 19 offering progress reports on the plan. One of those describes efforts to move forward with a \$35 million installment of U.S. foreign aid to Honduras and fulfillment of the "quid pro quo" deal.

"It's very telling," said one congressional source.

As initially reported by The Washington Post, Motley's memo describes a White House meeting in which officials agreed on a course of action to bolster Honduran support of the Nicaraguan rebels.

"It was agreed," said the document, "initiated by Shultz as his sign of approval, that some combination of efforts was needed to encourage the Hondurans to remain firm."

It went on to spell out a plan for expedited economic and military aid to Honduras.



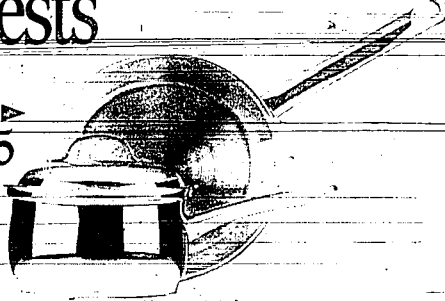
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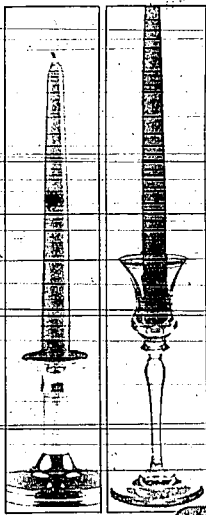
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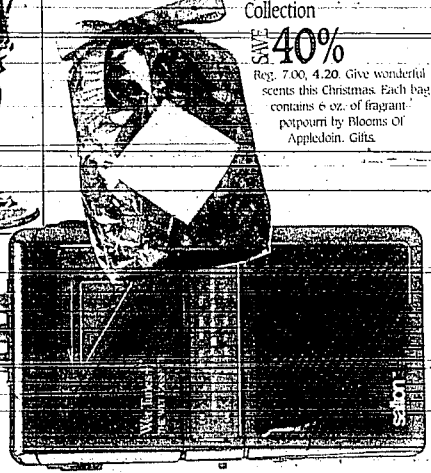
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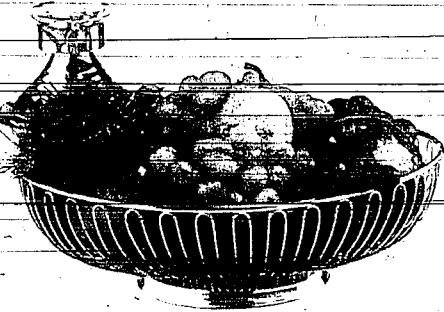


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South, West to gain in reapportionment

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — America's political power is headed South. Again.

Reapportionment as a result of the 1990 census will shift 17 House seats from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West, according to most projections. And that means states that have voted Republican in recent presidential contests will have greater electoral strength next time while traditionally Democratic states will be weakened further.

Fair less certain, however, is

whether Republicans will make comparable gains at the congressional level, where Democrats still enjoy a huge advantage.

Most analysts are understandably cautious about forecasting the impact of redistricting on the balance of power in the House of Representatives. Still fresh in their minds is the 1980 reapportionment, when the shift in population from the snowbelt to the sunbelt moved 17 seats and Republicans, in particular, receded their party would pick up at least a dozen of the new seats.

But the GOP gains never materialized, and instead the Democrats came out ahead because they held majorities in the state legislatures that were responsible for redistricting in most of the affected states.

As political offices point out, redistricting is a political process. And the political party that holds the pencil when the lines are drawn can usually produce a plan that works to its advantage.

Gib Lewis, the speaker of the Texas House, once told me that when it comes to redistricting, he believes in the Golden Rule: If you've got the

gold, you make the rule," said Tim Dickson, a Democratic redistricting specialist.

"There's no question that we were outgunned when it came time to draw the lines 10 years ago. The Democrats just plain did a better job," said Norm Cummings, political director of the Republican National Committee.

If anything, Democrats may be in a stronger political position this time. After gaining a majority in the New Jersey assembly in last month's elections, Democrats now control 28 of the 42 state legislatures that are responsible for redistricting.

Costs of raising babies rising ahead of inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Babies are becoming luxuries, with the cost of getting them through just the first year nearly double what it was a generation ago, according to a business magazine.

In their first year of life babies cost \$5,774 in goods and services, reports American Demographics, a magazine that analyzes consumer trends.

A Department of Agriculture study calculates the cost of a baby's first year at between \$5,096 and \$5,602, but researcher Mark Lino says that analysis is being updated and the figures are expected to increase.

A Life magazine report in 1958 calculated the cost of a baby's first year at just \$800 worth of goods and services.

Allowing for inflation, that would be \$2,892 today. And once parents opt for this

luxury there's no turning back, with the cost of raising a child through age 18 estimated at \$100,000, reports Blayne Cutler, a senior editor of American Demographics.

Nonetheless, Americans produced 3.9 billion offspring last year, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. That was a 2 percent increase from the year before, although shaft of the 4.2 million births recorded in 1958.

In his comparison with the costs of 1958, Cutler observes that parents today face expenses that wouldn't have occurred 30 years ago.

"Few families needed day care 30 years ago. Today, more than half of first-time mothers are back at work before their child celebrates a first birthday," reported Cutler. Day care costs today's parents an average of \$53 a week.

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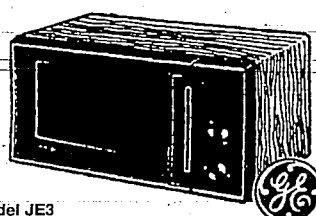


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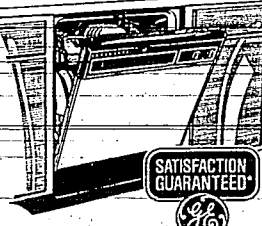
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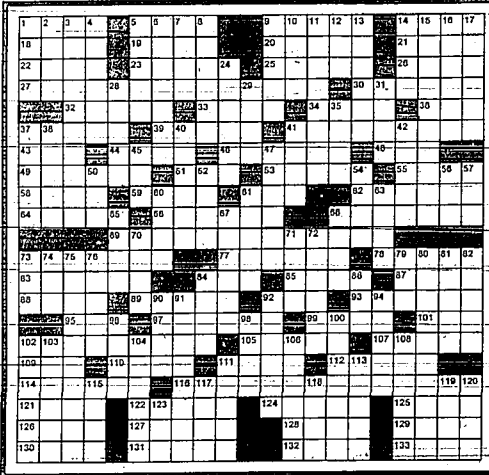
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THE Sunday Crossword

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A LA CARTE
By Olive Dunn

- ACROSS**
- Freshwater fish
 - Lowra (flight)
 - Seeks bargains
 - Records
 - Sounds of disgust
 - Border lake
 - parade
 - Lacquered metalware
 - Soft drinks
 - Flower cluster
 - A Gardner
 - Source of livelihood
 - Pull — (show who's in command)
 - Stone slab
 - Goddess of
 - Radio part
 - Except
 - Censor
 - Inevitable
 - Risky situation
 - Fabulous bird
 - Corner
 - flower
 - Rocky pinnacle
 - Ms. Christie
 - Infel
 - Comic or horse
 - Support
 - Embankment
 - Clutch
 - Take-to-court
 - Town — (public amusements)
 - Odor
 - Telephatics
 - Divine
 - Prophesies
 - In — (shipshape)
 - Night wear
 - Distributed
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 - Proverbs
 - Hospital
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 - Onigyo' ducor
 - Cupola
 - Plains home
 - Wiper
 - Textbook
 - Toper
 - Merchant
 - Literary
 - collections
 - Cheer or skimmer
 - Yeoman of the guard
 - Lock
 - Lock of hair
 - Nav. off.
 - Confused
 - Find out
 - Guide
 - Claim
 - Cholera part
 - Destroy



- Legendary Br.
- king
- More certain
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- Cupid's counterpart
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- Br. gun
- Appropriation
- Official
- patronage
- Kind of effort
- Taken care of
- Brand
- Profundity
- Minute
- Thinks —
- Road to Roma
- Nails
- Valid reasoning
- Order the return
- Optimism
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- Land holding
- Unrefined
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- Deemed
- Ratio or
- probability
- Bygone
- Yorkshire river
- Lairals
- mittate
- Excitement
- Gathering of jazz musicians
- Reason
- Bikini part
- Misleading clue
- Views
- Segregates
- Bring up
- Spanish Mrs.
- Major finish
- Semenlozo word
- Scowwater fish
- Name in payment cosmetics
- MacMurray of old movies
- Stop —
- Favorites
- Money saved
- Coach
- Refrain syllable
- Guarante
- Sapacious
- Fill up
- Alcove
- Flocks
- Pang
- MA motto
- Monthly payment
- MacMurray of old movies
- Step —
- 120 Favorites
- 122 Refrain syllable

Hutton files for divorce from Winger; seeks joint custody of 2-year-old son

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Timothy Hutton has filed for divorce from actress Debra Winger after 3½ years of marriage and asked for joint custody of their 2-year-old son.

Hutton, who starred in the film "Ordinary People," for which he won an Oscar, as well as "The Falcon and the Snowman," and "Taps," cited "irreconcilable differences as the reason for the divorce, according to court papers filed Thursday.

The couple married March 16, 1986, and separated last May, according to the divorce petition filed by attorney Dennis R. Dubrow. The couple's son, Emanuel Noah Hutton, lives with Miss Winger in Santa Monica.

Miss Winger's film credits include "Terms of Endearment," "An Officer and a Gentleman," and "Betrayed." She married Hutton shortly after breaking off a highly publicized romance with the Gov. Bob Kerrey of Nebraska. Kerrey is now a U.S. senator.



TIMOTHY HUTTON
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Manilow is in the middle of an 18-city tour that reprises his Broadway show that ran for eight weeks this spring, and added a benefit concert for victims of Hurricane Hugo at the company's request, Bailey said.

The crooner of "Mandy," "I Write the Songs" and other ballads was to perform in P&G's home city of Cincinnati on Saturday. The world's largest advertiser has been promoting the tour and with supermarket displays of three of its products — Era liquid detergent, Oxydol powdered detergent and Lemon Scent Joy dishwashing liquid.

Burton looks for Cleaver type setting for new film

IRVING, Texas (AP) — "Batman" director Tim Burton is on the lookout for the kind of neighborhood June and Ward Cleaver lived in on "Leave It to Beaver" as the setting for his next film.

Burton told the Irving Film Commission he would like to find at least two blocks of 1950s or early 1960s-era frame tract houses. The only catch is that the neighborhood must be without trees, he said, without elaboration.

In addition to the Dallas area, Burton is looking at sites in Florida and South Carolina, Ellen Sadosloski of the film commission said Saturday.

Shooting is expected to begin in March for the movie "Edward Scissorhands," starring Tom Hanks and Winona Ryder.

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Fans celebrate 'Gone With the Wind's' 50th birthday

ATLANTA (AP) — "Gone With the Wind" turned 50 years old Friday, but it will never age in the eyes of the fans who gathered for a gala "re-premiere" of the blockbuster Civil War movie.

"It's part of our blood," said Kim Mills of New York, who traveled South with his mother and sister to attend the week-long celebration marking the anniversary of the movie's Dec. 15, 1939, premiere.

Mills wore a dinner jacket for Friday night's reception and screening at the Fox Theatre, but many of the fans came dressed in antebellum costumes.

Mary Burtless of Ambury, Ill., wore her wedding dress, altered with a hoop and green trim to resemble an 1860s ball gown. Her friend, Michele Viola of Aurora, Ill., rented her hoop skirt from a costume shop.

"Why not?" said Ms. Viola, whose trip to Atlanta was a

Christmas gift from her aunt. Fans from as far away as Australia came for the event, but the crowd was far smaller than the million or so who waited in the cold to see Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh on that Friday night in 1939.

Then, the crowd was so thick that one man perched on a street sign for hours in hopes of catching a glimpse of the stars as they passed in a 30-car motorcade on Peachtree Street to the Lewis Grand Theatre.

Margaret Mitchell, the home-grown author whose Pulitzer Prize-winning book became one of the world's most popular movies, also rode in the parade down the street where she was raised.

This time, only a few hundred people gathered in cold, cloudy weather to watch a re-creation of the motorcade.

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Roseanne Barr calls off marriage plans

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Roseanne Barr, television's sharp-tongued comedy mom of the 1980s, called off her January wedding, saying in a tense statement Friday that her boyfriend was in drug rehabilitation clinic.

"My January 20 marriage to Tom Arnold is off," Miss Barr said. "Tom has entered an alcohol and drug rehabilitation clinic."

The statement was the only comment from the star of "Roseanne," said her publicist Lisa Kasteler. The name and location of the rehabilitation clinic was confidential and the type of addiction wasn't disclosed.

The temperamental Miss Barr, 36, recently protested the firing of Arnold, a writer and comic, as a



BARR

consultant to the show. The couple went to great lengths in recent months to express their devotion during appearances together on TV shows.

During taping of "A Current Affair" in August, Arnold dropped his pants and exposed a backside tattoo reading, "Rosey."

In a November Redbook interview, Arnold said he and Miss Barr planned to marry and move into a large house, "big enough so that Rosey's kids can comfortably live there, as well as any others we might have."

Kasteler, who has spoken for the couple for months, said she did not know where Arnold could be reached for comment.



AP Laserphoto

Julio Berumen, right, got a visit from Oakland A's pitcher Dave Stewart

Young quake victim released by hospital

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Six-year-old Julio Berumen, one of the best-known victims of the Oct. 17 earthquake, has finally left the hospital — but not until after delaying his departure to meet baseball star Dave Stewart.

The boy, whose right leg was amputated during efforts to rescue him from the collapsed Nimitz Freeway, was anxious to go home Friday morning, until he heard that the Oakland Athletics pitcher was visiting the hospital in the afternoon, said Children's Hospital spokesman Steve Tiger.

"He said, 'I'm not going,'" Tiger said.

Julio held out and received photos of the 1989 World Series champs

with other children who met with Stewart in the hospital's fourth-floor playroom. He also got something extra — Stewart's own green satin team jacket.

The boy had been riding in a car with his mother, Petra Berumen, and his sister, Cathy, when the quake rattled Northern California two months ago.

The children's mother died in the freeway disaster. Cathy Berumen suffered head injuries and was released from the hospital a month ago.

In addition to amputating Julio's leg, doctors had to cut through the body of a dead passenger, 45-year-old Yolanda Orozco, to free the boy from the car.

Buchwald lawsuit for plagiarism opens

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Attorney said Buchwald was victimized by the making of "Coming to America" and deserves substantial punitive damages. He is asking for \$5 million.

O'Donnell told Superior Court Judge Harvey Schneider he would prove that Paramount took Buchwald's 1983 script idea entitled "King For A Day" and transformed it into the 1988 comedy, which grossed more than \$150 million.

Murphy, the attorney said, has already netted \$22 million from the film and Paramount collected more than \$50 million in distribution fees.

her drug habit by putting her in jail. "She's the one who wanted to stay in there until she had the baby," Palm Beach County Judge William Bollinger said Friday. "I wholeheartedly concurred."

Gallashaw was arrested Wednesday by a pair of police officers as she smoked crack from a homemade plastic pipe.

Pregnant woman seeks jail to avoid crack cocaine

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. (AP) — A pregnant woman who was caught smoking crack cocaine thanked police for arresting her and urged a judge to put her behind bars to keep her away from drugs until the baby is born.

Julia Gallashaw, 37, agreed to a plea bargain intended to save her and her baby — due Jan. 28 — from

initially charged with felony cocaine possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. Gallashaw pleaded guilty Thursday to a misdemeanor charge of attempted cocaine possession.

The plea bargain calls for her to serve 90 days in the Palm Beach County Stockade and nine more months on probation. She will be

required to submit to drug evaluation and treatment, court papers showed.

Officers E.D. Wagner and David Burkhardt had asked in their arrest reports that Gallashaw be jailed at least until she gives birth.

They said the woman thanked them as they took the pipe from her hands.

Judge denies lesbian claim for custody

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A lesbian has lost a lawsuit for joint custody and visitation rights to a girl born to her former lover through artificial insemination with sperm from the plaintiff's brother.

The plaintiff, Terri Sabol, sought the rights of a parent and even offered to pay child support.

Ruling Friday after a non-jury trial, Superior Court Judge Dana Henry said the case ventured into uncharted legal ground, and added, "It is absolutely imperative that the Legislature re-examine its laws."

"I'm shocked, really shocked," said Sabol, 33, owner of a Long Beach hair salon and the only party in the case who was publicly identified.

"The child was referred to as Baby B and her mother was identified only as Susan." The trial was conducted behind closed doors, as is usual in cases determining parental rights — but the judge ruled in open court.

Sabol will appeal, said her attorney, Gloria Allred.

"We believe that persons who are gay and lesbian have the right to be parents," Ms. Allred said. "Ms. Sabol became a parent in the only way that she could."

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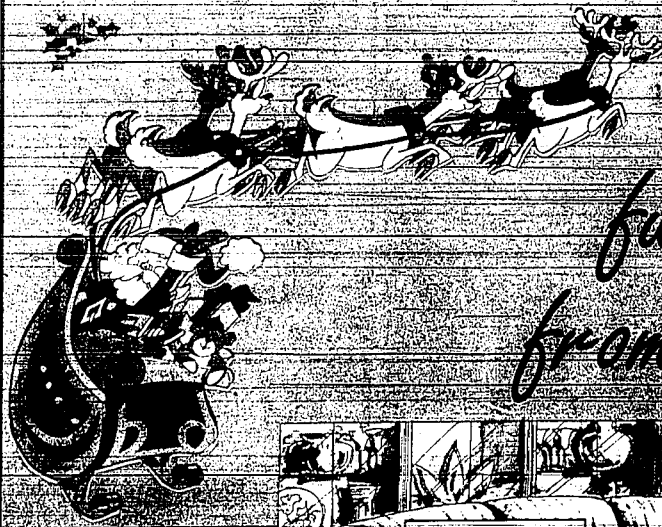
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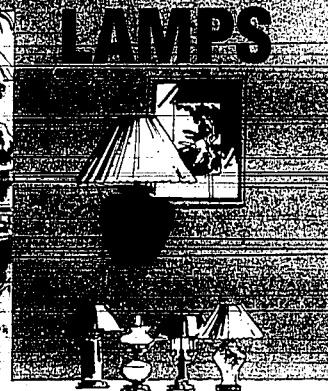
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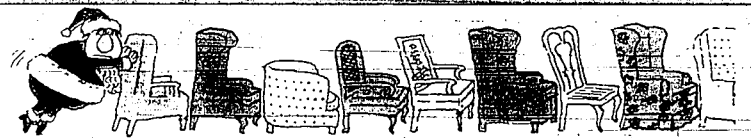
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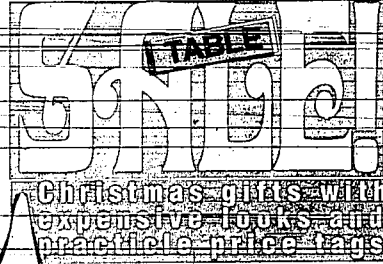


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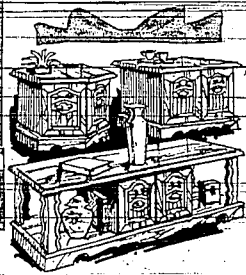
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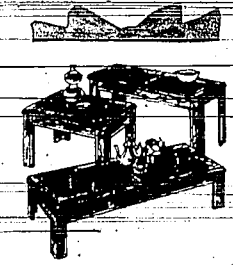
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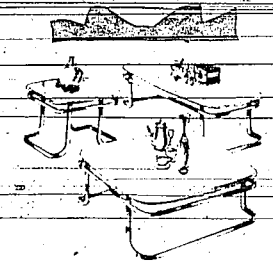
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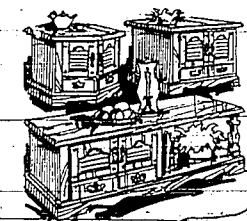
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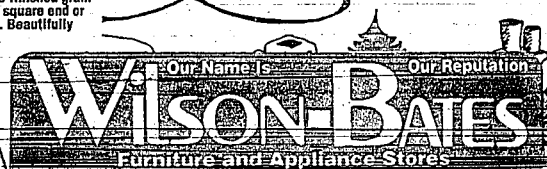


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LOOKING BACK

"Looking Back" is a Sunday feature of The Times-News in honor of Idaho's Centennial. The column showcases local readers' reminiscences about life in Idaho and news about Centennial events.

Trip to Idaho by auto was grueling in 1914

Laura Lee Macy offers this look back at a trek to Twin Falls in 1914 with her parents and four brothers and sisters in a horseless carriage.

"The new Hudson that made the unheated-of long motor journey over dirt roads," he (her father) purchased in Hutchinson, Kansas, and had it shipped to us at Dighton, Lane County, by rail-road. It was something to behold with its shining four-inch-wide band of brass around the hood, a large rubber horn on the left side of the steering wheel and the crank in front. The spare wheel was on the running board as were the hand brakes.

"Father wore a tall black Stetson hat, handsome man that he was, and dainty little Mother was correctly dressed befitting with her corset tightly laced up the back, high white button shoes and she wore a white linen duster and a prim little hat. She held on her lap 6-month old baby sister."

"As we drove across-country in that horseless carriage we witnessed many runaways. There were so few cars horses were unaccustomed to their approaching noise. Hitched to wagons, they frequently bolted up in the air on their hind legs and tore off across the countryside in and over fences and low bridges. Many times drivers were thrown from their spring seats, losing control completely of their teams. I don't remember ever passing a car on the road, but there were a few in towns along the way."

"Because most all travel over the dirt roads was and had been made by teams of either oxen or horses hitched to wagons, there were many nails that punctured tires. When this would happen, either would have us all disembark while he jacked up the wheel and took off the tire for repair on the spot."

"He had a box containing patches with glue on the back, also a tube of yellow glue and a "grater." It looked like a tin lid with many nail holes driven through it to make the surface rough and prickly. With that he carefully cleaned the place where he had removed the nail, put glue on it freely and placed the patch over it, pressing it firmly for several moments. The inner tube was then put back into the tire and it was forced on the rim of the wheel and blown up with a tire pump."

"The chuck holes in the roads were sometimes so deep they would cause a fear of a spring being broken, miles from the next town."

"Late one afternoon, somewhere in the isolated area the sky suddenly darkened and started raining. Almost without warning hail stones rained from the black cloud and pounded so heavily on the top of the car we were afraid it would rupture. They appeared to be a size of golf balls, and covered the ground as we went across the road."

"Each morning early as we started out for the day's travel we would stop at farm house and ask the lady there if Mother could come in and sterilize the baby bottles on the kitchen stove. Whenever we refused, they always seemed to be very interested in a motorcar attempting that long distance. Mother whipped up the formula from a can of Eagle Brand Milk. She fitted enough bottles to last all day and through the night."

"When we reached the Pocatelli area we saw many teepees and Indians on their ponies. Some would come close to the roadside to watch us drive by. Little Mother was so weary she cried and the tears ran down her cheeks, making little furrows in the dust on her face. She pleaded with father to turn around and take her back home to Kansas where she could raise her children in a civilized country. Father kept telling her it was only a very short distance to our new location (a short distance meant about 130 miles more) over isolation and deeper, dustier roads."



Committee seeks antiques

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Centennial Committee is seeking antiques to display in the courthouse during the coming year.

People can lend their cabinets, desk lamps, chairs and book cases to county commissioners within the next few weeks, said Jeanne Schlegelmuhr, committee chairman.

Beside each piece, the county will mention what the piece is and who is lending it, she said.

"Anyone interested should contact the commissioners at 733-4000."

Taylor says ordinance changes minor

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The county's zoning administrator says he made only minor changes in a proposed dairy ordinance, and that should not have caused the furor that arose at a hearing Thursday.

"Some of the wording has been changed," Zoning Administrator Lee Taylor said. "But basically it's the same ordinance."

An ad hoc committee met several nights over a five-month period before submitting

a proposed ordinance to the Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Board in July. But Thursday night, several county residents expressed outrage over changes made since July.

Dairyman Mike Quessnell and attorney Gary Atkinson, both members of the ad hoc committee, said Thursday that they did not recognize the proposed ordinance.

The board tabled the ordinance until January.

In an interview, Taylor said he has done some minor "fine-tuning" to the ordinance and made some changes recommended by

the zoning board and dairy experts.

One of the objectionable clauses raised a debate about how an expansion might affect a dairy's grandfather rights under the ordinance. Quessnell had disagreed with other ad hoc members about at their meetings, Taylor said.

Quessnell argued that the ordinance should not affect anyone's grandfather rights, Taylor said. That question was one of the key issues Thursday night.

But Taylor said some speakers at the hearing partially misunderstood that clause to mean that operators could actually lose

their grandfather rights if their addition was objectionable, he said.

In fact, the offending clause was meant only to require livestock owners to follow new specifications when they build additions, he said.

"They would not lose their grandfather rights," he said.

Without such a clause, a California dairy owner could sidestep the ordinance by buying out a small dairy and expanding it in any way he pleased, he said.

Quessnell could not be reached for comment.

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Jim Cogan's gestures and expressions help dramatize the stories he tells.

Storyteller brings tales to life

By MARK KIND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Rabbits in the lettuce patch are standard fare for television cartoons, but while most children were still at home watching Bugs and Elmer Saturday morning, a group of about 40 youngsters gathered downtown to hear Brrr Rabbit tell the old-fashioned way.

Eyes wide, they watched and listened as 41-year-old Jim Cogan spun yarns from the Ozarks, the Klondike, ancient Greece and aboriginal Brazil.

"The neat thing about story-telling is the communication goes two ways," Cogan said during a break at Main Street Treas.

Some listeners heard how a vulture restored sight to a jaguar after a crab's incantation sent his eyes flying into the sea. Others heard about Brrr Rabbit's encounter with a lettuce farmer.

And still others told their own stories as Cogan changed places and listened attentively.

He worked without props, relying on words, gestures and expressions to capture the imaginations of his listeners. At various times he impersonated a rabbit hanging upside-down from a tree, an elderly woman knitting in a rocking chair and a vengeful jaguar groping for a crab.

The acting is a "bridge," he explained. "I use a little bit of the visual to connect with certain words." He must



Cogan entertains Julie Zerby, Danielle Silvers and Holly Wood with a tale from the Klondike.

use dramatics to hold audiences accustomed to the spectacle of television, he said.

A former English, history and theater teacher in Idaho public schools, the divorced father of two hit the road six

months ago when custody of his sons transferred to their mother. Previously the youngsters had traveled with him on short story-telling tours and he hopes to bring them along next summer when they're out of school.

He travels in a 1957 Chevrolet school bus. In it he has costumes for use in telling historical tales.

Saturday afternoon at Judi's Books, he told Stiecken, a story by naturalist John Muir. Such tales bring history to life in a way that simple lessons cannot, Cogan said.

"The story connects cause and effect, present and future," he said. "You get passionately involved with a moment in history."

As centennials are celebrated across the West next year, Cogan hopes to tell tales of settlers and pioneers at schools, shops and parks in several states.

"His current lifestyle is barely self-supporting, however. Right now it's a struggle, economically."

He has a Tahoe-to-Fresno California tour planned for spring with sponsors in several towns along the way. His appearance at a cowboy fair was sponsored by the Business Improvement District.

But he didn't get into story-telling for the money. "It was a pathway to share with people and learn myself what's going on in the world," he said.

Burley track fund at halfway point

By JANE RYMWATER
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Residents working to raise funds for a new all-weather track at the high school are just less than half-way toward their goal.

A committee of six Burley parents began working in May to replace the school's deteriorated track.

"We are unable to hold a track meet on the old track," Coach Jeff Savage said. "In fact, it is difficult to even practice on it."

Plans are to have the facility ready for the 1990-91 school year.

The cinder track has deteriorated over the years — so much so that it has worn down to the rock base in some areas making it uneven and cluttered with rocks.

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Christmas in Panama isn't quite the same

The telephone connection was bad. I could barely hear what my brother was saying from his military base in Panama.

"Yeah, I'm okay."

"What?" I responded and heard myself echo back at me several times. "Jon, is there someone else on this phone?"

"No. But you're yelling into the receiver and making me deaf!"

"What-at-all?"

"Merry Christmas."

"Oh, I thought that's what you said. Have a Merry Christmas too. Okay-kay key key?"

"I avoided mentioning (and not just because I was talking to myself more than



Diana Hooley Country neighbors

my brother Jon) the family get-together we'd planned Christmas Eve. I didn't mention how we'd probably listen to mom's old Nat King Cole Christmas tapes and eat traditional applesauce cake with lots of nuts and raisins. Maybe I should have said something about the

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State could have Clear Lakes grade

By TERRILL WILHEAMS
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — A proposed new Clear Lakes grade between Wendell and Buhl may become part of the state highway system, a local official said.

"The state transportation board is considering putting the road on the state's system," Clark Anderson, a commissioner for the West Point Highway District, told Wendell city officials last week. The move would make the road eligible for state and federal funds.

He said \$180,000 of federal funding will be spent this fiscal year on design, drilling and testing work for the new grade. Also, the highway district and state engineers are working to choose a construction firm for

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Twin Falls police test for fitness isn't intimidating

By ANITA DENNIS
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you want to be a Twin Falls cop, you can't be a couch potato, but you don't need to be Superman, either.

In Washington's Spokane County recently, a female applicant for the sheriff's department protested her failure of a physical test that involved climbing 8-foot fences and jumping 6-foot ditches.

In Twin Falls last week, 21 police officer applicants had a less rugged afternoon:

They ran a mile and half, touched their toes and did push-ups and sit-ups.

Paul Du Fresno, the city's police and fire chief, said the physical hiring standards are based on the state police academy's guidelines, which he regards as tough enough but also fair.

"Women all over the state of Idaho meet the standards," Du Fresno said. "I was very sensitive to the fact I did not want a standard that is discriminatory to women."

The four aspects of the Peace Officers Standards & Training physical test correlate to on-the-job duties and measure physi-

cal fitness, according to POST literature.

The 1 1/2-mile run evaluates the cardiovascular system. A test in which applicants sit on the floor, legs straight, and reach past their toes, measures flexibility. Applicants also complete as many continuous push-ups as possible to gauge muscular endurance, especially in the upper body, and do as many sit-ups as possible in 60 seconds to test abdominal, back and hip strength.

Du Fresno said the test gives no preference to any specific race, gender or religion, but it sifts out a qualified pool of applicants. The test does, however, consider

age in scoring performance. A 40-year-old may be in excellent physical condition, but the 40-year-old may not be able to run as fast or do as many push-ups as a 25-year-old.

Twin Falls police applicants need no experience, but the lengthy process weeds out unqualified candidates.

Before taking the physical fitness test, Twin Falls applicants complete a written POST test. Those who pass both tests are interviewed by police officers and a community group, and the top candidates final-

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Ordinance

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...of said zoning board will refine the ordinance, but substantively it probably will not change much.

Atkinson said he agreed that for the time being, rewording some of

fencing section of the ordinance would be sufficient.

"There's some glaring glitches," he said. "But I don't think they should dump the whole thing."

He added that he hopes the county will not abandon the issue.

Specific distance regulations are

not the best way to regulate livestock operations," he said.

The ordinance restricts how close livestock owners can build corals, barns and lagoons to neighboring houses including a provision that prohibits lagoons from being within 1,000 feet of homes.

Miller officiating. Burial will follow at the funeral home, 11 a.m. Monday at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley and one hour prior to the funeral Tuesday at the church. The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the Paul First Baptist Church.

Dorothy R. Baker

JEROME — Dorothy R. Baker, 61, of Jerome, died Thursday, Dec. 14, 1989, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Pocatello, Idaho.

She was born June 20, 1928, in Marion, Ky., and was raised and educated there. She moved to Idaho in 1958, and married Harold Baker on Jan. 22, 1960, in Amarillo, Texas. She worked for Levi Strauss & Co. for many years. She moved to Jerome in 1975. They were both active in the Foster Parent program and she was a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

Surviving are six sons, Ezra Baker, B. C. Baker, C. Baker and Harold Baker Jr., all of Twin Falls; Willis Baker of Amarillo, Texas; and Thomas Baker of Amarillo, Texas. She is survived by four daughters, Colleen Baker, and Diana Pearl Espinoza of Jerome; two sisters, Robbie Spaulding of Princeton, Ky.; and Frank Spaulding of Jerome. She is survived by 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in November 1989 and her father in 1958.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Melvin H. Rayburn officiating. Burial will follow at the Wendell-Cemetery. Friends may call from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday at the Home-Health Care Center, 1001 E. Main St. in Jerome. The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the church.

Mercedes A. Vasquez

RUPERT — Mercedes Abrego Vasquez, 80, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at the North Idaho Regional Medical Center in North Idaho, Pocatello, Idaho.

She was born in Mexico, the daughter of Leonides and Dolores Abrego. She attended schools in Mexico and then moved to Laramie, Wyo. in 1933. She married Prudenciano Vasquez in 1938 in Laramie, and they moved to Rupert in 1958. She was a member of the Catholic Church and the Guadalupe Society.

Surviving are three daughters, Minerva Vasquez of Rupert, Graciela Vasquez of Idaho Falls, and Hilma Vasquez of Southfield, Mich.; four sons, Prudenciano Vasquez Jr. of Denver, Colo.; Felipe Vasquez Jr. of Denver, Colo.; and Antonio Vasquez and Leonidas Vasquez, both of Rupert. She is survived by 27 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1972, one son and four brothers.

Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 101 E. St. in Rupert. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the same church. Burial will follow at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 5th St. in Rupert, and one hour prior to the Mass Wednesday at the church.

Richard C. Ennis

RUPERT — Richard Cosby Ennis, 67, of Rupert, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at the St. Joseph's Hospital in Boise.

He was born Jan. 13, 1921, in Accalia, the son of William and Estelle Ennis. He moved to Rupert in 1927 and he attended school there. They moved to Bellevue in 1930 and he graduated from Bellevue High School in 1939. He worked at Triumph Mine near Halley until he went to work for Air Force, where he served in Panama and the United States during World War II. He married Helene Juretsko on March 2, 1946, in California, and after the war, he returned to Rupert where he owned Dick's Place until he retired in 1979.

Surviving are two sisters, Viola Hazel of Bellevue, and Edna Green of Boise. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1980, his parents and three brothers.

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Police arrest Twin Falls youth

TWIN FALLS — A 16-year-old Twin Falls boy matching the description of a youth who attempted to steal a vehicle at gunpoint Friday afternoon was arrested later that evening after the stolen pickup he was driving was rammed by a police officer.

Police began looking for the youth at about 4:15 p.m. after a woman reported that a young man approached her at Blue Lakes Mall, held a gun in her face and demanded the keys to her vehicle. He apparently lost his nerve, however, and fled the scene, Officer Dan Chatterton said.

About two hours later, police received a report of a vehicle stolen from a convenience store parking lot at Washington Street and River Avenue. U.S. Border Patrol agents spotted the vehicle at 9:55 p.m. Chatterton said he rammed the pickup with his cruiser at Ninth Avenue north and Second Avenue West after attempting unsuccessfully to set up a roadblock.

The juvenile came out of the pickup holding a .38 caliber revolver but did not attempt to fire it and quickly surrendered to officers, Chatterton said.

The youth is being held in Jerome County Detention Center on charges of attempted armed robbery, grand theft auto, reckless driving and use of a firearm in commission of a felony, he said.

Grade

In January after newly elected city officials take office.

Projected cost of the new grade is \$4 million and the Buhl Economic Council is working to have state and federal funds available for the project, Anderson said.

The grade is a narrow, yet crucial, road out of the Snake River canyon. It is the only access to Interstate 84 from south of the Snake River in about 35 miles. The grade takes most of the highway district's

expenditures. The reality in Idaho is that because there are so few people to be served by the pool is very small," Du Fresno said. "It was kind of funny. I'd like to see one or two certified women away from where they worked, but that didn't happen."

The Spokane, Wash., woman, Colleen Bunch, 28, contested that she failed a four-minute test because the gun belt she was assigned to wear was too large and it impeded her movements as she climbed fences and jumped ditches.

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Fitness

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Hooley

back home; if the top of our Christmas tree scraped the ceiling like we always wanted to do; if Uncle Buddy and Aunt Hazel were coming for Christmas dinner; if anybody was thinking about me.

"The next week, New Year's Eve, I had effectively drowned all my nostalgia in Italian wine along with several other crazy, young students. Jon will be fine too as soon as he gets past memories of mom's Christmas with Nat King Cole."

Then he can have his own New Year's Eve with his military buddies in Panama. Which, I imagine, will be quite a bit less sentimental.

Diana Hooley writes her bi-weekly column, "From her farm home near Indian Cove."

Obituaries

Ronald R. Isaak

HAGERMAN — Ronald Rex Isaak, 49, of Hagerman, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at his home.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Howe Mortuary, American Falls. Local arrangements are under the direction of Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Robert T. Webb

TWIN FALLS — Dr. Robert T. Webb, 62, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at his home.

Surviving are two sisters, Lidanna W. Webb of Hazelton, Idaho, and a brother, Lester Middleton, Texas, and one brother, Weston K. Webb of American Falls. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Cremation took place in California.

LeAnna A. Smith

TWIN FALLS — LeAnna Alice Smith, 87, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at the West Valley Care Center on Twin Falls following a long illness.

She was born May 7, 1902, in Humboldt, Wis. She lived in Idaho where she moved in Twin Falls in 1947, where she has since resided.

Surviving are one son, Robert Dickerson of Twin Falls; two daughters, Louise Calkins of Coeur d'Alene and Georganna Calkins of Coeur d'Alene. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1929, one daughter, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1929, one daughter, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

No service is scheduled. Cremation took place at White Crematory in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley. Memorial contributions may be made to the West Valley Regional Medical Center's new cancer treatment facility and may be left at White Mortuary.

Sadie Collier

HAILEY — Sadie Collier, 89, of Hailey, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley, Idaho.

She was born Feb. 17, 1900, in Belfast, Ireland, the daughter of John Houston and Mary Ann Houston. She was preceded in death when she was 13 by her mother, Harold Collier on July 23, 1913, in Los Angeles, Calif. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Wood River Funeral Chapel in Hailey.

Doris M. Lundy

CAIDWELL — Doris Mae Lundy, 91, of Caldwell, died Friday, Dec. 15, 1989, at her home.

She was born Nov. 10, 1898, in Nebraska, the daughter of James and Roxie Gately. They later moved to Idaho, where she was raised. She was a member of the Canyon Hill Church of the Nazarene in Caldwell.

Surviving are one son, Arthur Smith of Caldwell; one brother, Merle Gately of Caldwell; one sister, Paula Gately of Twin Falls; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one daughter, three brothers and three sisters.

Fred B. Boucut

BURLEY — Fred Birch Boucut, 72, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley, Idaho.

He was born June 21, 1917, in Burley, the son of Joseph Hyman and Zow May Bouda. He graduated from Burley High School and served in the Army during World War II. He returned to Burley and had since resided there. He married Wilma Gentry on Sept. 21, 1941, in Klamath Falls, Ore. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1981.

Surviving are one son, Arthur Smith of Caldwell; one brother, Merle Gately of Caldwell; one sister, Paula Gately of Twin Falls; and several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents, one daughter, three brothers and three sisters.

Services

RUPERT — Rosary for Louise M. Reardon, 75, of Rupert, will be held Wednesday, Dec. 17, 1989, at 7 p.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 201 E. St. in Rupert. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with the Rev. Robb Keller officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday in Paradise Valley. The family suggests that memorial contributions may be made to the Minutka Memorial Hospital Park Lodge, 1224 Eighth St., Rupert, Idaho 83350. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Admitted — Mrs. Thomas Treanor, Jennifer Levell, Mrs. Michael Anderson, Morton Thompson Sr., Mrs. Sol Jose Mondragon, Jose Castillo, Wendy Moore, Mrs. Richard Clayton and Mrs. Todd Miller, at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley, Idaho. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Burley, Idaho.

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Augusta L. Dickerson

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Surviving are one son, Robert Dickerson of Twin Falls; two daughters, Louise Calkins of Coeur d'Alene and Georganna Calkins of Coeur d'Alene. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1929, one daughter, two granddaughters and two great-grandchildren.

No service is scheduled. Cremation took place at White Crematory in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Hansen Mortuary in Burley. Memorial contributions may be made to the West Valley Regional Medical Center's new cancer treatment facility and may be left at White Mortuary.

Ada T. Marrell

BURLEY — Ada T. Marrell, 82, of Burley, died Saturday, Dec. 16, 1989, at her home.

She was born March 29, 1897, in Mansfield, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1972, one son and four brothers.

Rosary will be recited at 6 p.m. Tuesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church, 101 E. St. in Rupert. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the same church. Burial will follow at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 710 5th St. in Rupert, and one hour prior to the Mass Wednesday at the church.

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Police began looking for the youth at about 4:15 p.m. after a woman reported that a young man approached her at Blue Lakes Mall, held a gun in her face and demanded the keys to her vehicle. He apparently lost his nerve, however, and fled the scene, Officer Dan Chatterton said.

About two hours later, police received a report of a vehicle stolen from a convenience store parking lot at Washington Street and River Avenue. U.S. Border Patrol agents spotted the vehicle at 9:55 p.m. Chatterton said he rammed the pickup with his cruiser at Ninth Avenue north and Second Avenue West after attempting unsuccessfully to set up a roadblock.

The juvenile came out of the pickup holding a .38 caliber revolver but did not attempt to fire it and quickly surrendered to officers, Chatterton said.

The youth is being held in Jerome County Detention Center on charges of attempted armed robbery, grand theft auto, reckless driving and use of a firearm in commission of a felony, he said.

Grade

In January after newly elected city officials take office.

Projected cost of the new grade is \$4 million and the Buhl Economic Council is working to have state and federal funds available for the project, Anderson said.

The grade is a narrow, yet crucial, road out of the Snake River canyon. It is the only access to Interstate 84 from south of the Snake River in about 35 miles. The grade takes most of the highway district's

expenditures. The reality in Idaho is that because there are so few people to be served by the pool is very small," Du Fresno said. "It was kind of funny. I'd like to see one or two certified women away from where they worked, but that didn't happen."

The Spokane, Wash., woman, Colleen Bunch, 28, contested that she failed a four-minute test because the gun belt she was assigned to wear was too large and it impeded her movements as she climbed fences and jumped ditches.

Hooley

back home; if the top of our Christmas tree scraped the ceiling like we always wanted to do; if Uncle Buddy and Aunt Hazel were coming for Christmas dinner; if anybody was thinking about me.

"The next week, New Year's Eve, I had effectively drowned all my nostalgia in Italian wine along with several other crazy, young students. Jon will be fine too as soon as he gets past memories of mom's Christmas with Nat King Cole."

Then he can have his own New Year's Eve with his military buddies in Panama. Which, I imagine, will be quite a bit less sentimental.

Diana Hooley writes her bi-weekly column, "From her farm home near Indian Cove."



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- A lot may depend on how your company handles pension distributions. Your pension may be available as early as age 55. But you may be able to walk away at age 62 with little or no reduction in benefits.
- Consider how your company's pension check generally will increase the longer you work. It may not cost you that much to leave early, for example, your company's pension formula may slow down the rate of benefits after age 60. So you may not be giving up much more than your regular paycheck if you retire early.
- Some companies offer special packages that "unwind" your pension for early retirees. Unfortunately, you may be faced with an early retirement decision right away—take it or leave it. You should have the offer carefully evaluated.
- Be sure that all your health and life insurance needs will be met if you leave early. Your company generally is required to offer you group health insurance for the first 18 months after you leave the job, but you usually have to pick up the freight. After the 18 months are up, it generally becomes expensive to continue with the same plan.
- You may need to arrange for other health insurance coverage.
- This generally isn't the kind of decision you make on the spur of the moment. It requires an in-depth analysis of your financial and personal situations. Importantly, retirement is meant to be enjoyed by those than can afford it.

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Track

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 Savage said. "Sometimes we have to take a few minutes before practice and have the kids throw rocks off the track before we can begin," he said.
 About two years ago a girl fell and broke her ankle, due to the uneven surface, he said.
 The parents' committee called its project "B.A.T. 65" for Burley athletic track and the \$65,000 cost.
 Gary and Linda Moreton are spearheading the committee's numerous fund-raisers, which began with a Jags-Ten in May. The group has raised about \$25,000 so far, or about 40 percent of the total needed.
 Area merchants and businesses have contributed services and goods. Gordon Paving Co., for example, agreed to cut about a third off the

usual \$160,000 price tag for the new rubberized asphalt track, Linda said.
 A new track would require about \$2,000 every two years to maintain it, but Moreton said maintenance costs would be paid for through the sale of concessions.
 The project can also expect some help from the Cassia County School District. Superintendent Norman Hurst said, but added that the board hasn't discussed specific figures.
 The committee hopes the new track will make it possible for Burley High School to have track meets. The school hasn't had a meet for at least four years, Savage said. Burley and Post Falls High School in northern Idaho are the only A-1 schools without an all-weather track, he said.
 The new track would be opened for the public to use when the school is not using it, Moreton said. With

the Spudman Triathlon held in Burley each summer and the number of Burley students involved in the Special Olympics, area athletes need a good local track where they can train for these and other events, she said.
 She hopes the committee can raise the remainder of the money in time to begin work in May to be ready for the 1990-91 school year. Donation jars are at various local stores and businesses and several more fund-raisers are planned for the coming month.
 Those who donate by the end of the year can take advantage of special tax breaks, local accountant Curtis Pope, treasurer for the committee, said. An information sheet is available for anyone wishing to know more about the tax credit available on donations.

Scantily-clad women create furor at base

Around the valley

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School lunch menus

BLISS
 Monday: Nachos with cheese, fried rice, peaches and milk.
 Tuesday: Whipped potatoes, hot turkey gravy, hot rolls, peas and milk.
 Wednesday: Corn dogs, tater tots, applesauce, cookies and milk.
 Thursday: Ham, mixed vegetables, hot rolls, ice cream cups, coffee cake and milk.
 Friday: No lunch, early dismissal.

CASTLEFORD
 Breakfast served daily 8 to 8:30 a.m.
 Monday: Cinnamon rolls, juice and milk.
 Tuesday: Pancakes, juice and milk.
 Wednesday: Sweet potatoes, juice and milk.
 Thursday: French toast, juice and milk.
 Lunch served daily 11:20 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
 Monday: Hot dogs, cake and milk.
 Tuesday: Chili, cinnamon rolls and milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken burgers, cookie and milk.
 Thursday: Nachos, cookie and milk.
 Friday: Baked ham dinner and chocolate milk.

BLAINE COUNTY
 Monday: Chili, crispitos, Mexican corn, fresh orange wedges and milk.
 Tuesday: Submarine sandwich, lettuce, ham, french fries, french onion sticks, oatmeal bar cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: French bread pizza, garden salad, dressing, chilled fruit cup and chocolate milk.
 Thursday: No school.
 Friday: No school.

BUHL
 Breakfast:
 Monday: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, fruit and juice and milk.
 Tuesday: Blueberry pancakes (2), syrup, fruit or juice and milk.
 Wednesday: No breakfast, early dismissal.
 Thursday: No school.
 Friday: No school.
 Lunch:
 Monday: Chili, grated cheese, carrot sticks, fruit, cornbread, honey butter and milk.
 Tuesday: Corn dogs, catsup, french fries, fruit and milk.
 Wednesday: Hot Day - No lunch, early dismissal.
 Thursday: No school.
 Friday: No school.

BURLEY JUNIOR HIGH
 Monday: Salad bar with soup; or Heagie or hot combo, tater tots, catsup, fruit cup and milk.
 Tuesday: Salad bar with mini-burgers; or Matbu chicken or tuna on a bun, french fries, peas, cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Salad bar with enchilada; or Taco boat or coridog, vegetables, dip, chocolate chip cookie and milk.
 Thursday: Salad bar with sliced turkey; or Roast turkey, potatoes, gravy, pumpkin pie, hot roll, honeybutter and milk.
 Friday: No salad bar, Hamburgers or cheeseburgers or burritos, tater tots, catsup, apple and milk.

CASSIA COUNTY ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
 Monday: Egg-totley sandwich on a whole wheat bun, potato wedges, calico fruit salad, autumn spice squares and milk.
 Tuesday: Chicken patty, french fries, fruit, hot roll, school fudge and milk.
 Wednesday: Beef taco, tater tots, spice squares and milk.
 Thursday: "Christmas Dinner" Baked ham, whipped potatoes, gravy, fruit salad, hot rolls, pumpkin pie and milk.
 Friday: "Christmas Brunch" Santa's sandwich (ham and eggs on a bun), tri-

ters, orange slices and elf (chocolate) milk.
 Monday: Homemade chili, cheese slices, salad bar, french grapes, crackers and milk.
 Tuesday: Barbecue beef with mushroom seasoned brussel sprouts, cottage cheese, tomato wedge, salad bar, Rice Krispie cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Lasagna, tater tots, seasoned cauliflower, salad, bar, dark-sweet cherries, bread, butter and milk.
 Thursday: Homemade vegetable soup, submarine sandwich, salad bar, banana halves and milk.
 Friday: Baked ham, hash browns, seasoned green beans, salad bar, blushing pears, bread, butter and milk.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH SCHOOL
 Monday: Chicken patty on a bun, mayonnaise, lettuce, carrot sticks, pickle chips, fruit, enderkerdoodle cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Vegetable beef and rice soup, cheese sticks, long bread, fruit, granola bars and milk.
 Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, green salad, fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.
 Thursday: Mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, celery, peanut butter, corn, rolls, butter, jam and milk.
 Friday: All-you-can-eat pepperoni pizza, carrot sticks, fruit, jeans' birthday cake and chocolate milk.

JEROME ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
 Monday: Ham, nachos with cheese sauce, buttered corn, apples, peanut butter cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Italian spaghetti, coleslaw, cheese bread sticks, fruit, granola cracker cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, fruit salad, dinner roll, cranberries, pumpkin pie and milk.
 Thursday: Corn dog, french fries, fruit, chocolate chip cookie and milk. Early dismissal.
 Friday: No school.

JEROME JR. AND SR. HIGH SCHOOLS
 Every day: choice of salad bar, soup and sandwich bar, soft-serve bar, main line hamburger line, or ala carte items. Only the main-line choice is listed. Menu is subject to change.
 Monday: Pepperoni pizza, raisin cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Corn dogs, banana chocolate chip cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Turkey, dressing, fruit salad, cranberries, pumpkin pie and milk.
 Thursday: Hamburger line daily, early dismissal.
 Friday: No school.

HANSEN
 Monday: Salad bar, or Taco salad, lettuce, cheese, chips, applesauce and milk.
 Tuesday: Roast turkey, stuffing, gravy, buttered corn, cranberries, hot rolls, butter, strawberry cups and milk.
 Wednesday: Nacho bar, or Beef and bean burrito, potato rounds, coleslaw, pineapple and milk.
 Thursday: No school.
 Friday: No school.

IDAHO STATE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF/BLIND
 Monday: Homemade chili, cheese slices, salad bar, french grapes, crackers and milk.
 Tuesday: Barbecue beef with mushroom seasoned brussel sprouts, cottage cheese, tomato wedge, salad bar, Rice Krispie cookie and milk.
 Wednesday: Lasagna, tater tots, seasoned cauliflower, salad, bar, dark-sweet cherries, bread, butter and milk.
 Thursday: Homemade vegetable soup, submarine sandwich, salad bar, banana halves and milk.
 Friday: Baked ham, hash browns, seasoned green beans, salad bar, blushing pears, bread, butter and milk.

MINIDOKA COUNTY
 Monday: Beef and cheese taco, buttered green beans, pink applesauce, cake and milk.
 Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, carrot stick, buttered corn, chilled peaches and chocolate milk.
 Wednesday: Spaghetti, tossed green salad, chilled pears, french roll and milk.
 Thursday: Fried chicken, celery, peanut butter, strawberry shortcake, hot rolls and milk.
 Friday: Corn dogs, catsup, later tots, carrot stick, orange wedges, cookie and milk.

MURTAUGH
 Monday: Pizza, coleslaw, pineapple, cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Chili, crackers, celery sticks, applesauce, cinnamon roll and milk.
 Wednesday: French dip sandwich, fries, salad, pears and milk.
 Thursday: Christmas parties, no lunch.
 Friday: No school.

RICHFIELD
 Breakfast:
 Monday: Cereal, toast and milk.
 Tuesday: Pancakes, syrup and milk.
 Wednesday: French toast, syrup and milk.
 Thursday: Scrambled eggs, muffins and milk.
 Friday: Cereal, berry pie and milk.
 Lunch:
 Monday: Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, gravy, seasoned green beans, hot rolls, fruit and milk.
 Tuesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, green salad, fruit, Jell-O and milk.
 Wednesday: Hamburgers, potato chips, pork and beans, cherry cupcakes and milk.
 Thursday: Sloppy juce, green salad, birthday cake, ice cream, strawberries and milk.
 Friday: Nachos with cheese, tomato soup, crackers, applesauce and chocolate milk.

SHOSHONE
 Breakfast:
 Daily: Cudd, cereal, toast, fruit or juice and milk.
 Lunch:
 Monday: Corn dogs, french fries, fruit, cake and milk.
 Tuesday: "Christmas Dinner" Turkey, slices, whipped potatoes, gravy, hot vegetable, cranberries, hot rolls, butter, strawberry shortcake and milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast served, no lunch.
 Thursday: Chicken nuggets, sweet and sour sauce, mashed potatoes, creamed peas, rolls, butter, peaches and milk.
 Friday: Salad bar or Turkey and cheese roll-up, fries, sauce, carrots, fruit pudding and milk.
 Wednesday: Corn dogs, auGrain pota-

toes, mixed vegetables, cookies and milk.
 Thursday: Tostada casserole, green beans, tossed salad, cornbread, honey butter, cutie pie and milk. Early dismissal.
 Friday: No school.

TWIN FALLS JUNIOR HIGH
 Monday: Soft shell taco, lettuce, cheese, spiced applesauce, birthday cake and milk.
 Tuesday: Chef's salad, pickle spears, fruit salad, whole wheat roll and milk.
 Wednesday: Chicken nuggets, special sauce, hash browns, orange wedges, bread, raisin rolls and milk.
 Thursday: Cook's choice.
 Friday: Hamburger' deluxe, tri-taters, strawberries, bananas, Christmas cookie and milk.

WENDELL
 Monday: Waffle, sausage patty, juice, banana and milk.
 Tuesday: Taco salad, fruit Jell-O, cookie, ice cream and milk.
 Wednesday: Whipped potatoes, turkey, gravy, salad, peach, crisp, ice cream, roll and milk.
 Thursday: Hot dog, fries, pears and milk.
 Friday: No school.

VALLEY
 Monday: Spaghetti with sauce, green beans, french roll, butter, pear half and milk.
 Tuesday: Chicken burger on a bun, tater sticks, carrot dollars, birthday cake, apple and milk.
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Arts awards to be presented

The Associated Press

Stays, will receive one of the awards.

The Boise Philharmonic Orchestra

BOISE - A Ketchum sculptor and Filer couple will receive two of 16 Governor's Centennial Arts Awards for excellence in and support of the arts.

Roger and Margaret Vincent of Filer, longtime supporters of music programs in the Magic Valley, will also be recognized.

Awards for support of the arts go to Aldrich Bowler, Boise, founder of the Antique Festival Theater, and Pat and Sue Flammia, Coeur d'Alene, founders of the Art on the Green Festival.

The Feb. 9 award ceremony in Boise's Morrison Center will be televised live by Idaho's public broadcast network and actress Ann Sothom, who lives in Blaine County, will join the governor at the podium.

Special Idaho Centennial Homecoming Awards will be given to three former residents of the state who have contributed to the arts but no longer live in Idaho. They are Betty Benishin of Boston, a musician; Donald Swinney, Uniondale, N.Y., theater designer and technical director and Elmer Thomas, Loveland, Ohio, conductor.

Others are US West Foundation, Boise, with Steve Guerber, director. It has provided continuous support for arts activities in Idaho, including the American Festival Ballet.

Firewood prices up

BOISE (AP) - A shortage of wholesale firewood has brought higher prices for Idaho consumers, often for wood from out of state.

Other recipients are: Madeline Hsu, Boise pianist who has performed throughout Europe and the United States, and who has won international piano competitions in Italy, Spain, Poland, Brazil and New York.

A new category was added this year, support of the Arts in Education. Recipients are Allen Blomquist, Poacello, teacher of theater arts on both the university and secondary level since 1958; Ramona Walema, Fort Hall, for her long history of commitment to preserving Native American culture and Ruth Vanz, Boise, teacher of literature and writing at Boise High School for 13 years and now with Boise State University.

"Right now, buyers are screaming for wood," Steve Nible, a Namus wholesale firewood supplier, said Friday.

Gene Harris, Boise jazz pianist known internationally and the recipient of the Grand Prix du Disque de Jazz, France's equivalent of the Grammy awards.

Gov. Cecil Andrus said a special award will be given to Betty J. Rudolph, Boise, longtime employee of the Idaho Commission on the Arts.

Dealers blame an emphasis by national forest and state land administrators on large timber sales, rather than the smaller and less-profitable sales that attract firewood suppliers.

John Takahara, Boise ceramic artist, recognized as one of the nation's leading ceramists.

High demand and lack of supply have driven up firewood prices from about \$75 and \$95 per cord to about \$125 per cord, said Phil McCune of Idaho Firewood.

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Nible said government restrictions are making it difficult for him to haul firewood out of the woods and to compete with out-of-state suppliers.

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Zamwos, which sells firewood in large loads by the ton, noticed the problem when its supply disappeared in a matter of weeks last summer.

What's usually a sufficient stock for the whole winter was completely gone by late summer, said assistant manager Eric Habb.

Jim Tate of M&W Markets in Boise said he could not find any firewood to purchase this fall.

The Brass Candelabra Bouquet

"We were without firewood until a month ago," Tate said. "Then someone came in from Montana with a load of bundles. We were in trouble until he came in."

The Brass Candelabra Bouquet

Kent Brandon, district manager of Circle K, said he also buys from a Montana dealer. Nible and McCune said there is no shortage of dead standing timber in southern Idaho.

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Lodge installed as federal judge, happy to go back to trial work

BOISE (AP) — Edward Lodge listened to a lot of praise Friday afternoon as he was installed as Idaho's federal judge.

Then he proved he was only human, forgetting the words of the oath he had to take to be installed in office.

"I want to thank God that I live in America where dreams do come true," said Lodge, 56, as he was installed in a lifetime appointment as federal judge.

Lodge, who spent a quarter-century as a probate and district judge in the Idaho judicial system, moves up from his position

as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for Idaho. But Chief Judge Harold Ryan said Lodge will continue to handle bankruptcy work until a new federal bankruptcy judge is appointed.

In a news conference after the ceremony, Lodge did not hide the fact he's happy to be moving back into trial work from bankruptcy cases.

"I've always been up front about the fact I love trial work," he said. "I feel comfortable. That's my stall," he said.

Of his 23 years as a 3rd District judge at Parms, has also indicated interest in the past. Smyser says that if not for Bistline's views, he would not consider running against a sitting justice.

Caldwell, he said, "That always will be a big part of my life." Among the officials present for the ceremony was Alfred Goodwin, chief judge of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

Goodwin said Lodge was invited to sit with the appeals court so he will be familiar with its work.

The 9th Circuit has issued rulings that jeopardize Idaho's death penalty law, which Lodge consistently upheld when he was 3rd District judge at Caldwell.

Many political and legal leaders attended the ceremony, including both of Idaho's U.S. senators, James McClure and Steve Symms.

9th Circuit Judge Stephen Trott, Boise, noted that McClure, who recommended Lodge for the job, won Senate confirmation "with the speed of light. Sometimes it takes forever," he said.

Lodge was confirmed by the U.S. Senate in the early hours of Nov. 27. Herb Rettig, Caldwell attorney and president of the Idaho State Bar, called Lodge "a very outstanding trial judge" who has a fierce competitive spirit and loves a challenge.

Kidwell drops from race for Bistline's Court seat

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Supreme Court Justice Stephen Bistline will have one less challenger in next spring's election with Boise attorney Wayne Kidwell's announcement he will not run for a court seat.

"I was pleased to consider a return to public life, but I have decided not to seek the Supreme Court seat," the former Republican state attorney general and legislator said Friday.

"I have great respect for the judiciary, however I am not willing

to accept the restrictions the responsibility requires," he said.

Bistline, a 13-year veteran of the court, is considered vulnerable by some who say his views on capital punishment and the leeway the state has in prosecuting alleged child sexual abusers are too liberal in a conservative Idaho.

His 6-year position comes up for election next spring, as does Justice Larry Boyle's.

State Sen. C.A. "Skip" Smyser, R-

Andrus in both Bistline and Boyle's cases — they can be as independent as they want in their opinions from the bench.

"It appears there may be several opportunities to seek higher office in the future," Kidwell concluded. "At that time, I may reassess the situation."

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Stolen statue of Jesus found in Boise

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Boise Detective Bob Mack said Friday that the 150-pound marble statue was found in a Boise apartment. "It was being used as a hot-rack,"

the statue was stolen last winter from the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Boise. It was heavily damaged and probably beyond

Well-wishers give Ririe decorations

RIRIE (AP) — Unsentimental thieves who stole Ririe's coveted Christmas lights have been foiled by widespread donations.

Well-wishers have come through with money, more lights and other contributions.

Thieves stripped Christmas lights from a 65-ft-high evergreen in Wednesday the city after an official lighting ceremony in the city park.

City Clerk Dorothy Freeman said Ririe was heartbroken because the city could not afford to replace the lights, some of which had been discarded before the town's maintenance supervisor Ken Drake acquired and repaired them.

That's when the phones began to light up," Roberts said. "It just took on a life of its own," he said.

Roberts said a Clubback woman called to donate a lighted reindeer lawn decoration. Others from as far away as St. Anthony pledged money.

Vietnamese gunmen face prison terms

BOISE (AP) — Three men who robbed several women at gunpoint at a Vietnamese market in Boise have been sentenced to five to 15 years in prison.

Fourth District Judge Robert Newhouse said at Friday's sentencing that the victims were "terrorized" by the June 17 robbery at Bien Hoa Market.

"You robbed your own people," Newhouse told the defendants. "You took away their peace of mind for a long, long time."

Trung Quang Nguyen, 20, and Hien Thuong Nguyen, 24, pleaded guilty last month to armed robbery.

Thanh Van Nguyen, 32, was convicted of aiding and abetting armed robbery following a jury trial.

The Santa Ana, Calif., men came to Boise last summer strictly to rob the oriental market, reaping with an estimated \$27,000 in jewels and cash.

Flu epidemic strikes East Idaho schools

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Eastern Idaho schools are operating with as many as one-quarter of their students absent from illness, officials say.

Some seem to have seen the worst, while others are watching the absence numbers rise.

"Bonnevillie High School hit its peak Monday with 306 absent students — 24 percent of the 1,255 student body," said the school secretary. By Thursday, the number was down to 186 students and seemed to be dropping steadily, if not quickly.

But because of the 90 percent attendance rule, students are afraid to miss too much school so they come back sick and infect others, she said.



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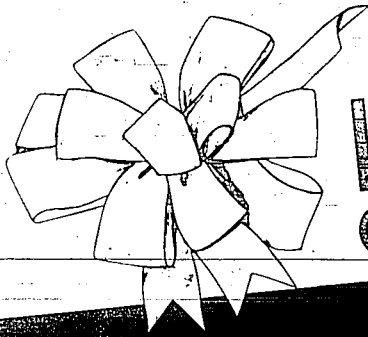
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White House takes aim at BPA programs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House budget office again is aiming at the Bonneville Power Administration, but with a new twist that has some on Capitol Hill worried about the federal power marketing agency's conservation programs.

Over the past eight years, the Office of Management and Budget has proposed either selling BPA outright or accelerating the Portland, Ore.-based agency's payments on its massive debt to the U.S. Treasury for the Northwest electric grid.

Lawmakers from Washington state and Oregon have bent back such threats, but OMB is again mulling over a sale or accelerated payments as it puts together Bush's budget for the next fiscal year.

The budget office is also considering tinkering with the way Bonneville finances its huge energy conservation and renewable resource programs.

The latest OMB threat comes at a time when Congress has given BPA until the end of the next fiscal year to get its conservation programs back on track.

For years, forecasts have predicted the region would have a healthy surplus of electricity into the 1990s. However, the latest forecast warns that surplus has been reduced to a razor-thin margin and BPA may need to acquire additional resources in the next several years to fuel the region's burgeoning economy.

"To what extent the OMB action would slow down BPA's resource acquisition plans, which are already behind the curve, are a matter of concern," said an aide to one Northwest lawmaker. The aide spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The potential attack also comes at a time when the Bush administration is developing a national energy plan that is expected to contain a strong commitment to energy conservation.

Henson Moore, deputy energy secretary, told reporters last month that the administration's energy strategy will put more emphasis on conservation and renewable resources than any federal energy policy since the Carter administration.

Moore said the Department of Energy will unveil a "major conservation initiative" in early 1990. On a raw political level, some believe that OMB Director Richard Darman is just continuing to play the game the way his predecessors in the Reagan administration did — put the BPA issues on the budget table and then use them as barter to trade with Northwest politicians on other issues.

Boise companies win bid for connector projects

BOISE (AP) — Two Boise construction companies have been named apparent low bidder for three new stages of the biggest roadbuilding projects ever in Idaho, the Broadway-Chinden Connector in Boise.

The Idaho Transportation Department said in a joint venture, Central Paving Co. Inc. and Concrete Paving Co. Inc. bid \$15.4 million for stages 3, 4 and 5 of the project. The bid was the apparent low of three submitted Friday, the agency said.

Construction is expected to start next month.

Stage 4 includes construction of the 27th St. Extension from Fairview

Ave. to Americana Blvd. Stage 5 covers widening the Main and Orchard on-ramps; a new portion of the bike path; building roadway from the Chinden Interchange to 23rd St.; reconstructing the Main St. bridge over Chinden and widening I-184 from four to six lanes between the Curtis Interchange and the new roadway east of Orchard.

The Transportation Department said Stage 6 includes landscaping the Orchard-St. Extension and the connector from Orchard to 23rd St. It also includes building a new riparian and wetland habitat created to replace similar environment displaced by construction of the new Boise River bridges.

Judge halts inmate mail inspections

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A federal magistrate has issued a temporary restraining order barring Utah State Prison officials from opening letters from an attorney to an inmate unless he is present.

U.S. Magistrate Ronald Boyce issued the order Friday in the case of Robert Houtz, who had complained that his lawyer's letters were being opened illegally.

The Utah Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union also has objected to such actions, and on Friday sent a memorandum complaining of inmate rights violations to the U.S. House of Representatives Subcommittee on Courts.

"Finally, the court has taken a step to send a clear message to the Department of Corrections" when it says that they have to be mindful of inmates' rights, they mean it," said Houtz' attorney, Steve Russell. Boyce said Russell had claimed there was a pattern of illegal opening of inmates' mail, but that he had not been presented with evidence.

"If the prisoner is there, they can open it and look for contraband," Boyce said. "Here they opened it outside his presence and seized some things — letters — that probably were not contraband in any sense of the word."

Prison officials had opened a letter from the legal firm Collard and Russell to Houtz and removed a stamp, return envelope, Houtz contended.

Inmate gains use of library after dispute

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A halfway house inmate who filed a lawsuit claiming the Department of Corrections was impeding his access to the courts will be allowed to use a law library for four hours a week, officials say.

The suit, filed Wednesday, was the latest episode in a dispute over claims that Corrections impedes inmate access to the courts as defined by federal law.

Scott McAlistler, inspector general for corrections, said inmate Thomas Humphries was given permission to use the law library before the suit was filed.

However, Humphries contended that four hours a week was too little time to pursue his appeal in 1988 conviction to the Utah Supreme Court.

Humphries, who is housed at the Bonneville Community Correctional Center, also said he had made several requests to use the library before filing the lawsuit, but they had been denied.

He said it was not until he notified Assistant Attorney General Kent Berry, who oversees litigation for Corrections, of the suit that he was given permission to go to the library.

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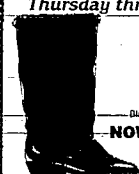
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N. Illinois whips Idaho St., 68-50

DE KALB, Ill. (AP) — David Mitchell hit 9-of-11 from the free throw line, as Northern Illinois sank 75.8 percent of its foul shots in a 68-50 victory over Idaho St. Saturday night.

The Huskies, who climbed to 4-3 on the year, connected on 25-of-33 shots from the charity strips.

Dave Thomas led all scorers with 15 points, while Mitchell added 11 for the Huskies.

Northern Illinois opened up a 37-18 halftime edge, and boosted its largest lead of the game at 24 points, 62-38, with 4:48 remaining.

The Bengals, who slipped to 3-4, were led by Marcus Malone and Butch Mettinger with 12 points apiece.

The game marked the Huskies' defensive effort since the 1983-84 season when they lost to Northwestern by a score of 50-47.

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Illinois 78 Temple 61

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Marcus Liberty scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half as the fifth-ranked Illinois beat Temple 78-61 Saturday night.

The 24th consecutive home victory.

Illinois (6-0) stretched a 39-38 halftime lead to 58-42 with 9:02 remaining by playing tenacious defense and dominating the boards.

The Illinois defense, mixing zone and man-to-man coverage, held Temple (3-3) to 13 points in the first 16 minutes of the second half. After the run that opened the half, Temple got no closer than 11 points.

Oregon 80 Nevada-Reno 72

EUGENE, Ore. (AP) — Guard Kevin Mixon scored a career-high 24 points to lead Oregon to an 80-72 victory over Nevada-Reno in a non-conference basketball Saturday afternoon.

Mixon had 17 points in the second half to hold off a Wolf Pack rally that cut the Oregon lead to 4, 76-72, with a minute to play.

Oregon had a 10-point lead, 76-66, with 41 to go.

Nevada-Reno then scored six straight points in a 15-second span on a basket by guard Kevin Franklin and four free throws by guard Kevin Soares.

But Mixon and center Richard Lewis had two free throws upped in the closing seconds for Oregon's final margin.

Oregon's widest lead was 13, 48-35, early in the second half.

Indiana 69 UTEP 66

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — No. 11 Indiana beat Texas-El Paso 69-66 Saturday and stopped the Miners' 11-game home winning streak behind 22 points from Calbert Cheaney.

Mark McCall of Texas-El Paso missed a 3-pointer from the left corner with five seconds remaining that could have tied the game. UTEP had not lost at home since January 1983, when New Mexico beat the Miners 70-69.

The Hoosiers (7-0) played without Lawrence Funderburk, a freshman forward who has been missing since after Thursday's practice.

Indiana took a 46-35 lead by scoring six consecutive points early in the second half and led 55-40 with 11:19 to go.

The Miners (4-3) came back behind the scoring of Antonio Davis, David Van Dyke and Henry Hill, who led the Miners with 15 points, made a free throw and Hill connected on a short jumper, pulling UTEP to 69-66 with 1:02 left.

Hill scored 16 points for UTEP and Van Dyke scored 11. The Miners led 34-33 at halftime on Hill's 3-pointer, with 40 seconds left in the half.

UTEP made only 36 percent of its shots in the first half as Indiana led the taller Miners 35-33, overcoming 16 first-half turnovers.

College basketball

Michigan 82 Marquette 73

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Terry Mills scored a career-high 31 points and sixth-ranked Michigan held off late rally Saturday to beat Marquette 82-73 for its seventh straight victory.

Rumeal Robinson, Mills and Loy Vaughnt hit two free throws apiece in the final 43 seconds after Marquette had chipped a 75-point deficit to three.

Michigan (7-1) led 68-53 with 5:59 left when Marquette went on an 18-6 run behind two 3-pointers from walk-on Druce Hayes.

With Michigan holding a 72-67 lead, Mills tipped in a shot with 1:18 to go before Marquette's Tony Smith hit a jumper with 1:06 to play.

After a timeout, Smith, who had 26 points, hit again with 46 seconds left, bringing the Warriors to within 74-71.

But the Wolverines then went to the line in the final minute and put the victory away. Sean Higgins added 17 points for Michigan.

Michigan St. 94 Detroit 65

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Freshman Dwayne Stephens scored 18 points to lead a balanced Michigan State attack as the Spartans rallied to a 94-65 victory over the University of Detroit on Saturday night.

Ken Redfield added 15 points for the Spartans (7-1), Steve Smith and Kirk Manns each had 14 and reserve Matt Steigenga scored 11.

Manns helped break the game open in the second half when he scored eight straight points during a 12-2 run that stretched the Spartans' lead to 82-55 with 6:37 to play.

Syracuse 105 Towson St. 75

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (AP) — Seniors Stephen Thompson and Derrick Coleman put on a dunking exhibition during a first-half 27-6 run and No. 1-ranked Syracuse Spartans rallied to a 105-75 Saturday night.

Thompson scored 22 points and Coleman added 21 as the Big East Conference team extended their winning streak over nonconference teams to 35 games.

Sophomore David Johnson contributed a career-high 19 points while Billy Owens, another sophomore, had 12 rebounds and a personal-best 12 assists.

St. John's 68 Manhattan 52

NEW YORK (AP) — Malik Sealy scored 19 of his career-high 29 points in the second half and fifth-ranked St. John's won its third straight game, defeating Manhattan College 68-52 Saturday night.

Billy Singleton and Boo Harvey each added 11 points for the Redmen (8-2), who led at halftime 32-23. Harvey also had 10 assists.

Kelly Monroe had 18 points for the Jaspers (3-3), who lost their third straight. Pete Runge followed with 12.

Kansas 98 Pepperdine 73

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — Second-ranked Kansas stretched its record to 10-0 for the first time in 32 years Saturday, defeating Pepperdine 98-73 behind Mark Randall's 21 points.

The last Kansas team to start 10-0

was the Wilt Chamberlain-led Jayhawks of 1957-58.

Three baskets by Randall keyed a 17-0 run in the final five minutes as Kansas pulled away to a 38-72 lead. Pepperdine (2-3) went the final 8 1/2 minutes without a field goal. The Waves scored only one point in the last five minutes.

Missouri 86 Bradley 77

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Nathan Buntin scored 25 points and grabbed 16 rebounds and Doug Smith scored 21 Saturday as fourth-ranked Missouri beat Bradley 86-77.

Buntin and Smith combined to score Missouri's first 15 points of the second half as the Tigers stretched a 36-27 halftime lead to 51-36. Smith scored 10 of Missouri's last 12 points.

The teams exchanged leads for the first 12 minutes until Buntin's turnaround jumper with 7:36 left in the first half put the Tigers ahead 21-19.

Missouri (9-0) led the rest of the game. The Braves (1-8) made just 4 of 38 shots in the first half, or 29 percent.

Bradley closed to 62-52 after Smith was assessed a technical. The Braves converted three of four free throws — two from the technical and one from a shooting foul — and then made a 3-pointer with 8:34 left. Bradley scored the game's final eight points.



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Knicks beat Sonics to stay perfect in Madison Square

NEW YORK (AP) — Patrick Ewing had 30 points and 14 rebounds and reserves scored all but two of New York's points during a 19-6 second-quarter run that helped the Knicks beat Seattle 118-97 and kept alive their perfect record at Madison Square Garden.

The Knicks, the only NBA team without a loss at home, set a team record with nine straight home victories at the start of the season. The 1980-81 Knicks were 8-0 before losing.

New York led only 37-35 early in the second quarter before reserve center Eddie Wilkins started a 12-0 spurt with two baskets. With Kenny Walker hitting three jumpers and Trent Tucker a 3-pointer, the Knicks



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extended the margin to 56-41 with 2:16 left in the first half. Seattle, which was led by Michael Cage with 19 points, got as close as 11 points early in the second half, but a 17-5 New York run made it 77-54, and the Knicks went on to lead by as many as 27.

Dale Ellis and Xavier McDaniel, averaging a combined 47.9 points, finished with 13 and eight, respectively. McDaniel and Charles Oakley were ejected for fighting with 5:22 left in the game.

Walker had a season-high 22 points and Mark Jackson 18 for the Knicks.

Ewing, who has failed to score 20 points only once in New York's first 21 games, had 14 in the first quarter as New York opened a 32-26 lead. He sat out most of the second period with foot trouble, but the Knicks' reserves more than held their own, scoring all but four of New York's 25 points in the quarter.

Chicago 115 Charlotte 104

CHICAGO (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 33 points Saturday night and the Chicago Bulls pulled away from Charlotte 115-104, the Hornets' 10th straight loss.

Chicago's four-game winning streak is its longest of the season. The Hornets fell to 0-11 on the road.

Charlotte led 96-92 before the Bulls scored eight straight points, taking the lead for good at 98-96 when Bill Catwright followed up on a missed layup by Jordan with 5:04 remaining.

With 2:59 left, J.R. Reid made a pair of free throws that cut the Hornets' deficit to 103-102. Chicago responded with 10 straight points, including three by Jordan and three by Craig Hodges.

Rex Chapman led the Hornets with 23 points and Armon Gilliam added 20. Scottie Pippen had 19 for Chicago and Hodges tied a team record with five 3-point shots.

Neither club could open up more than a three-point lead in the third quarter. Jordan scored 10 points and Chapman countered with seven as Chicago took a 77-76 edge into the fourth period.

The game was tied at 24 after the first quarter. Hodges made three 3-pointers in the second period, but Charlotte led 55-54 at halftime.

L.A. Lakers 99 New Jersey 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Magic Johnson scored 28 points, including 10 in a 14-4 fourth-quarter run, to help the Los Angeles Lakers win their fourth straight with a 99-92 victory over the New Jersey Nets.

The spurt gave the Lakers a 85-80 lead with four minutes to play.

The Nets trailed 65-50 midway through the third quarter, but rallied briefly earlier in the fourth. New

Philadelphia's Hersey Hawkins drives to the basket Friday

Jersey, which has lost 12 of its last 15 games, outscored the Lakers 40-4, led by eight points by Purvis Mychal Thompson, added 13 and Worthy 12.

But then Johnson, who added eight assists and five rebounds in the game, scored on a jumper and then a drive. After Joe Barry Carroll grabbed a rebound for the Nets, Johnson scored on a drive and was fouled, completing a three-point play to make it 88-78.

Short's jumper for the Nets was matched by James Worthy's layup. After Larry Drew hit a jumper, Johnson drove for another three-point play to put Los Angeles in command.

Drew, a reserve, scored 14 points

for the Lakers, while Michael Cooper, starting for the injured Mychal Thompson, added 13 and Worthy 12.

Sam Bowie scored 21 points and grabbed 17 rebounds for the Nets, while Roy Hinson, making his first start of the season, had 15.

Washington 112 Dallas 108

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Bernard King equaled his season high with 31 points and made a pair of jump shots and two free throws in the final 1:36 as the Washington

Bullets beat the Dallas Mavericks 112-108 Saturday night.

Rolando Blackman scored 21 points, including Dallas' last 13. His 3-point shot pulled the Mavericks to 110-108 before Washington's Harvey Grant made two free throws with six seconds left.

Jeff Malone had 22 points for the Bullets, who won their third straight game. Darrell Walker added 15 and Ledell Eackles and Charles Jones each had 10. It was Jones' first double-figure game in the past two seasons.

Adrian Dantley led Dallas with 22 points, but was held to one shot and no points in the fourth period. Sam Perkins added 21 for the Mavericks. The Mavericks ran off 12 straight points to a 57-51 lead with 2:57 left

in the first half. Dallas got the lead up to as much as 11 and held a 65-57 halftime advantage.

But the Mavericks went cold in the third quarter, hitting only six of 18 shots, while the Bullets went 12-for-23.

Washington regained the lead with a 14-4 run for a 76-75 with 6:44 remaining. King and Malone each finished the quarter with six points as the Bullets took an 85-81 lead.

San Antonio 125 Orlando 116

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson had 21 points and 16 rebounds Saturday night as the San

Antonio Spurs beat the Orlando Magic 125-116 in a four-plugged game.

Terry Cummings added 29 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs. Chris Smith led Orlando with 20 points, 12 in the fourth quarter.

Each committed 31 fouls. The Spurs shot 29-for-39 from the foul line and the Magic were 31 of 44.

San Antonio led 52-50 at halftime and slowly pulled away. Cummings began and ended a 12-4 run that made it 79-68 and the Spurs were ahead 91-80 going into the fourth quarter.

The Spurs led 115-98 with 2:35 remaining. Orlando closed to 118-111 on Smith's foul shot with 55 seconds left, but got no closer.

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Braves swap Perry to Kansas City

ATLANTA (AP) — The Atlanta Braves signed first baseman Gerald Perry to a one-year contract Friday and immediately dealt him and a minor-league pitcher to the Kansas City Royals for pitchers Charlie Leibrandt and Rick Lueken.

"Leibrandt will vie for one of our starting spots this spring," general manager Bobby Cox said in announcing the trade. "He had an off year this season, but overall his career has been very solid. Lueken has developed into a good relief pitcher and has a definite chance to help us right away."

Perry, who spent most of last season on the disabled list, became expendable when the Braves

signed free agent Nick Esasky last month.

The minor league pitcher included in the deal was Jim Lemasters, who had a 7-5 record and a 2.19 ERA, second-best in the Class AA Southern League, with the Greenville Braves last season. Lemasters, a 24-year-old right-hander, lost his only appearance with Triple-A Richmond at the end of the year.

Leibrandt, 33, had a 5-11 record with a 5.14 ERA in 33 games with the Royals last season. His career record is 92-78, with a 3.77 ERA, highlight by his 1985 performance with the Royals when he was 17-9 with a 2.69 ERA in 33 games.

Giants shutout Cowboys, 15-0; clinch 1st playoff slot since '86

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — The New York Giants clinched their first playoff berth since 1986, beating Dallas 15-0 on Sunday as Bjorn Nitnmo kicked three field goals, Otis Anderson ran for 91 yards and the defense totally controlled the Cowboys.

The victory, achieved in 25 mph winds with a wind-chill factor below zero, improved the Giants' record to 11-4 and guaranteed them at least a wild-card berth in the NFC.

It also kept them in contention for the NFC East title. If they beat the Raiders next Sunday and Philadelphia loses one of its last two games, the Giants would win the NFC East. The Eagles would win the tiebreaker if the division ends in a tie.

The left-footed Nitnmo, who has played the last four games for the injured Paul Allen, had field goals of 33 and 22 yards in the first quarter and a 26-yarder in the second quarter as the Giants allowed Dallas only as deep as their 44 before intermission. Anderson, who carried 25 times, went in from 1 yard out in the third for New York's touchdown.

The defense, meanwhile, limited Dallas to just one drive of any substance, then stopped the Cowboys on four shots from the 10 with the help of a replay reversal of what was first ruled a touchdown pass from Troy Aikman to Steve Folsom. It was the second straight week the Giants had stopped an opponent from the 1.

In fact, so confident were the Giants of their defense that Phil Simms threw only twice in the second half and finished 9 of 19 for 139 yards.

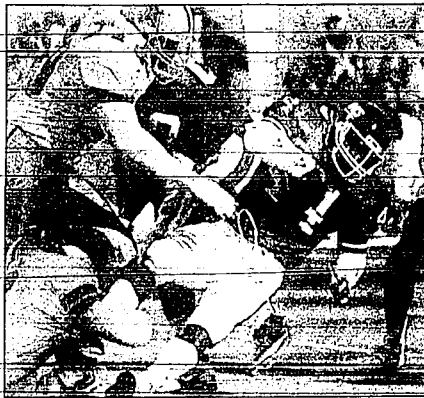
The Giants' first shutout since the 1986 NFC title game, which propelled them on to their only Super Bowl victory, left Dallas at 1-14, 2-25 in its last 27 games dating back to last year. It insured the Cowboys, whose former coach, Tom Landry, watched from the box of Giants owner Wellington Mara, will finish with their second worst season ever — they were 0-11-1 as an expansion team in 1960.

Friesz named to all-star team

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — Idaho's John Friesz, who led the nation in total offense this season with 350 yards per game, was named Friday to quarterback the North squad in the Blue-Gray All Star Football Classic.

The annual charity game will be televised on Christmas Day by ABC.

The 6-foot-3, 218-pound Friesz was a finalist for the Johnny Unitas Award as the nation's top passer and ranks fifth on the all-time NCAA list with 10,697 yards. He holds five collegiate, 18 conference and 24 school records.



Giants' running back Maurice Carthon (44) is stopped with a grab of the leg by Dallas tackle Dean Hamel

first play of a series that began at midfield.

The Giants made it 15-0 with 3:18 left in the third quarter after a drive into the wind that took up 8:45 and covered 43 yards in 12 plays.

It started when the Giants' smothered Bill Bates on a fake punt on a fourth and 12 play and finished when Anderson, who carried 9 yards for 33 yards on the drive, went outside right end on fourth down for his 12th touchdown of the season. Nitnmo's extra point was blocked by Jim Jeffcoat.

The drive was set back by a holding call against Doug Riesenberger, forcing the Giants to settle for three points.

And he made it 9-0 with 1:51 left in the half on a drive that was basically one play — a 39-yard pass from Simms to Lee Rouison on the

Another Division I-AA star, Frank Baird of Lafayette, will share quarterback duties with Friesz. He set a school record by completing 57 percent of his passes.

The receivers include Friesz's favorite target, Leland Allen, plus Mike Farr of UCLA, Chris Galters of Minnesota and Purdue's Calvin Williams.

The running backs for the North will be Lenny Berry of Oregon, Leon Perry of Oklahoma, Tommie Stowers of Missouri and Mike Pringle of Cal State-Fullerton, the nation's leader in all-purpose running.

Denver rolls over Phoenix, 37-0

TEMPE, Ariz. (AP) — Bobby Humphrey rushed for 128 yards to become the first Denver rookie ever to reach the 1,000-yard mark and the Broncos' defense limited Phoenix to 101 yards Saturday in a 37-0 victory, the first shutout against the Cardinals in four years.

The victory secured the home-field advantage throughout the playoffs for the AFC West champions (11-4), who led 20-0 at halftime en route to handing Phoenix (5-10) its fifth consecutive loss.

Denver, ranked third defensively coming into the game, handed the Cardinals their first shutout since a 16-0 loss at Tampa Bay on Nov. 10, 1985. The Cardinals' deepest penetration came late in the third quarter, when they got to the Denver 31 before Melvin Bratton tackled Gary Hogeboom lost a fumble at the Broncos' 40.

Humphrey, who entered the game 28 yards shy of becoming the first Bronco rookie to rush for 1,000 yards in the franchise's 29-year history, had 88 yards by halftime on 16 of his 23 carries.

He also completed his first career pass, hitting Melvin Bratton for a 17-yard touchdown with 8:46 remaining in the third quarter.

John Elway completed 20 of 29 passes for 247 yards and three-for-two touchdowns — a 14-yarder to Steve Sewell 5:44 before halftime and a 20-yarder to Clarence Key with 3:40 left in the third quarter. Elway was 13-for-21 for 155 yards by halftime. He also was intercepted twice — both by cornerback Cedric Mack.

The Broncos took the lead when Phoenix rookie quarterback Timm Rosenbach, making his first NFL start, fumbled a first-down snap at the Cardinals' 20 yard line in the first quarter. The ball squirted upfield into the arms of a prone Karl Mecklenburg, who put up and ran 23 yards in the end zone for a 7-0 lead with 3:13 remaining.

It was Mecklenburg's eighth career fumble recovery and fourth this season, but the first TD of his seven-year career.

David Treadwell kicked the first of his three field goals, a 38-yarder 1:43 into the second quarter, for a 10-0 lead before Elway capped a nine-play, 63-yard drive with his scoring pass to Sewell.

Treadwell's 33-yard field goal 43 seconds before halftime, set up by Tyrone Braxton's interception at



Steve Sewell of the Broncos flies over Phoenix defenders to score

the Denver 28, made it 20-0.

Humphrey's TD pass capped an 11-play, 90-yard drive while Elway's strike to Key came on the seventh play of a 50-yard drive.

Treadwell's 35-yard field goal with 8:18 to play capped Denver's scoring before a season-high crowd of 56,071 at 74,724-seat Sun Devil Stadium. Many of the fans wore Broncos' colors and cheered for Denver.

Georgia Southern takes NCAA I-AA title

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Mike Dowis kicked a 20-yard field goal with 1:41 left Saturday to lift top-ranked Georgia Southern to a 37-34 victory over Stephen F. Austin for the NCAA Division I-AA championship.

It was unbeaten Georgia Southern's third national title in five years as the Eagles became the first school this century to win 15 games in a season. The Eagles also are the first to win the championship in 1985 and 1986 and were runners-up last year.

Dowis' game-winning kick was set up when Faz Dixon intercepted Stephen F. Austin quarterback Todd Hammel on the Lumberjacks 30.

Third-ranked Stephen F. Austin (12-2-1) had taken a 34-27 lead 2:28 into the final period when Hammel threw his third touchdown pass of the game, a 46-yarder to Larry Centers.

Georgia Southern (15-0), which won its 37th consecutive game at their home field, Allen E. Paulson Stadium, had tied it 34-34 with 5:38 remaining on a 1-yard plunge by Ernest Thompson, capping a 51-

yard drive in 6 plays.

Georgia Southern, which had not been scored upon in the third period all season, outscoring the opposition 143-0, had the streak end when Stephen F. Austin scored 10 points to take a 27-30 lead into the final period in the game televised nationally by ESPN before a Division I-AA championship record crowd of 25,725.

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Key Bank of Idaho gives \$19,400 to ISU

POCATELLO — Key Bank of Idaho has donated \$19,400 to Idaho State University to fund a seminar room and scholarships.

Of the total, \$3,400 is for scholarships and \$16,000 is for the Key-Bank Master of Business Administration Seminar Room at the university's College of Business.

Key Bank, which has a branch in downtown Twin Falls, pledged \$50,000 toward the room in 1986.

West One Bancorp's Idaho index posted minor gain

TWIN FALLS — West One Bancorp's business activity index for Idaho posted a minor gain in the third quarter.

Gains in the majority of the index's components offset a decline in total employment. Insurance, personal income, farm prices, total employment, sales tax collections and authorized dwelling units.

Overall, the index claimed a 0.1 percent gain. It measures new claims for unemployment, insurance, personal income, farm prices, total employment, sales tax collections and authorized dwelling units.

SBA is sponsoring an international trade fair

SEATTLE — The Small Business Administration is sponsoring an international trade fair in March.

The trade fair, scheduled for March 27-30 in Seattle, will gather together U.S. small businesses and foreign buyers from Japan, South Korea and Taiwan are among those who have already announced plans to attend.

For more information, call 1-800-368-5855.

Yule gifts from Uncle Sam coming soon

By CRAIG LINCOLN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In the midst of all those Christmas cards, all those gifts and all the rest of the holiday-mail sits an ominous package.

That blue-and-white holiday reminder that Uncle Sam hasn't forgotten his loyal tax-paying citizens. Your 1989 tax forms. Tax season is around the yuletide corner, and you'd better watch out.

And get ready.

"The easiest way is take a look at last year's tax return, then gather together a list of everything used last year," says Larry Braga, a certified public accountant with LeFevre, Rogers and Evans. "And then go get those pieces of paper to document those."

There's a few changes this year, part of the continuing tax-simplification efforts of Congress. Those ever-practical accountants and tax advisers say it's best you pay a little attention to them, in between the holiday parties, family celebrations and general holiday bedlam.

If families with baby-sitting bills take a few minutes from their holiday activities to look at the tax code, they will see that one of their more-popular tax breaks has become a little tighter. The child-care credit, a non-itemized tax credit, requires careful documentation this year.

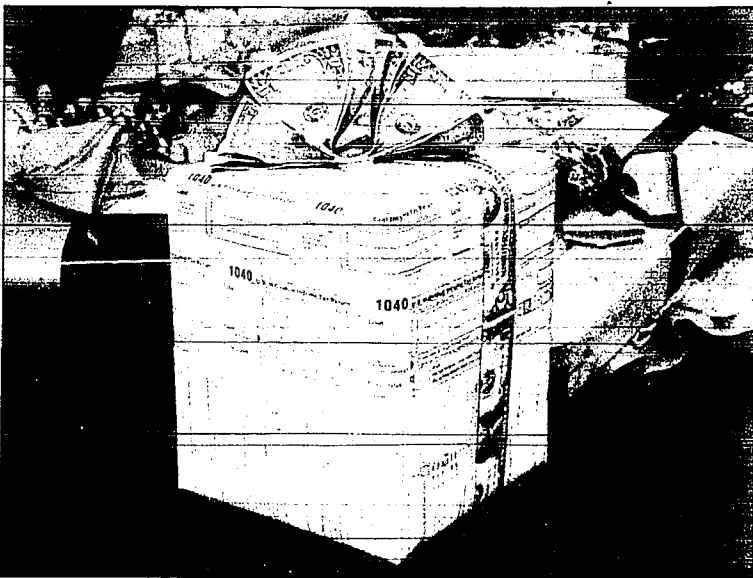
"This is going to affect a lot of Idaho taxpayers," IRS Public Affairs Specialist Laurel Morgan said.

If a family wants to claim baby-sitting or other child-care expenses, all baby sitters' names, addresses and taxpayer-identification numbers must be recorded on the child-care credit form. "In the past, some (baby sitters) wouldn't report all the income they have," Morgan said.

"So far, the baby sitters aren't very cooperative on it," Royce Abernathy of H&R Block said. The baby sitter must provide a Form 2441 to parents.

A few other minor changes have been made in the 1989 taxes. Those changes include:

- The upper income limit for earned-income credit, a tax credit for taxpayers with dependents, has been raised \$764 to \$19,340. It's a benefit available even to people who don't have enough income to file a tax return, Morgan said.
- "So if you have \$3,000 to \$4,000 in income but have children, you can still



Times-News photo illustration by ANDY ARENEZ

Tax strategies for 1989: It's not too late

By CRAIG LINCOLN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The best way to keep 1989 taxes low is to start last January.

Whether or not that happened, a taxpayer generally will either plan a long-range strategy to keep his taxes low or frantically chase tax breaks during tax season. There are two ways to plan for taxes: emergency planning and long-range strategies.

First, the emergency method: If you don't like the way your 1989 taxes are shaping up, a few quick moves before the new year can cut your bill, especially if your itemized deductions are higher than the standard deduction every taxpayer gets.

"If you have an outstanding medical bill, you can pay it before the end of the year," IRS Public Affairs Specialist Laurel Morgan said. And other itemized deductions, such as property taxes and

state taxes, can also be paid to increase deductions and lower taxes.

"Or try a charity, Morgan said. "The Red Cross is a biggie," she said.

Another popular, and effective, tax-reduction tool is an individual retirement arrangement. But Royce Abernathy of H&R Block advises caution.

"Sometimes you can put in a certain amount on an IRA, but can't really tell what that is until the return is completed."

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Drought relief turns into windfall for thousands

EDITOR'S NOTE — America's 1988 drought captured attention everywhere, but especially in Washington where politicians pushed through the largest disaster relief measure in U.S. history. The Associated Press went back to track where the \$3.9 billion went. This story shows how the money spread far beyond the drought.

By SCOTT MCCARTNEY
and FRED BAYLES
The Associated Press

The record \$3.9-billion drought-relief program of 1988, hailed as salvation for small farmers devastated by a brutal dry spell, became much more — an unexpected, election-year windfall for thousands of farmers who collected millions of dollars for nature's normal quirk.

An Associated Press study conducted over seven months found the drought relief bill paid cash to farmers for everything from hail-damaged kiwi fruit in California to heat-stressed radishes in Massachusetts, rain-blotted tomatoes in New Jersey and washed-out bird seed in Colorado.

Payments went far beyond the initial intent to save Midwestern grain growers from bankruptcy, an effort — supported by almost everyone — that simply grew and grew and grew.

At each step, the program was broadened. Congress began with a bill to aid drought victims. The lawmakers added hail to the relief package. Then floods.

"Next came 'heat,' an addition from the Agriculture Department.

By the time checks were being written at the county level, the AP found, fellow farmers elected to locally administer federal agriculture programs were approving claims for such common perils as insects, sand, wind, cold and fungus, even "ineffective herbicide."

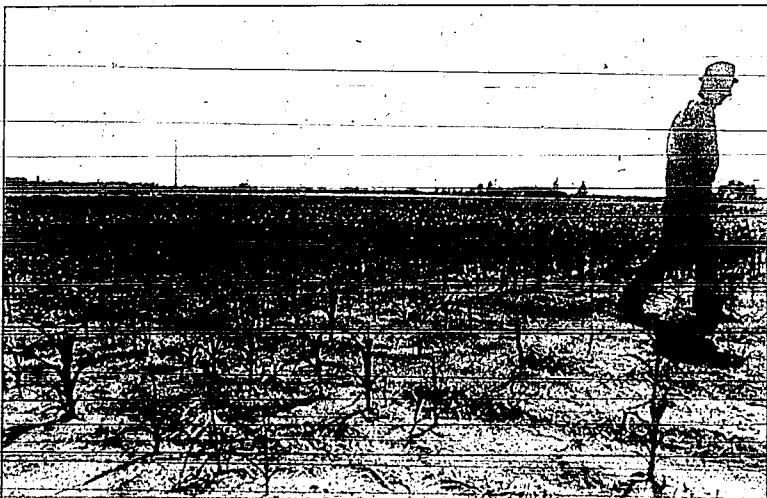
None of those conditions should have been met, eligible administrators in Washington say. Nothing in federal procedures, however, requires paperwork to be forwarded to higher officials for routine approval or checking.

By the end of this October, about one-quarter of all U.S. farmers had collected on damage to most of 506 eligible crops and just about any kind of weather peril in 49 states. The taxpayers' tab ran to \$3.9 billion.

"We looked out last year on account of the boys up north," said Travis Turnipseed, a Levelland, Texas, cotton farmer who's had hail damage 23 out of the last 28 years, but collected cash for the first time in 1988.

Loose regulations and lax enforcement of them were the major reasons for the government generosity, the AP found by examining federal records in 14 states through the Freedom of Information Act.

The politics of drought received — a media bombardment of print and electronic images of shriveled cornstalks and cracked, dusty fields — played key roles in rushing through



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Midwestern farmer Firmin Rottinghauf, 72, walks through his drought-damaged corn crop in June, 1988.

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the nation's largest ever disaster relief measure.

"Being an election year, there were a lot of concessions to farmers," said Dan Otto, a professor at Iowa State University. "(The politicians) were trying to get recognized as a friend of agriculture."

In the end, drought relief became a one-time bonus for thousands of farmers in parts of the country that in 1988 generally enjoyed good crops at higher prices and wouldn't have qualified as disaster areas, including parts of California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Maryland and New Jersey.

Although some producers appeared to have violated eligibility requirements — exceeding the allowed gross annual income, for example — their requests for aid were

approved anyway by local officials. Most farmers simply took advantage of a generous program. As tough as farming is, they'd be fools not to take what was offered, they said.

"It was there, so I took it," said Melvin Pzilas, a wheat and corn farmer in the Texas Panhandle who collected \$2,254 because hail and Russian wheat aphids damaged his 1,265-acre irrigated farm, which grosses \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year.

Government officials say they did the best they could with a rushed program: Loopholes were tightened in 1989's smaller \$1 billion drought relief program.

"Some farmers just got grandfathered in, that's true," said Dan Shaw, deputy administrator of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, which administers payment programs for the Agriculture Department. "What percentage, we don't know. But that is part of the beast I guess that was created. Whenever you do this for the whole nation, there are some people that luck out."

The AP found some farmers who did better than just luck out. Those growers profited by "triple-dipping": reaping crop insurance as well as drought aid on damaged crops, then replanting the same ground for a successful harvest — all perfectly legal

under the 1988 program.

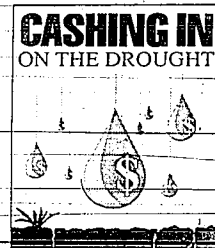
Disaster payments in several states also went to banks, corporations, investment firms, churches and even local governments such as the city of Linfield, Texas, despite regulations designed to match benefits to small farmers.

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—Dan Otto,
Iowa State University professor

In several cases, corporations ineligible for drought relief because of the bill's \$2 million cutoff on gross annual income collected anyway because they owned a stake in a farm.

Santa Fe Southern Pacific Co., the railroad giant with annual revenue of \$3 billion, received a check through its energy division. The American Cancer Society got a check, as did a unit of Texas A&M University and the mid-Atlantic headquarters in Baltimore



of the Jesuit order.

Prusink Farms of Great Meadows, N.J., a \$9 million-a-year produce, garden and truck farming operation, collected \$100,000 for losses on endive, escarole and leaf lettuce because the local Agriculture Department official said he thought the \$2 million ceiling applied to just the vegetable operation.

Wrong, say Washington officials — the ceiling applies to revenue from all operations.

Despite all the apparent misapplications of aid, the program did provide crucial assistance to farmers wracked by severe drought.

In North Dakota, the hardest-hit state, farmers lost an estimated \$1.1 billion to the drought, but direct federal aid cut that by 36 percent, to \$706 million. In Iowa, \$312 million in drought aid went a long way, state agriculture secretary Dale Cochran said.

"Without that \$312 million ... it would have meant substantially more losses to Main Street," Cochran said. "Drought legislation saved businesses from having to close their doors."

To examine the program, the AP

interviewed agriculture experts in 21 states then chose 14 states whose rainfall data and drought payments were matched county by county in a computer database. From those results, the AP selected 120 counties for further study.

Farm Entitlement reports, the ASCS summaries of individual farms' participation in the program, were requested for about 12,000 farms in those counties under the

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Business

McDonald's becomes USSR's dream come true for job-seekers

The Washington Post

Forget mumbly teen-agers with an attitude, who'd rather be doing anything than taking your order at a fast-food restaurant.

For comrades throughout Moscow, toiling at the Soviet Union's first McDonald's set to open in that city at the end of January — is one of the hottest crazes in the Eastern Bloc.

More than 25,000 Muscovites have dreams of flipping burgers beneath the golden arches as a member of the worldwide Big Mac and French fry brigade; eager to share in the West's most greasy rite of passage.

The flood of job-seekers started almost immediately after a Moscow newspaper advertisement was published last month. More than 1,000 applications for the 630 available crew spots came the first day, said George Cohon, deputy chairman of Moscow McDonald's. More than 3,100 inquiries have been conducted, seven days a week, with such criteria as whether applicants are legal Muscov residents.

Many job-seekers are housewives and students from the prestigious Moscow University, and more than 20 percent speak

two languages. Hiring is almost complete now, said Cohon, with about 16 spots left to be filled.

"It's unique to do something like this, and the awareness of what McDonald's is also amazing," Cohon, who is also president of McDonald's Canadian restaurant group, said about the huge response. "And it's the caliber of applicant that is incredible. Why, we'd hire these people in any restaurant around the world."

The Pushkin Square outlet, the biggest McDonald's in the world, will serve 15,000 diners a day, with 700 seats inside and 200 outside.

The joint venture between McDonald's Restaurants of Canada Limited and the Foodservice Administration of the Moscow City Council plans to open 19 more Soviet restaurants. The next McDonald's, only two blocks from Red Square, will break ground in two months, said Cohon. He expects no staffing problems for "20, 30, 40 years."

A farm, bakery and meat plant have been lined up near Moscow to make sure enough all-beef patties, special sauce, lettuce, cheese, pickles, onions, and sesame-seed buns are available in a country notorious for food

shortages. Part-time Soviet workers make about 16 rubles per hour, said Cohon, which is \$2.50 at the commercial rate. But workers will also be rewarded every few months for productivity. "People ask me how people that aren't used to competition in the workplace are going to fare," said Cohon, "and I tell them, 'Who wins the Olympics?' They run faster and jump higher. If we train them properly, they'll make world-class hamburgers."

The grand-opening party for Moscow McDonald's on Jan. 31 will be held at the Kremlin's Palace of Congresses, the site of the Soviet Parliament — a bash akin to passing out McDonald's Happy Meals in the U.S. Senate.

But, say officials, it's the huge amount of people who want to work for McDonald's that is truly amazing. In the Washington area, where turnover rates are high, positions at the 132 McDonald's restaurants often go begging. "25,000?" said one local McDonald's executive, who did not want to be named. "Can we import them here?"

Half of Idaho's sheep could be infected Wool industry attempts to cope with viral infection in range stock.

BOISE (AP) — A viral infection called ovine progressive pneumonia could be harbored in up to half of Idaho's range sheep, livestock experts say, although only a small percentage seem to suffer any ill effects.

Experts say ovine progressive pneumonia has been around this country since the start of the century. It can cause pneumonia, arthritis, meningitis and a condition of the udder known as hardbag.

Leaders in the Idaho industry said it's hard to determine the extent of the problem, but acknowledged that the viral infection is a factor.

"There just aren't enough cases hitting you in the face all-of-the-time-to-think-a-whole-lot-about-it," said Jeff Siddoway, Terreton-area producer and president of the Idaho Wool Growers Association.

Steve Boyd, executive director of the state OPP has always been a problem with the sheep industry but its impact fluctuates from flock to flock.

"We can go three to four years with no problems, then, all of a sudden, there's an outbreak," said

Boyd. "Or, it might not be a problem to one wool grower but it will be for another."

Dr. Marie Bulglin, veterinarian at the University of Idaho's research center at Caldwell, said 50 percent of Idaho range sheep show serious symptoms of OPP.

Some wool-growers in the U.S. have attempted to rid their flocks of the disease by culling all animals whose blood tests indicate they have been exposed to it. But at the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station, where most of the older animals in the flock test positive for the disease, officials said the relatively minor losses associated with the virus generally do not justify the expense of widespread culling.

Ways to produce an OPP-resistant flock include keeping and reproducing those animals that have been exposed to the virus but remain symptom-free, even into their advanced years. Flock immunity also can be built by using the offspring of symptom-free animals or the offspring of animals that consistently test negative.

IRS publications can often help people through tax preparation

TWIN FALLS — Here are few Internal Revenue Service publications that can help taxpayers through the maze of tax preparation:

Publication 225 — "The ABC's of Income Tax." This new, all-purpose tax booklet man discusses taxed "plainly and briefly," the IRS says.

Publication 225, the "Farmer's Tax Guide" summarizes tax-law changes for 1989 and includes a completed, sample tax form.

Publication 511 — "Circular A, Agricultural Employer's Tax Guide," explains tax laws that farmers need to know about Social Security tax, federal unemployment tax and income tax withholding.

Publication 501, "Exemptions, Standard Deduction and Filing Information" explains itemized

deductions.

All publications are available from the local IRS office, at 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. or by calling 1-800-424-3676.

Other helpful numbers are 1-800-424-1040, the IRS's taxpayer assistance number; and 1-800-554-4477, with pre-recorded messages.

Taxes done on computers yield faster refunds.

TWIN FALLS — Want a quick refund? File your taxes by computer. The IRS is promoting electronic filing this year, saying it will shave weeks off your federal tax refund and reduce the likelihood of errors. H&R Block has announced its network of offices, including the local offices, are offering electronic

filing. For the names and addresses of all electronic filers in the area, call the IRS at 1-800-424-1040.

High income taxpayers pay a little more than '87

TWIN FALLS — Higher-income taxpayers are paying a little more in taxes, even with a decrease in tax rates from a high of 50 percent in 1986 to 38.5 percent in 1987.

That's according to information in a Cooper, Norman & Co. publication, using a formula that compares comparability between 1986 and 1987. Taxpayers with incomes of more than \$50,000 are paying a higher percentage of their income, according to the formula.

Minority opposes seed regulations

BOISE (AP) — Thirty-eight percent of Idaho's potato growers are opposed to any government regulation requiring them to plant certified seed even though over half that group already uses certified seed, a University of Idaho survey shows.

Agricultural economist Joseph Guenther said the issue is an emotional one and focuses on the freedom to farm.

"They don't want the government to force them to use it, even though they wouldn't consider not using it," Guenther said. "They don't want anyone telling

them they have to."

While 83 percent of Idaho growers already use certified seed, the survey of 848 growers showed 36 percent strongly supporting mandatory use and another 26 percent somewhat supporting it, a total of only 62 percent.

Strong opposition to the requirement came from 23 percent while another 15 percent were somewhat opposed.

Guenther said 80 percent of the farmers surveyed responded; an unusually high rate.

The Potato Growers of Idaho asked for the survey, and Guenther said he hoped to complete an economic analysis of the information by next summer.

Mandatory seed laws are already on the books in Maine, Minnesota, North Carolina and New Brunswick, Canada.

Potato experts maintain certified seed is a superior seed source and

supporters of required use in Idaho contend it would enhance the high-quality image of Idaho potatoes while reducing risk of disease and providing another means of quality control as various agricultural chemicals are withdrawn from the market.

But critics of a mandatory rule told surveyors the industry needs more education, not more laws.

"Growers know the risks and rewards," one said. "Let them make the decision."

In addition, some certified seed producers opposed mandatory use for fear that many farmers would simply become a seed grower and depress the seed market.

Tradewinds

Dave White, division director for the College of Southern Idaho Vocational-Technical Division, has been elected secretary of the Association of Automotive Service Education Program Schools.

On the Move

Collection agency, Boise firm merge

TWIN FALLS — A local collection agency has merged with a Boise firm. The Twin Falls firm of Professional Service Agency announced last week that it has merged with Action Collection Service Inc. of Boise. Professional Service, owned by L. J. and Carolyn Muir, has been a Magic Valley collection agency for more than 40 years.

Ready

Continued from Page C7 he said. "If you put in too much, you can be penalized."

Taxpayers with certain other retirement plans, or with certain income levels, can't pump a full \$2,000 into an IRA. Generally, when income levels rise above \$40,000 the allowed IRA deduction shrinks.

Taxpayers and businessmen with more-complex earnings, such as profits from a business of farm, need to do a little more planning.

David Cooper, a certified public accountant with Cooper, Norman & Co., is in the middle of estimating and planning for his clients. Many of those are farmers.

He tries to estimate a base level of income and plan marketing and

expense payments so that level will remain the same. That way, Cooper said, the farmer won't be losing too much money to taxes in high-income years and paying next to nothing in low-income years.

He's trying "to let them level out the playing field."

His farmer clients expect crop prices to remain high through most of next year, instead of selling off their crops this year, and paying out-of-pocket to the IRS, he's telling his clients to think about selling crops in 1990. That should level out income, and taxes, and give the most operating money for next year because less will go to taxes.

Professionals such as doctors and well — accountants, should

subscribe to the same principle, Cooper said.

It gets complicated for other businesses. If a business meets certain requirements, it makes more than a \$50,000 profit, has an inventory and is growing — Cooper recommends incorporation.

Then the business owner can shift income between the corporation and his pocket so he can report income at the whichever tax level is lowest.

Larry Braga, a CPA with Leforge, Rogers & Evans in Twin Falls, recommends similar strategies: Shift income into a lower-tax-rate year (often a low-income year) and use expenses to lower income during high-tax years.

But those are strategies for the here and now. Individuals can do better with a little long-range planning, Cooper said. He recommends a three-tier tax and investment strategy:

Taxes

Continued from Page C7 qualify for a refund," Morgan said.

Personal interest expenses, such as car loans, are only 20 percent deductible and going down. That's an itemized expense.

Standard deductions have gone up. For a married couple, the standard deduction is \$5,200.

Itemized deductions are going the way of dinosaurs, Abernathy said, because those who itemize are more than the standard deductions.

People — anymore, unless something really horrible happens, won't be able to itemize," Abernathy said.

But the average man on the street

can do a few things to lower his taxes.

"If they came in today, I would tell them they could itemize, utilize an IRA and update their baby-sitting deduction," Abernathy said. Employees who have moved should contact their employers to ensure prompt delivery of W-2 forms.

And farmers who should have started thinking about their tax status a while ago, Abernathy said — farmers aren't required to withhold federal taxes.

"They need to be sure they have enough estimated tax paid in to be sure they can cover that tax," Abernathy said.

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Drought

Drought aid recipients varied in crops, need

By The Associated Press

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— Noel Hicks, wheat farmer

Not all who collected aid from the 1988 drought program were Midwest farmers faced with ruin. Cotton farmers in New Mexico, lettuce growers in New Jersey, a Texas company that raised potatoes, all collected federal dollars completely legally — even though, by their own admission, they could have weathered last year's drought.

Here are some stories of aid that spilled beyond the boundaries of the 1988 drought: Last year wasn't so bad for Conowingo, Md., dairyman Robert Dempsey. Good rains in July reduced his feed corn from six weeks of no rain, and milk prices were up.

But when he heard about the disaster program, he went over his records with county officials. Two hours of paperwork and he was told he qualified for \$1,200.

"Six hundred dollars an hour," Dempsey said with a grin as he milked his 140 Guernseys in his long, open barn. "That's not bad pay. About the same as a lawyer."

Dempsey makes no apologies about taking the money. "It was there and I took advantage of it," he said. But he doesn't favor a repeat of the program.

"It would make people say, 'I can put crops in the ground and if it doesn't grow, I'll collect,'" he said.

Chester Latham and his family are what

you might call diversified farmers. They run a real estate company; grow wheat, corn and milo; raise cattle; and own three oil wells that Exxon operates on their Texas Panhandle land.

To participate in federal price support programs for their main crops of wheat, corn and milo, they have to set aside some acres. In 1988, they planted potatoes on 125 of those acres — and saw half wipe out of the crop. Other crops did well.

But the Lathems farm was far from being knocked out of farming by hail on potatoes planted on excess acres.

Their farm, formally named the Lico Partnership, received \$134,087 under the drought program, legally exceeding the \$100,000 single-farmer aid limit because the partnership is owned by four family members.

The potatoes were insured and were expected to gross \$223,600 for Lico, according to Lico's file at the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Insurance-plus-the-disaster-aid brought \$214,153 — without the expense of harvest, which Latham said would have been two-thirds the cost of raising the potatoes.

Still, he said he only broke even on the potato acreage.

"You bet, it was necessary," Latham said. "We wouldn't have lost the farm over it, but we probably would have had to do some things differently. It would have been tougher to go back and plant crops for the next year. I think it was a good program."

The 1987 growing year, plagued by heavy rain and high winds, was horrible for Ted White, a Chaves County, N.M., cotton grower, but no disaster payment program

existed to help him then.

White got luckier in 1988, because of the record-setting drought in the Midwest. Although the year a better crop in 1988, he was able to collect disaster aid.

"I had a cold, cold, cold rain and then that wind that comes down like on a runaway and just cuts the cotton," said White. About half his cotton was wiped out last year, although his irrigated fields still yielded a healthy 355 pounds per acre and he made about two-thirds of his normal gross, based on government payment rates.

Insurance paid \$8,959, and drought aid approved by the local ASCS office paid \$18,285 — even though the disaster law included neither cold weather nor high winds.

Last year was not the luckiest for Carl Race Jr., who grows apples and corn in Blairstown, N.J. A well that fed a special trickle irrigation system for some of his orchards dried up. A pump that watered his corn failed at the height of the dry weather.

Yet Race weathered the drought well; good production on other acres eased his losses. So he went to his county office with some speculation to inquire about the 1988 drought relief program.

He learned he was entitled to a payment, but he felt uncomfortable with government programs.

"It's kind of a personal pride thing. You

think you're asking for welfare," he said. "I was thinking some low interest loans of 4.5 percent, that would be great."

Instead, he got cash, nearly \$12,000. "I sat and wondered, 'What am I going to do with \$12,000?'" he said. "I decided the best way to spend the money was to buy an irrigation pump."

He spent \$13,000 for a pump. Then came 1989 and its endless rains. "It's been sitting out there, rusting ever since," Race, laughing, said of his new pump.

Noel Hicks grows winter wheat in the harsh, arid, wind-swept Oklahoma Panhandle, the heart of what was once the Dust Bowl. In early 1988, the weather was dry in Guymon, Okla., although nothing really out of the ordinary.

Winds he estimated at 80-90 mph damaged 147.5 acres of irrigated wheat in February 1988. By harvest time, nothing was worth cutting, so he just plowed it up, he said. He didn't have insurance.

Months later, unexpected hail arrived in the form of the drought relief bill — a program that hadn't even been considered when the winds took his wheat.

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Windfall

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Freedom of Information Act.

Because much of the ASCS paperwork never leaves the counties, reporters then traveled to 22 county offices in eight states to examine more detailed drought program files for 346 specific farmers, also available under the FOIA.

One such farmer was Don Gresham, who raises cotton on 4,900 acres near Evadale. Gresham readily offers that he and his sons operate their farms under five different names precisely because of federal payment limitations — in the case of drought aid, \$100,000 per farmer.

Because of hail damage, Gresham and his companies collected \$248,662 from the drought program, plus \$159,478 from federal crop insurance. And he gambled and replanted the lost cotton acres with milo.

According to government program formulas, Gresham grossed nearly \$100,000 more than had he grown his cotton successfully.

"It'll be the first to tell you it was not a good year for me," Gresham said. "You can't farm without the government. You play their game."

Among other AP findings:

• More than \$1 billion of the \$3.9 billion was spent outside the devastated Midwest drought area, the focal point of concern.

• In the 22 county offices visited, the AP found more than a dozen cases in which farmers and corporations exceeded the \$100,000 payment limit by listing farms in relatives' names, corporate names, partnerships or trusts. One California family had split its 2,734-acre farm

in the fertile San Joaquin Valley eight ways and collected \$367,434 for heat damage to irrigated cotton.

• Program rules did not consider

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the higher prices farmers received in 1988, the costs they incurred, the quality of what they grew or the value of stored surpluses. Vegetable farmers in particular found the system beneficial. Their payments for lost corn, zucchini and tomatoes included expenses they never had, such as the cost of harvest, sometimes 50 percent of their overhead.

"It was a very good payment to the vegetable producers," said James Richardson, the Maryland ASCS director.

• While Congress and then-President Reagan touted drought relief as a necessity without which hundreds of thousands of farmers and ranchers would have faced bankruptcy, the aid for crop losses averaged only \$4,683 per farmer, according to ASCS figures. In many of the counties studied by the AP, a few farmers collected payments of more than \$50,000. The rest received checks of less than \$2,500, some less than \$10.

• Some farmers complained they were "shortchanged" by government systems of estimating crop yields, or how much would have been produced. But others were credited for far more produce than they would have grown.

"When I saw what I was going to

get I wanted to smile... It was like I was in heaven," said Peter Gibney, an Essex County, Mass., vegetable farmer who was paid the state

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average yield of 186 bushels an acre for sweet corn when he normally grows only 100 bushels an acre.

The bottom line, said Mark Drabenstott, an economist with the Federal Reserve Bank in Kansas City, was that "farmers have demonstrated historically they are adept at taking advantage of the programs available."

Public Law 100-387, the Disaster Assistance Act of 1988, limited eligible disasters to "drought, hail, excessive moisture or related conditions." Bugs and disease would be covered only if drought-related, the law said. A definition of "drought" was left up to local county committees.

But Kern County, Calif., ASCS director Lorraine Valenzuela, like others interviewed, said she thought the program covered "anything related to nature."

Shaw, the ASCS deputy administrator in Washington, disagreed. "Insects were not covered. Cold weather — we always have cold weather in places — that's not covered," he said.

The files showed a variety of justifications for disaster payments. One farmer who received \$107,727 for winter wheat wrote he didn't know what caused his low yield, but suspected bugs and disease. Another

farmer suggested, "In drought, you get hail." One in an Oklahoma county of near-normal rainfall claimed "wind due to drought."

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spite of the drought, which hit hardest from the Dakotas to Ohio. Net cash income increased in 33 states in 1988. Nationally it rose to \$44.4 billion, topping 1987's record of \$37.7 billion. Economists said higher prices, combined with the sale of stored surplus crops, helped farmers survive the drought, in addition to the federal program.

The drought "created an uneven pattern of gains and losses across agriculture," said Drabenstott.

"There were producers who did not fare well and there were producers who, in effect, received a windfall because prices were greater than they ever dreamed."

Unlike other agriculture programs, the 1988 relief package did not require counties to be declared disaster areas to be eligible for aid.

It was also the first time billions of dollars in cash, rather than low-interest loans, were offered nationwide. And all crops were covered — not just the "program crops" such as corn, wheat and cotton that the government considers vital and supports with price subsidies.

Farmers anywhere who could show at least a 35 percent loss on any crop in any farm were eligible.

So almost \$1 billion was spent in Kern County, at the southern tip of California's fertile San Joaquin Valley, for heat damage to irrigated cotton; bug damage to cantaloupe.

Arizona ironically collected because of too much rain.

"I think they went a little overboard last year," said Carl Grindberg, a farmer in Cass County, N.D. "They insured everything from strawberries to cantaloupes to pinto beans, you name it."

Farmers in Texas County, Okla., harvested just as much wheat per acre in 1988 as in 1987 — both good years. But because small sections of the Panhandle county missed some showers, almost half a million dollars was paid out in drought relief.

"If you look at Texas County in 1988 and try to determine a need for the disaster program, the county didn't need it," said David F. Barnes Jr., the local ASCS director. "We were just encompassed by the rest of the nation."

John Kirby Jr. of Conowingo, Md., was another who found 1988 an easy year to swallow. He received \$23,576 in disaster benefits and \$34,773 from crop insurance he bought as an afterthought on more than 600 acres of corn and soybeans.

"Between the insurance and the disaster payments, I wound up with more gross money than I would in an average year," Kirby said. "As soon as they approved the disaster program, the drought didn't bother me because I couldn't go wrong."

More than \$4.3 million was spent in five counties of west Texas, where 1988 cotton was tall — except for isolated hail damage in July.

"We really had good rains that came at a good time. These five counties — we really didn't need (disaster relief)," said Jim Stewart, ASCS director in Hollon County.

Writers for AP used more than 12,000 reports

By The Associated Press

Three Associated Press reporters, examining the largest disaster relief program in U.S. history, analyzed thousands of drought aid reports from 14 selected states in the course of seven months.

Using a computer database, they matched rainfall data and drought payments in all counties in those states. After selecting 120 counties to study further, the AP then used the Freedom of Information Act to request those counties' Farm Entitlement Reports, summaries of all farmers' participation in the program.

These reports — from the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service show what crops were involved, how large the losses were, which farmers or corporations were paid — and how much relief aid was paid.

Some counties had more than 1,000 Farm Entitlement Reports shipped to the AP in boxes. A few distributed aid to only one or two farmers. In more than 12,000 farms, reports were examined.

ASCs records are not centralized, so reporters traveled to 22 county offices in eight states to examine the more detailed drought program files of 346 farmers, also available under the Freedom of Information Act. Most of the data never leaves the county office, where payment checks are written.

In addition, the AP interviewed 93 farmers who participated in the program and agriculture experts from 21 states.

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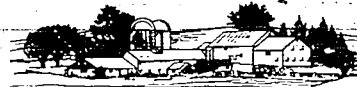
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Drought

Farmers pass out federal aid for government

EDITOR'S NOTE — The 1988 drought relief program paid millions of dollars to farmers across the country whose only claims to disaster were normal bouts with the perils of nature. One reason the program was applied so broadly... The Associated Press found, was the very structure of the payment system. This story explains how farmers allocated taxpayer dollars to their neighbors.

DALHART, Texas (AP) — R.B. Reynolds decides how to spend millions of federal agriculture dollars each year. He implements federal policy and sometimes tries to force a government worker.

Reynolds, however, is neither federal bureaucrat nor politician, but a wheat and corn farmer here in wind-swept Hartley County. He was elected by his Texas Panhandle neighbors to be chairman of the three-member committee that runs Hartley County's office of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Every U.S. county with some agriculture has a three-farmer committee elected by fellow farmers to direct the local office of the ASCS, which runs all the multibillion-dollar federal agriculture payment programs.

It's a job considered unique among government aid programs, with the very recipients of federal dollars deciding who gets how many.

Potential problems and conflicts are obvious. Would welfare mothers determine their friends' monthly checks or students decide roommates' eligibility for loans? But agriculture officials believe the elected committee members are in the best position to assess fairly the losses suffered by their neighbors.

Procedures farmers followed to receive aid

By The Associated Press

This is a summary of the Disaster Assistance Act of 1988 and procedures farmers followed to collect aid.

The program originally was written to provide cash to farmers who suffered crop losses of more than 35 percent "due to drought, hail, excessive moisture or related condition in 1988."

Farmers who lost more than 65 percent of their normal harvest were required to protect themselves with federal crop insurance this year.

The bill covered all crops in all states, not just drought areas. As its regulations moved from the halls of Congress to the county offices where the checks were written, the list of weather conditions eligible for aid grew. It eventually included — depending on the individual county — insects, sandstorms, fungus, high winds and cold.

The bill required farmers to state their acreage, whether it was irrigated and/or insured, the normal yield and the actual production on that acreage. They also had to state

— and to keep them honest. "We have to follow the rules that come down, but we try to represent the farmer and his needs and what would be best for him," Reynolds

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said. "If you don't represent the farmer, who's going to?"

The question—of who to protect, the farmer or the government, is at times a difficult one for conscientious committee members. One day after Reynolds sided with farmers in an interview, he told a reporter he preferred to say committee members have to represent both sides and "mediate to try to work something out."

Most committee members interviewed for an Associated Press study of the 1988 drought relief effort said they voted for the good of their neighbors whenever possible.

"I would say you're representing the farmer — maybe that's not the way it's supposed to be," said Mike Bouris, chairman of the Riverside, Calif., county committee.

"You don't want your neighbor to be mad at you because he didn't qualify," said John Rigolizzo Jr., the Camden County, N.J., committee chairman. "Yes, you could say he's sticking up for his buddy and his neighbor, but when we're in this office, we're

government employees." Committee members, who are paid small stipends for their meetings, take an oath of office pledging to uphold the laws of

Congress. Agriculture Department officials say they expect the committees to protect taxpayers as well as be fair to farmers. "They represent both, but they have rules and regulations they have to obey," Dan Shaw, the ASCS deputy administrator in charge of state and county operations, said from Washington.

judgment. I'd say it works better than almost any other scheme you can think of."

In the case of the drought program, many committees had to set crop yields and estimate how much would have been harvested in a normal year, as well as decide if a farmer kept his crop properly fertilized, weeded and, if possible, watered.

And the committees of three had to decide whether each applicant farmer was eligible.

In some cases, a county committee was more gracious with its constituents than either insurance companies evaluating the same losses or committees in neighboring counties interpreting the same regulations, the AP found.

A crop insurance company balked at paying one Oklahoma farmer an irrigated yield of 69 bushels per acre on his damaged

acre because he had watered just once. Insurance paid only the dryland yield of 28 bushels. But the county committee granted drought relief based on the irrigated 69-bushel yield. The farmer received

\$4,467.

The committee made a determination that it was watered," said David F. Barnes Jr., director of the Texas County, Okla., ASCS office.

The Chaves County, N.M., committee decided to pay a farmer \$18,285 for cotton damage caused by "cold, rainy weather" and "high winds," although the bill contained provision for neither freeze-like damage nor wind damage.

The drought relief program was particularly troublesome for some committees because it was set up with such haste, officials said. Some farmers harvested their crops before applying for aid, making losses difficult to verify.

In Gaines County, Texas, ASCS director John Wayne Hall said he struggled with 1988 claims for lost winter wheat — a crop planted in 1987 and cut months before Congress even considered the drought legislation.

"How can I know what kind of product that boy had out there? It was long gone," Hall said. "In '88, we made a lot of judgments."

A recent General Accounting Office report noted that the 1988 relief program was hard to administer because it required county officials to determine, on short notice, payments on close to 500 crops, from almonds to zucchini. The officials had little experience or data on most of those crops.

"The program happened awfully fast," said Steve Verrill, committee

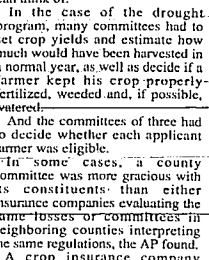
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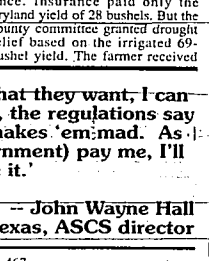
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Summary of findings from disaster aid study

By The Associated Press

Here is a summary of findings from an Associated Press study of the Disaster Assistance Act of 1988. While the program fulfilled its primary mission to bail out farmers whose crops withered in the summer, drought, it also:

- Provided millions of dollars to thousands of farmers outside the primary drought region who suffered losses from every-year quirks of nature.
- Allowed Agriculture Department administrators to loosen the already broad language specifying what conditions warranted aid. Local officials were

even more generous, paying claims for anything related to nature, including cold mornings and sandstorms.

• Permitted some fortunate farmers to profit, ending up with greater earnings than if they had produced normal harvests.

• Paid thousands to a few corporations and other institutions that owned stakes in farms, despite their ineligibility for aid.

• Let some producers exceed federal payment limits by not checking their common practice of listing holdings under different family and corporate names, which gains them extra benefits under other agriculture programs.

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Drought

Some farmers suffer, other prosper in drought years

WASHINGTON (AP) — To hear Agriculture Department economists tell it, the nation's farmers, as a group, haven't had it so good in years.

That would seem to go against all evidence in plain sight. The money crunches of the middle 1980s and the droughts of the last two years were painful, sometimes mortal, for thousands of farm families.

No one is sure how many farmers had to leave the land. Annual estimates by the Agriculture Department indicate that about 267,000 farms "disappeared" in the 1980s, a decrease from 2.44 million in 1980 to about 2.17 million in 1989. Of those, 40,000 had dropped out since 1987.

But not all of those left farming due to failure. Bankruptcy, foreclosure or drought, each decade realizes some attrition. Compare the 267,000 dropouts in the 1980s with 516,000 in the 1970s; 1 million in the

1960s and 1.7 million in the 1950s. Drought in 1988 hurt worst, particularly the Midwest and upper Great Plains. And in places, the land remains parched, with top little moisture soaking below the surface.

But most farmers profited as the 1988 drought reduced crop yields and drove up prices. This fall, bigger corn yields have driven down prices of feed grains, making it cheaper to feed cattle, hogs and chickens but hurting the grain farmers.

The 1989 corn harvest is up 54 percent from last year's drought-shrivelled crop. Wheat is up 13 percent, and the soybean crop is 25 percent larger.

In 1987, according to the department's Economic Research Service, farmers' net cash income rose to a record \$57.7 billion from \$51.8 billion in 1986 and \$46.7 billion in 1985.

The climb marked a turnaround in farm fortunes after falling land



values, high interest rates and heavy debts hit hard in the early 1980s.

In 1988, net cash income rose further, to \$59.9 billion, reflecting higher crop prices because of the drought, near-record government payments and sales of stored surpluses.

This year, with government payments declining, surpluses running out and farmers spending more to expand or crop acreage, net cash income is expected to decline to \$53 billion. In 1990, according to the latest projections, net cash income may rise to almost \$55 billion.

Net cash income, as defined by the Economic Research Service, is the

difference between gross cash income and cash expenses in a calendar year. It's money left over that can buy new equipment, retire debt and support the farm family.

Another measurement is called net farm income. This includes the value of farm inventories of grain, cattle, hogs and other production in a calendar year, along with allowances for other "non-money" items such as the value of home-grown food and existing dwellings.

By that reckoning, net farm income rose to \$32.4 billion in 1985, \$38 billion in 1986 and \$47.1 billion in 1987. Last year, according to this method, net farm income declined to

\$45.7 billion — still the second highest on record.

Net farm income this year is forecast at about \$48 billion, and it may be in the range of \$44 billion to \$49 billion in 1990.

These are national figures, and agency analysts are quick to acknowledge that many farmers are suffering financially, even when farmers as a group are enjoying the best of times.

But even some state statistics show farmers have fared better in recent years than many would have believed likely in the early '80s.

For example, net cash income increased in 33 states in 1988 despite the drought, even in some of the states that were hardest hit.

On the basis of net farm income, which take farmer-held inventories into account, 27 states showed increases from 1987.

improve in 1988, as it had in 1986 and 1987," said USDA economist Mitch Morchar.

Morchar noted that direct government payments to farmers, which peaked at \$16.7 billion in 1987, dropped 13 percent to \$14.5 billion in 1988. The latest estimates put direct payments at \$11 billion in 1989 and \$8 billion to \$11 billion in 1990.

Annual records kept by the Agriculture Department indicate that 1989 farm assets, mostly land, have been increasing since they dropped to \$787.1 billion in 1986. The record high was more than \$1.1 trillion in 1981. This year's assets are forecast at \$849 billion and may grow to as much as \$890 billion in 1990.

Total farm debt by 1988 was \$138 billion and may drop to \$136 billion in 1989. In the early and mid-1980s, U.S. farm debt was as high as \$206.5 billion, including family household debt.

In North Dakota, federal aid 'kept the state alive', says farmer

EDITOR'S NOTE: The drought of 1988 hit hardest in the upper Midwest perhaps nowhere harder than in North Dakota. More disaster relief aid went there than to any other state. This story examines how the \$3.9 billion disaster aid program helped farmers most in need.

DAVENPORT, N.D. (AP) — Carl Grindberg survived the drought with a \$45,000 dose of federal aid.

But for this farmer and others, it was a give-and-take bailout: take the money with one hand, give it away with the other.

"The guy who sold me \$5,000 of fuel, he got paid," Grindberg said. "The business that sold me fertilizer and spray, and chemicals and tires, they got paid. What I'm saying is, the farmer got the money directly, but indirectly a lot of others benefited."

The 1988 drought relief program pumped more than \$400 million into North Dakota, the nation's most agriculturally dependent state. The money not only helped rescue thousands of farmers; many say, it also kept the state afloat.

"It's what carried us through in 1988," said Cass County extension agent Duane Hauck. "If it hadn't been for drought aid, the economic situation all through North Dakota would have been disastrous. It was the major source of income for most farmers."

"I don't think too many farmers took disaster aid and bought Cadillacs and went on vacation in my area," Grindberg added.

A study of the \$3.9 billion disaster relief program conducted by The Associated Press over seven months, found that outside the Midwest drought area, lax rules and requirements led to thousands of farmers collecting millions of dollars for nothing more serious than the normal trials of nature.

But money did reach areas Congress most intended to aid, including North Dakota, where it kept some farmers on their land and may have prevented some business closures.

"You might say it kept the state alive," said Fred Selberg, another farmer in this Red River Valley county. "Everyone in North Dakota in some way or another was helped."

North Dakota, where the drought evoked memories of Dust Bowl days with tumbleweed dancing along the barren roads, received the most disaster dollars. More than 75,000 producers shared \$410.2 million — about 10.5 percent of the total package. Almost all was for crop loss.

The state, the No. 1 producer of hard-red spring wheat, lost two-thirds of its 1988 crop; millions of normally golden acres withered to pathetic rows of shriveled brown stubs. But drought aid cut farmers' losses from \$1.1 billion to \$706 million, a North Dakota State University study found.

Disaster payments reduced statewide losses to businesses, banks and households from \$3.4 billion to \$2.1 billion, the study said. Each farm dollar triples as it travels

down Main Street into the economy.

Another university survey of 466 farmers said that without drought aid, the average farmer's net cash income would have been just \$6,300. Drought payments added \$15,000.

Disaster aid and crop insurance also were critical to other drought-ravaged states, including Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin. The five states together received nearly half the assistance nationwide.

Disaster aid and crop insurance pumped about \$500 million into Iowa's economy, an Iowa State University study said.

"There was no question it was needed to stave off a major new wave of bankruptcies and financial problems among Corn Belt producers," said Mark Edelman, a university economist.

"Even the drought assistance for most farmers fell well short of bringing what their income would be with normal yields, but it provided a safety net," he said.

It was the same in North Dakota, which has struggled with an exodus of young, educated people, declining revenues, fading small towns and the loss of nearly a fifth of its farms this decade.

"From '81 through '86, the bottom pretty much fell out of everything," said Greg Schulz, who farms about five miles from Grindberg. Good crops the next two years started to reverse the trend, but drought "it has a demoralizing effect when you

have a disaster," said Dwight Aakre, a North Dakota State economist. "Financial aid helps to alleviate that. The last thing North Dakota needed is more negatives to push us down."

Despite relief and nearly \$300 million in crop insurance, the state still needs "a good year to get back on our feet," Hauck said. "We didn't get that in '89," he added, referring to continuing drought in North Dakota's west and south-central sections.

In fact, while crops statewide are in better shape than 12 months ago, total losses will exceed 1987's estimated \$530 million, Aakre said. Two reasons why: more acres of wheat were planted this year, and farmers don't have grain reserves to sell at high prices as they did in 1988 to ease their burden.

Cass County also had a better 1989 crop but expects higher losses in crop dollars. And while virtually all farmers here received government aid in 1988, far fewer will be eligible a second time.

About \$19.8 million in 1988 aid was divided up among 1,847 farms in Cass County, the state's leader in crop acres. Wheat, corn, barley, soybeans, sugar beets and navy and pinto beans are grown here. Last year, production was 60 percent to 70 percent below normal.

For Larry Richard, a 36-year-old father of three who farms 1,000 acres near the town of Horace, \$39,000 in aid, even coupled with \$55,000 in crop insurance, amounted to

"just enough to break even. We were able to cover all our bills. That's all I had really hoped for."

If that seems like a lot, Richard, who grows wheat, soybeans and barley, notes it costs him \$150,000 for rent, interest, seed, fertilizer, equipment and other necessities.

"You throw a lot of expenses way ahead of what your crop is going to be," he said. "Our investment in farming is tremendous compared to the average businessman. At least they have a commodity to sell. We might not."

Schulz, who farms 6,000 acres, said that without his \$100,000 maximum payment he might have been forced to sell equipment or lay off help.

Along with crop insurance and the sale of grain reserves, he said, "I was able to mark time in '88. Last year we had a break-even type of year. This year it was break-even. Next year, we're going to have to start coming around to a profit."

Grindberg, who farms 900 acres of wheat, soybeans and barley, was in the red last year despite \$70,000 in aid and insurance. His 1989 crop was better but still below normal; he expects to get only \$3,000 in relief payments.

Grindberg, a 40-year farming veteran who also delivers mail part-time, thinks the government last year "pushed the panic button on this disaster thing and went too far. In '89, they went too far the other way I think."

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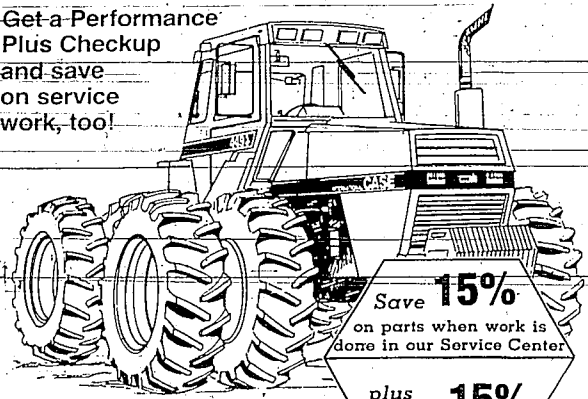


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Oddball holiday gifts sustain Southern California's image

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Velvet-wrapped chunks of the Berlin Wall, pottery animals that sprout green coats and dolls to stick on car windows just won't do as gifts for the well-heeled and adventurous this holiday season.

There is an abundance of oddball gifts this Christmas, particularly for the indulgent rich, whose urgent needs are inspired by Madison Avenue, Rodeo Drive window displays and chic catalogs.

"How about a gift with spirit?" Jorgensen's offers Angels Share fine Scotch whisky in an etched Baccarat crystal decanter for \$8,650 a bottle. One buyer was Dan Marcheano, owner of The Arches Restaurant in Newport Beach.

"We aren't cracking that sucker open right now, I'll tell you that. I'm not about to say, 'Would you like a \$750 shot of whiskey?'" said Marcheano, who put the precious elixir in a lighted display case.

The car culture dictates the wish-list for fast-lane crazies, and Beverly Hills Motoring Accessories provides drive-time necessities for those on the fast track. There's a \$1,200 car fax machine, \$2,100 Recaro leather seat, \$100 monogrammed floor mats and a \$1,500, foot-long crystal Ferrari.

For the kid who has almost everything, there's a "half-scale" Ferrari

Testarossa that reaches a maximum speed of 30 mph. It goes out the door for \$15,000 and change, and it has a trunk to store the youngster's Nintendo games.

The Nintendo video cartridges are by far the season's most popular stocking stuffers, with "Off-Road," "Super Mario Bros. II" and "Teen-Age Mutant Ninja Turtles" the absolute gotta-haves, according to video distributor Clardy Malugen, president of Tri-Coast International.

Youngsters accustomed to getting everything on a platinum platter can join their socially correct little pals in winter fun with a minimum of strain. The Hammacher Schlemmer catalogue offers a \$20 hands-free snowball maker that "helps eliminate wet gloves and cold hands for safer, more comfortable winter fun." There's also an \$80 folding toboggan.

An airborne holiday captures the imagination of some. Heli-LA promises an evening to remember for \$189, which includes a stretch limousine, candlelight dinner and a helicopter flight along the coast and Beverly Hills.

Celebrities such as Dan Aykroyd, James Coburn and Heather Locklear are among those who have enjoyed a \$500-per-people evening presented by Amy Tunick and Matthew Sarver.

A Swedish massage kicks off the four-hour evening, which includes a

gourmet feast. "It's right in step with the trend toward cocooning," said Tunick, referring to upscale couch potatoes.

There are \$1,500 embroidered shawls at Federico in Santa Monica, and Pasadena's Belladonna boutique offers \$298 bronze sequin jackets that promise to "dazzle her into the 1990s."

The holiday buying binge doesn't overlook the age of glasnost. A Soviet watch for \$100 is offered in Spiegel's catalog, which is titled "Candice Bergen's 42 Last Minute Holiday Gift Ideas." The mail-order booklet also features a \$2,950 Lindbergh Longines watch.

A \$5,200 reversible mink and black leather blouson jacket was the rage at the Beverly Hills Mr. Guy store on snooty Rodeo Drive. And the glasnost theme returns with a \$1,050, angora and wool blend Russian-style overcoat.

For those who want a gift that keeps on giving, Los Angeles-based Revenge a la Carte may offer a solution. For about \$30, Allen Pool will put a victim's name on the mailing lists of 20 religious organizations. For the same price, he'll deliver a voodoo doll, dead flowers or a rotting sea bass.

And for \$150, he'll send a pregnant woman to crash a wedding reception and tell the groom: "Don't pretend you don't know me!"



A half-scale Ferrari Testarossa running for \$15,000 is one of many off beat Christmas gifts available



Jennifer Conner displays some of the upscale pens for sale Friday at Bloomingdales in New York. The Pens, pictured from left, are a Cross Chrome; Lamy Tri-color; Parker's burgundy marbled fountain; Mont Blanc's fountain; Frenli's red runner pen; a Waterman black lacquer ballpoint; and a Christian Dior fountain pen

Expensive writing utensils may be the season's hottest gift

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It doesn't need batteries or microchips — just the push of a few fingers and the fuel of inspiration. But it's one of the hottest-selling items of the season.

Behold, the pen.

Not just any pen, however. These pens are heavy with tradition, lacquer and snob appeal — the new must-have accessory for the Rolex watch set. Sales of fine writing instruments are skyrocketing this Christmas, with some retailers reporting increases of up to 70 percent.

"It's incredible," said Bill Wendell, marketing manager for Waterman pens. "We can sell every pen we make, and we'll double sales this year."

Unlike fad gifts of Christmas past — the jet rock, the Walkman, Giorgio perfume — the pen is a time-honored piece. Pucini used a Parker to write "La Boheme." A Waterman scripted the end of World War I when it was used to sign the Treaty of Versailles.

Updated to the '90s, the pen with three- to four-digit price tag is an affirmation of success.

"Some people say it's a rebellion against computers," said Lisa Sawyers, manager of Pen & Paper in Nashville, Tenn. "People are tired of everything being faxed and computerized. The art of letter writing is coming back again."

Nostalgia aside, the pen is unquestionably a status symbol, said Jeanette Brewster, a pen buyer for Cole

National Corp., which sells fine pens through its Things Remembered and HQ Gifts stores nationwide.

"Maybe the president (of a company) has one, and when he goes to a business meeting, everybody wants to have it," she said.

To name a few pens with panache, Cartier's Pasha fountain pen, with 40 coats of lacquer and an 18-karat gold nib, or point, goes for \$775. Parker

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Surrogate Santa Claus recalls tough life

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — Henry Sudduth's life started off bad and got worse, but the pudgy, white-bearded, balding man said without those experiences he couldn't do what he does best — be Santa Claus.

Sudduth was an abused child and spent time in an outlaw motorcycle gang before a stint in the Marines and marriage helped turn his life around. He's spent the last 14 years as "Madison's Santa Claus," refurbishing and distributing toys to needy children.

"The kids let me into their lives every day," he said. "They can relate to me. I know what they're going through. I have not been Mr. Lily White, but every bit of it gave me a deep knowledge of children I'll never forget."

The 55-year-old Sudduth, who also works as an apartment manager, works year-round with a group of volunteer elves to collect and repair old toys in his workshop and distribute them to needy children.

Although he never stops being Santa, the holidays — obviously — are his busiest time of year.

"When Christmas comes, I lose track of everything," he said.

But Sudduth, who doesn't need pillows or a false beard to look like Santa, said this Christmas holds special meaning.

"I'm just thankful to be alive," he said, his eyes squinting and his red, round cheeks jiggling with each giggle. "And I'm thankful for all these fantastic people in this town. They blew me away when I was in the hospital."

Sudduth suffered a brain aneurysm in November 1988 that left him in the hospital for three weeks and required surgery.

When insurers discovered Sudduth did not have health insurance they started a "Get Well Santa" fund and raised more than \$41,000.

"The people came through for someone in need, just like he does every day for people in need,"

said Don Dalinke, owner of Don's Hallmark, who donated space for Santa's workshop.

Dalinke said his suppliers of toys, stuffed animals and candy used to think he was joking when he told them about Sudduth and asked for donations but "they don't think it's a joke anymore."

Sudduth's network of thousands of volunteers reaches across Wisconsin and throughout the nation, but even if he had no help, he would still be giving, friends said.

"I know he's gone down to \$2-in-his-checkbook to make sure people would have a Christmas dinner," Dalinke said.

Sudduth refuses to accept money for being Santa, saying "you can't give to those who give."

He used to hang uncashed checks on his walls and he has a frame of them in his crowded workshop, including a blank one made out to "Mr. S. Claus."

Sudduth drives a 1972 Dodge with a holiday-style paint job and hugs everyone he meets — something he hasn't always done.

"I was a very abused child," he said, with his usually jolly voice turning solemn. "I equated that violence with love, and I thought I was spreading that love with violence."

Sudduth, whose mother died of cancer when he was 14, said he spent time in California as the president of a motorcycle gang before moving to the Midwest.

"I went there looking for brotherhood and love," he said. "But it wasn't there. It's not anywhere but in my heart. I didn't know that then, but I do now."

Sudduth's wife, Kathy, has long wavy hair parted in the middle, wears round, metal-framed glasses and is often called "Mrs. Claus." Mr. Claus says she turned his life around.

Sudduth did not choose his first Santa assignment 32 years ago; he was drafted. He was a Marine staff sergeant and was pulled out of his barracks to play Santa "because they needed someone fat."

Black Santa receives apology from mall

The Baltimore Sun

LANDOVER HILLS, Md. — Santa, globe-trotter, Capital Plaza Mall is sorry.

The Prince George's County shopping center got into a dispute earlier this week with black Santa Claus Derrick L. Trice who walked off the job saying the mall objected to his skin color.

After two days of controversy, the mall issued a public statement apologizing for any misunderstanding Friday and asked Trice to come back.

Trice, who met with the county branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Friday morning and was to have met with his attorney later, could not be reached for comment Friday night. Richard Steve Brown, president of the Prince George's County branch of the NAACP, said he plans

to pursue the incident with the mall's owners.

Trice said earlier this week that he would return to his job as one of three Santas in the mall if he got a public apology.

The 21-year-old Santa walked off the job Tuesday, incensed because a mall security guard came by to find out "how long the black Santa would be around." Trice said he confronted the mall's managers and was shown the door after an argument.

Some white customers at the mall have told reporters they don't want a black Santa, though many black shoppers — who make up the majority of the mall's business — do.

"The Capital Plaza Mall continues to believe that it is appropriate to have Santas of all races," the mall's statement said. "The mall sincerely hopes that Mr. Trice will return and continue to serve its customers."

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Five gold rings \$625	\$625	\$750
Six geese \$150	\$150	\$150
Seven swans \$7,000	\$7,000	\$26.80
Eight milking maids \$26.80	\$26.80	\$26.80
Nine dancing ladies \$1,800	\$1,800	\$2,084.40
Ten looping lords \$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
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Feature

North Pole residents enjoy Christmas year-round

Los Angeles Times

North Pole Postmaster Mark Lamoureux, 37, and the other postal workers at the North Pole Post Office.

Drive, Santa Claus Lane.

There are several North Pole churches, a North Pole Public Library, North Pole Police Department, North Pole City Hall and many North Pole businesses, including the North Pole Tanning Salon.

And of course, there are lots of Santa Claus businesses here, such as Santa's Flower Shop, Santa's Studio (the local self-service laundry) and Santa's Travel Agency. There is even the Elf's Den, a local tavern and cafe.

The Rev. Michael Martin, 40, the 6-foot-9 founder and pastor of the 14-year-old St. Nicholas Catholic Church, shrugged his shoulders and allowed: "What else would you call a Catholic Church in a town called North Pole?"

Although only 1,640 people live within the city limits of North Pole, which is 20 miles east of Fairbanks and 130 miles south of the Arctic Circle, the small town has eight shopping malls, now jammed with holiday customers.

With Eielson Air Force Base and Fort Wainwright Army Base nearby, there are nearly 15,000 people who live in this area and shop in North Pole.

North Pole is one of the coldest populated areas in the nation.

"It gets so cold here many people call a cab when their cars freeze and will not start," said Robert Ward, 28, a cab driver for North Pole Taxi Co.

He told how the temperature at one point last year dropped to 70 below, with a wind chill factor of 110 below. "The antifreeze in our cabs was set for 60 below. One cab froze while it was being driven down the road. That's why they call it."

In fact, that's why the town was named "North Pole." When Ben Davis took up a homestead here in 1946, he was the first person to live in what is now North Pole. Whenever he went to Fairbanks, people there would kid him about living in an ice box.

"They would ask him how things were at the North Pole," recalled Con Miller, 76, who moved here with his wife, Nellie, and their family in 1950. The name North Pole stuck.

It was Miller who led the drive to incorporate North Pole in 1953. Miller served as North Pole mayor for 17 years and as North Pole postmaster for almost as long.

He and his wife own Santa Claus House, a huge Christmas store at

North Pole, now managed by his son, Mike, 38, who is a member of the Alaska House of Representatives, and his daughter Merry Christmas Key.

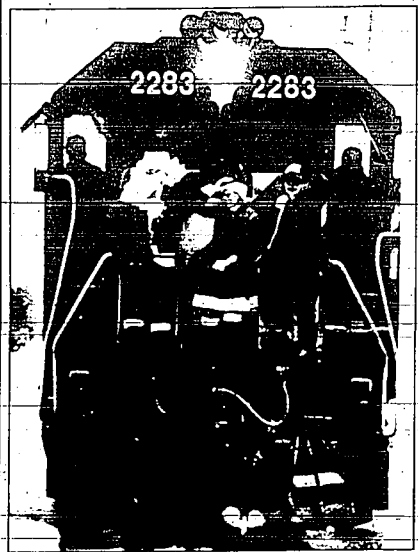
The 15,000-square-foot store is filled with thousands of Christmas items, ornaments, toys and gifts that are sold here year round.

The store sells \$2.50 decks to any-

body "who would like to own a piece of North Pole." The tiny square-inch plots are located in a square block owned by Miller and set aside as a town park.

For the past 40 years, Miller and his wife have been North Pole's official Santa and Mrs. Claus. When he was postmaster, Miller received as many as 300,000 Santa Claus letters

each December. But during the past few years, post offices throughout the United States have been sending nearly all Santa Claus's mail to local organizations that answer the children's letters instead of shipping that mail up to North Pole, Alaska. North Pole still gets thousands of letters each year, but nowhere near what it received before.



Santa arrives

Santa Claus and two of his elves chug into the railroad town of Havre last weekend on a Burlington Northern Diesel engine to hand out treats.

as one would expect, the busiest time of the year at North Pole, where the town limits signs read: "Welcome to North Pole. Home of Santa Claus."

Santa and Mrs. Claus are lifting little boys and girls onto their laps all day long at Santa Claus House, a North Pole Christmas store.

Acting as Santa's helpers, seventh- and eighth-graders at North Pole Middle School are answering more than 3,000 letters received here from children all over the world. The students answer only those with return addresses.

ice (ZIP code 99705) are busy too, putting North Pole cancellations on the more than 80,000 Christmas cards sent here from the Lower 48 just for the distinctive postmark.

Every night for two weeks before Christmas, a North Pole fire truck, decorated with Christmas lights, cruises up and down every street in town, playing Christmas music over a loudspeaker.

Yes, streets here have names one would expect in a place called North Pole, names such as Snowshoe Avenue, Snowman Street, North Star

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A life of giving for Santa infected with AIDS Pens

LOS ALTOS, Calif. (AP) — For 11 years, Walter Singer has been playing Santa, but he doesn't fill the red suit out as well as he used to — he's lost 18 pounds since testing positive for the AIDS virus.

"It's not just gays or people sharing needles who get this disease," said Singer, whose year-round civic generosity has earned him the title "unofficial mayor for life."

"Anyone can get it, even Santa."

Singer, a retired businessman infected during a blood transfusion, began taking the drug AZT last May. He has suffered fatigue and loss of appetite and dropped in weight from 183 pounds to 165. But he enjoyed riding on a float as Santa in the town's Festival of Lights parade after Thanksgiving and he plans to don the red suit and white whiskers again next year.

Singer went public at a Rotary Club meeting last week, hoping to call attention to the disease. He is one of the subjects of a videotape about AIDS to be shown to 1 million Rotary members.

Singer, a genuinely jolly man, won't wallow in self-pity. His style is to do something about a problem. He's known his share of tragedy, but says he's been pretty lucky, too, and wants to help when he can.

Fifty years ago, at 15, Singer fled Nazi Germany with his mother and stepfather and settled in San Francisco. His father later died in a concentration camp.

He says he learned about the American way of life and voluntarism when he spent about a year and a half with a couple who took in refugees in the Los Altos Hills, 45 miles south of San Francisco.

After high school, he joined the Army and spent most of World War II taking care of German prisoners of war. After the war, he served 20 years in the reserves.

"I felt I had an obligation to do something for my new country," he said. He and his wife, Marie, had a son, Mark, now 32, and a daughter who died.

Singer worked as an art supply salesman, then opened his own stationery store in 1976. And he stayed busy with the Rotary and various civic groups "to put something back in the town."

"I felt I had an obligation to do something to help out this city," said Mayor Dave Reeder. "He and his wife are involved in everything. He is one of



AP Laserphoto

Walter Singer, who has contracted the AIDS virus, has donated his Santa Claus suit for years and sees no change of plans for this year.

those people who has always believed in and supported the community, and is just a fine person."

The community honored him many times, but Singer wasn't into it for the awards — he just liked to help. He even came to resemble the image of St. Nick with his jiggling pouch.

In 1984, just before he turned 60, Singer suffered a heart attack and underwent a five-way bypass operation. Afterward, he bled internally and had to have surgery again.

"Somewhere along the line, I got six units of blood. That's when the little bugaboo happened," he said, managing a chuckle at his bad luck.

It was early in the AIDS epidemic, and screening for the virus in blood donors was not so sophisticated or as stringent as it would be later.

Last March, Singer got a letter from the hospital, saying he was one of 8,000 patients who might have been exposed to the virus. In May, tests identified him as a carrier of the virus.

"I'd read about AIDS in the paper," he said, "but I thought, 'This doesn't happen to Walter. It's not a disease a person like me gets.'"

Unknown to Singer, the president of his local Rotary Club, Lucien Angius, was dealing with his own AIDS tragedy. His 32-year-old son in New York told him in January that he had an advanced case of the disease.

Angius proposed an educational videotape about AIDS for Rotarians in July, but Singer still didn't tell anyone about his own problem except his family.

Singer retired in October. On Nov. 25, Angius' son died. Last week, Singer decided to tell his story because he felt it would make fellow Rotarians aware that they, too, could be stricken.

The response has been "nothing but positive phone calls and cards. So many people I knew, some I didn't know, called. It's been wonderful."

"I think Walter is a terribly courageous man to bring this out into the open and help the education process," said Reeder. "It's a real sad thing, but it's opening up people's eyes to the problem."

Doctors have told Singer he may have two to four more good years before the AIDS virus begins causing severe problems.

"It's not a pleasant way to go, Singer said. "But until then, I plan a fairly normal way of life. My wife and I want to travel, see the U.S. I'll still do volunteer work. I plan to keep busy."

"I'll be Santa Claus again next year, and I hope for many years," he said. "It gives me a lot of satisfaction to be able to entertain all the children."

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Pen's Duofold, a \$300 pen drilled from a solid block of acrylic, is trimmed in 22-karat gold and guaranteed not to explode under airplane pressure.

The year's best seller may be the Montblanc, the product of an 81-year-old West German company. Topped with a signature white "snowcap" reminiscent of its namesake, Europe's highest peak, Montblanc pens sell for \$100 to \$7,000 each.

Fountain pens are the fastest-growing category of writing instruments. About 12 million were sold in 1987; 21 million were sold a year later.

Because they require special care — refilling the ink and occasional professional cleanings, fountain pens have more cachet, says Waterman's Wendell.

"You have to have a bit more leisure time to deal with a fountain pen," he said. "Isn't that the upscale imagery being projected by the user?"

Although a luxury pen glides with ease and can make words look elegant on the page, how they write is often less important than how they look. Parker's marketing planner Greg Watts said one businessman told him, "I don't use this pen to write with. I wear it."

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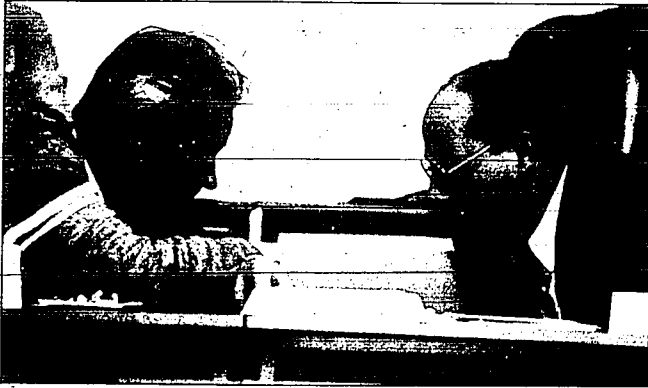
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E. German Communists change name, prepare for new reforms



Gregor Gysi, right, head of E. German Communist Party chats with prime minister Hans Modrow

EAST BERLIN (AP) — The Communist Party changed its name Saturday and appealed to reform-minded members to set a new course for the discredited party.

At a closed session of an emergency congress, more than 2,700 delegates decided to change the party's official name from the Socialist Unity Party of Germany to the Socialist Unity Party of Germany-Party-of-Democratic Socialism.

The congress also was expected to adopt a more democratic platform before it completes its session on Sunday.

The Communists have been under increasing pressure from mass demonstrations demanding democratic reforms and in the past two months have ousted hard-line leaders, opened borders and promised free elections.

The Communists will face challenges when parliamentary elections are held May 6, and one smaller political party and an opposition group also met Saturday to discuss their goals and strategy for attracting support.

Elsewhere in Eastern Europe on Saturday:

Czechoslovakia's opposition movement demanded immediate presidential elections in Parliament. The move seemed to indicate that the leading contenders — Alexander Dubcek and opposition leader Vaclav Havel had reached an accord on who should have the post. Dubcek's "Prague Spring" reforms were crushed by a Soviet-led invasion in 1968.

Several thousand protesters in Sofia, Bulgaria, demanded an official funeral service for the victims of Stalinist purges, including a Communist Party chief who was hanged after a show trial 40 years ago.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa led a group of about 1,000 people in Gdansk, Poland, in marking the anniversary of the killing of scores of Baltic Coast workers by Communist security forces during food riots in December 1970.

The East German Communist congress gave party leader Gregor Gysi a standing ovation when he announced the party's new name.

"We want to be a party that is thoroughly reformed... and therefore a new name," Communist Premier Hans Modrow told reporters.

The delegates also burst into thunderous applause when Michael Schumann, addressing a party report on corruption, accused ousted hard-line leader Erich Honecker of ignoring Bulgaria's desire for reform.

The ailing Honecker, in a letter sent to the party leadership nearly a month ago and released to the delegates Saturday, conceded he had "deceived" himself about the state of the economy and the mood of the people. But he rejected widespread accusations that he was corrupt.

The corruption report blamed Honecker, 77, and former economics chief Guenter Mittag for what it called political and economic errors that led to the successful pro-democracy movement and the decline of Communist power.

The party has given up its constitutional mandate to rule, and more than 700,000 members have quit in recent weeks, dropping membership to about 1.6 million.

Soviets praise Sakharov, still fight his ideas

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet leaders eulogized Andrei D. Sakharov on Saturday as an honest and sincere humanitarian, then dove back into a parliamentary battle with the very opposition movement he helped found.

In what amounted to a public apology, Mikhail S. Gorbachev and other leaders signed an obituary that appeared in Saturday's newspapers saying Sakharov, who died Thursday, had been the victim of

"gross injustices."

"A distinguished scientist and public figure, a man of honesty and sincerity has passed away," the obituary said in the government's highest public praise for Sakharov since he turned in the 1960s from a prize-winning physicist into the dean of Soviet dissidence.

"Everything — that — Andrei Dmitrievich did was dictated by his conscience, his deep humanitarian convictions," it said.

But within hours after the newspapers came out, the leadership was back fighting the feisty parliamentary group that Sakharov urged to become a full-fledged opposition just before his death.

The group, which numbers about 400 of the Soviet Congress's 2,250 deputies, has denounced many government policies but shied away from actually declaring itself an opposition.

Prime Minister Nikolai I. Ryzhkov hit back at the Sakharov faction at Saturday's Congress session, implying that it was plotting

subversion by opposing his program for economic reform as too conservative.

He said it was "no accident" that the faction, the Inter-Regional Group, rejected the government program as not radical enough and proposed putting off a decision on the economy. "That will take away the opportunity to stabilize the situation in the country," he said.

The Inter-Regional Group, meanwhile, pressed forward toward a compromise on whether it will become a true opposition as Sakharov wished.

Report says major spy exchange is being planned by Germanies

BONN, West Germany (AP) — The two Germanys are negotiating a major exchange of imprisoned spies, but the deal could be delayed because some of the Communist agents don't want to return to the East, a newspaper said Saturday.

The Bonn-based paper, Die Welt, said four American agents imprisoned in East Germany as well as 18 West Germans may

become part of the spy exchange. The newspaper said that in return, the Soviets and East Germany want the return of five of their top agents jailed in West Germany and four who are in U.S. prisons. All would be delivered to East Germany, the newspaper said.

Die Welt did not identify the reputed American agents, nor did it identify the sources that provided the information in its report.

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Dubcek, Havel settle presidency question

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Opposition leader Vaclav Havel said Saturday he would serve as president only if Alexander Dubcek gets a top government role, indicating the two may have agreed to avoid a fight over the presidency.

In a nationally televised speech, the once-banned playwright said he would accept the presidency only temporarily until someone can be elected for the five-year term by "a freely elected new Federal Assembly."

He said he would only serve if "next to me, whatever his official function may be, will be Alexander Dubcek. I will not allow any dark forces to put a wedge between me and him and therefore between the Czechs and Slovaks."

Dubcek, leader of the 1968 "Prague Spring" reforms, had been considered Havel's main rival for the largely ceremonial post. The vacancy was created a week ago when hard-line Communist Gustav Husak resigned after swearing in the country's first non-Communist dominated government since 1948.

The new government came to power on a wave of democratic reform triggered by mass protests



Opposition candidate Vaclav Havel, right, and Milos Forman leave a preview of Forman's latest film in Prague

in the capital and other cities in which millions demanded political change. The Communists have ousted hard-line leaders, surrendered their monopoly on power and allowed free travel. Rumors circulating widely in

Prague suggested that Dubcek, expelled from the Communist Party in 1969 following the Soviet-led invasion that crushed his reforms, had agreed to accept the chairmanship of Parliament in exchange for supporting Havel.

It was unclear whether Dubcek would support Havel or simply not compete for president. Another presidential contender is Cestmir Cisar, the candidate of the Czechoslovak Socialist Youth Union.

Dubcek, on his way to a dinner Saturday given by visiting Italian Socialist leader Bettino Craxi, said he and Havel had "been together from the very start."

Leaders from Czechoslovakia's small Socialist and People's parties joined Havel and Dubcek at the Italian Embassy.

Opposition Civic Forum spokesman Petr Kucera, speaking at a news conference earlier, said Havel and Dubcek had met Saturday, and "both parties left assuming that agreement was reached for joint action."

Kucera declined to say exactly when Dubcek, Havel and a close circle of advisers met or provide details on what sort of action was planned.

Havel's speech directly addressed the Communist deputies who dominate Czechoslovakia's Parliament and, under the constitution, must elect a new head of state by Dec. 24.

Former underground Czech newspaper flourishing

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — Three weeks ago, while "Prague Spring" hero Alexander Dubcek stood triumphantly on a balcony over a sea of pro-democracy demonstrators on Wenceslas Square, Jiri Ruml sat alone in a cell.

Since then, the editor of the underground Lidove Noviny ("People's Newspaper") has been released, and his life has been transformed from that of a dissident journalist jailed for

defending civil liberties to head of a flourishing, legal biweekly.

Donations have been pouring in from all over the world to help the newspaper get on its feet, including a \$10,000 grant from the Paris-based Fund for Censorship, which groups six Western press associations. The newspaper is founding a publishing house that will print magazines and books, including an anthology of articles from Lidove Noviny in its samizdat days.

Central Committee purge confirmed by Czech party

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia (AP) — The Communist Party newspaper today confirmed that eight former leaders had either resigned or been removed from the party's policy-setting Central Committee.

The purge appeared to be an effort to rid the party of longtime officials who have been discredited by the pro-democracy movement, which has forced the Communists to give up their monopoly on power.

The official CTK news agency had reported Thursday that "several members" of the Central Committee resigned.

The party daily Rude Pravo identified them today as former

President Gustav Husak, Parliament speaker Alois Indra, chief ideologist Jan Fojtik and Ignac Janak, Slovak Communist party boss and Politburo member.

It said the following members were removed from the 140-plus body: Vasil Blah, Karel Hoffmann, Josef Lenrt and Miroslav Zavadil, all top-level officials and veteran hard-liners. They were removed by decision of the party's ruling Politburo, the newspaper said.

Josef Hora, a Central Committee spokesman, told The Associated Press on Thursday that Frantisek Hanus, a member of the Committee's secretariat, also had resigned.

Reform groups hold rally

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — Independent political groups at the hub of democratic changes in four East bloc countries for the first time mounted a joint rally Saturday and pledged close cooperation in the future.

"We are only now beginning to find each other in the common European House," said Jozsef Antal, chairman of the Hungarian Democratic Forum.

He was speaking to the rally inside a packed hall in Budapest after a two-day meeting of the

groups. About 600 people attended the rally, with each participating group speaking of its history and aims.

A joint communique adopted at the end of the rally hailed the revolutionary reforms this year in Eastern Europe as "a process characterized by political pluralism, human dignity and human rights."

"This is 'a' historically unprecedented opportunity for our nations, which can be realized only through cooperation and not by selfish national interest," it said.

Walesa backs tough reform plan

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Solidarity leader Lech Walesa has endorsed a tough economic reform package that the government acknowledges will cause unemployment and cut incomes.

The Solidarity trade union chairman's approval came two days before Prime Minister Jozef Pilsudski's cabinet submit the plan Sunday to parliament.

Walesa received a three-member government delegation at his Gdansk office on Friday, and said later he "supported the presented

proposals," according to a statement released by a rival daily.

The statement said Walesa also expressed the need for "immediate and radical changes in ownership relations" — a reference to the more than 90 percent of Poland's non-farm economy controlled by the state.

Aleksander Hall, a Cabinet minister in charge of contacts with political parties, and top officials of the Finance and Labor ministries journeyed to Gdansk to present the government's socio-economic program to Walesa.

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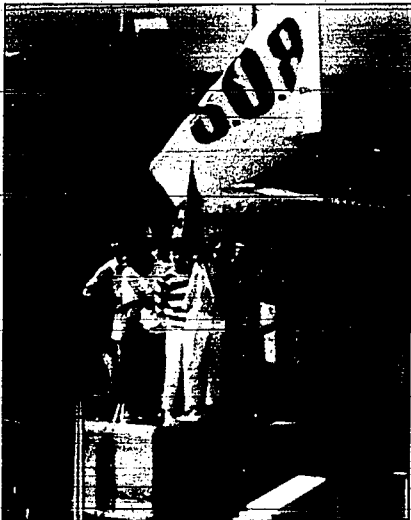
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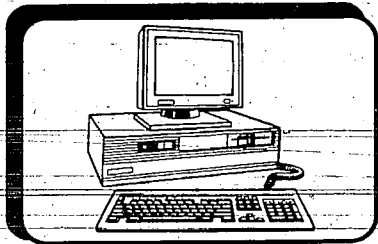
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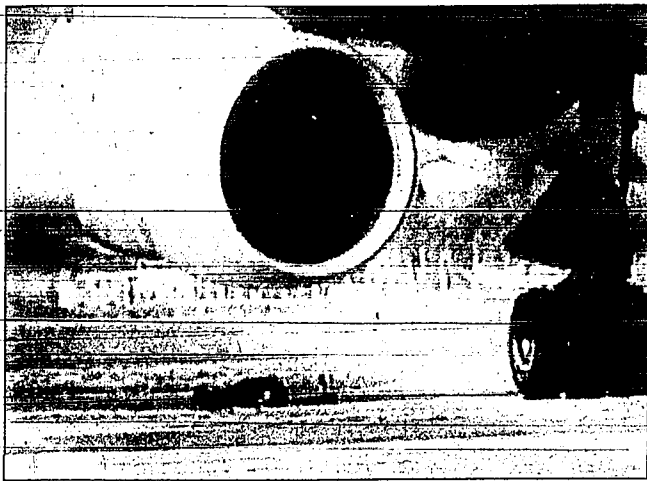
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A man lies under the Air China Boeing 747 he hijacked. A crew member pushed him from the plane.

Japan to return hijacker family

TOKYO (AP) — Japan will seek to return to China a family of three who hijacked a Chinese jumbo jet on its way to the United States on Saturday with 223 people aboard, a senior government official said.

Tokyo also will "speedily" return the Air China Boeing 747, which was commandeered by a knife-wielding man who claimed he had a bomb. The man was pushed from the plane after it landed here with only 40 minutes of fuel left.

The man, told police he had participated in China's pro-democracy protests in June and decided to flee his homeland after the violent crackdown on the movement, Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) reported.

Ishihara stopped short of saying the family, which news reports said included a 10-year-old boy, would actually be sent back to communist China, where they would be certain to face harsh retribution.

Japan cannot automatically deport the hijackers if they ask for political asylum, and Ishihara noted the government has not confirmed the family's wishes.

The father, who was identified by police as cotton-factory foreman Zhang Zhenhai, 35, is being treated at a hospital for injuries suffered after he was shoved out the back door of the plane by a crew member after arriving in Fukuoka, 560 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Air China Flight 981 was on a flight from Beijing to New York via Shanghai and San Francisco when Zhang ordered the plane to fly to South Korea.

South Korean authorities refused to allow the plane to land, and the plane changed course and landed at Fukuoka at 2:52 p.m., nearly four hours after taking off from Beijing, a Japanese Transport Ministry said.

After the plane landed, purser Wei Li opened a rear door and told Zhang, "Look, this is Seoul," an official of the Fukuoka prefectural police said.

When Zhang peered out the door, Wei pushed him out and he fell to the ground, said the official, who would not give his name. He said he did not know if Wei was a man or woman.

Television footage showed Zhang lying face down on the airport tarmac and later being rushed into a local hospital.

Zhang suffered injuries that officials said require up to six months' treatment.

S. Korea to force ex-president to testify on cases of corruption

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — In an effort to placate the opposition, government leaders today agreed to force former President Chun Doo-hwan to testify about corruption during his authoritarian rule.

The rare bipartisan agreement also barred two Chun aides from politics, "intended a release of political prisoners and included a proposal to restore honor" and compensate victims of a 1980 military crackdown of anti-government protests.

The brutal suppression of the riots in the southern city of Kwangju remain an open wound nearly a decade after it happened.

"The results are not 100 percent satisfactory but I did my best to put an end to the dispute," said opposition leader Kim Dae-jung, who endorsed the compromise after seven hours of talks with President Roh Tae-woo and two other opposition leaders.

No reason was given for the settlement, which came as a surprise to South Koreans, who are generally unaccustomed to political compromise.

"I am glad that I have been able to reach satisfactory agreement on the clearing away of the past issues," Roh told reporters after the talks.

Roh, also a former aide to Chun, had been dogged by the scandals from the previous administration, and the United States had expressed concern over increasing political unrest.

Roh is also under pressure because of a slowing of exports and the domestic market, and newspapers today said he was expected to make major Cabinet and party leadership changes.

Under the agreement, Chun must go before national television to answer questions by lawmakers about corruption involving him, his family and associates.

De Klerk, Zulu leader call for unity

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk and the leader of the nation's Zulus appealed for black-white unity Saturday, a national holiday marking a 151-year-old battle victory by the Afrikaners over the Zulus.

De Klerk, an Afrikaner, told supporters in the Orange Free State Province that he wants to open negotiations with black leaders on the country's future.

"The time is now for us to all get together and get more consensus," said de Klerk, who has sought to ease racial tensions since taking office in August.

Right-wing Afrikaners opposed to power sharing with blacks countered with several rallies demanding strict apartheid and continued white domination.

In Boksburg, an industrial town outside Johannesburg, and in Mossel Bay, a southern coastal town, blacks canceled demonstrations to avoid confrontations with rightist groups.

Afrikaners were celebrating the 1838 Great Trek, during which their Dutch-descended ancestors left the British-ruled Cape Colony for the uncharted African wilderness.



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U.S. churches protest repression in El Salvador

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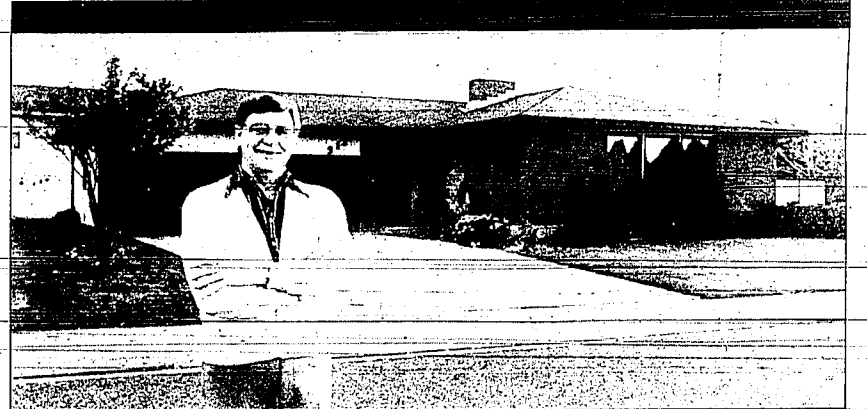
What began as shocked American church reaction to the murder of six prominent Jesuit priests, their woman employee and a girl November 16 has reached a crescendo of demands that the Bush administration suspend military aid to the Salvadoran government whose security forces are suspected in the murders.

The top official of President Bush's own church, Episcopal Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning, has become one of the most outspoken critics of the U.S. response to the escalation of arrests and expulsions of church workers. Referring to what a number of

missionaries have described as a brutal dismantling of their efforts on behalf of the Salvadoran poor — the chief victims of the war — Browning said recently of President Bush, "I'm concerned, deeply concerned ... that he has not spoken out."

The bishop, who has asked for a meeting with the president to discuss the issues, urged "a reassessment of our government's policy in Latin America from top to bottom," charging the policy "is an immoral situation as it now stands."

Until recently, it was Roman Catholic bishops who were taking the lead in denouncing U.S. military involvement in El Salvador. Now in the forefront of the opposition, in addition to Episcopalians like Bishop Browning and a group of United Methodist bishops, are national and regional leaders of the Presbyterian, Evangelical Lutheran, Disciples of Christ, Mennonite, Brethren, American Baptist and Moravian churches.



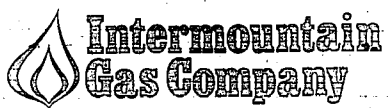
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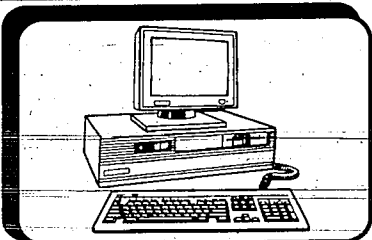
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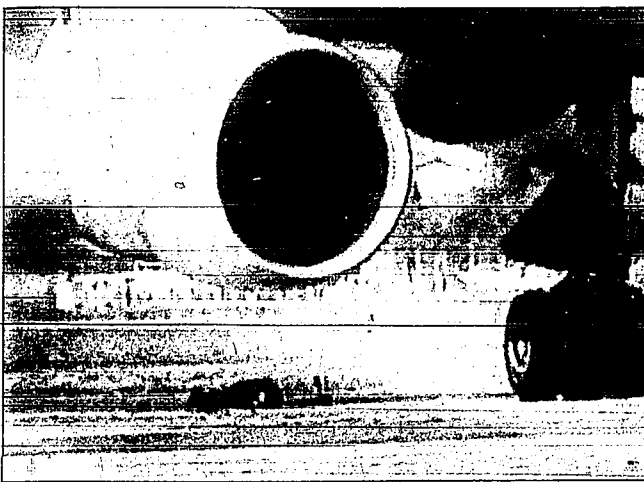
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A man lies under the Air China Boeing 747 he hijacked. A crew member pushed him from the plane. AP Laserphoto

Japan to return hijacker family

TOKYO (AP) — Japan will seek to return to China a family of three who hijacked a Chinese jumbo jet on its way to the United States on Saturday with 223 people aboard, a senior government official said.

Tokyo also will "speedily" return the Air China Boeing 747, which was commandeered by a knife-wielding man who claimed he had a bomb. The man was pushed from the plane after it landed here with only 40 minutes of fuel left.

The man told police he had participated in China's pro-democracy protests in June and decided to flee his homeland after the violent crackdown on the movement, Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) reported.

"We will take procedures toward returning the hijackers to China," Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Nobuo Ishihara told a news

conference.

Ishihara stopped short of saying the family, which news reports said included a 10-year-old boy, would actually be sent back to communist China, where they would be certain to face harsh retribution.

Japan cannot automatically deport the hijackers if they ask for political asylum, and Ishihara noted the government has not confirmed the family's wishes.

The father, who was identified by police as cotton factory foreman Zhang Zhenhui, 35, is being treated at a hospital for injuries suffered after he was shoved out the back door of the plane by a crew member after arriving in Fukuoka, 560 miles southwest of Tokyo.

Air China Flight 981 was on a flight from Beijing to New York via Shanghai and San Francisco when Zhang ordered the plane to fly to

South Korea.

South Korean authorities refused to allow the plane to land, and the plane changed course and landed at Fukuoka at 2:52 p.m., nearly four hours after taking off from Beijing, a Japanese Transport Ministry said.

After the plane landed, purser Wei Li opened a rear door and told Zhang, "Look, this is Seoul," an official of the Fukuoka prefectural police said.

When Zhang peered out the door, Wei pushed him out and he fell to the ground, said the official, who would not give his name. He said he did not know if Wei was a man or woman.

Television footage showed Zhang lying face down on the airport tarmac and later being rushed into a local hospital.

Zhang suffered injuries that officials said require up to six months' treatment.

S. Korea to force ex-president to testify on cases of corruption

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — In an effort to placate the opposition, government leaders today agreed to force former President Chun Doo-hwan to testify about corruption during his authoritarian rule.

The rare bipartisan agreement also barred two Chun aides from politics, indicated a release of political prisoners and included a proposal "to restore honor" and compensate victims of a 1980 military crackdown of anti-government protests.

The brutal suppression of the riots in the southern city of Kwangju remain an open wound nearly a decade after it happened.

"The results are not 100 percent satisfactory but I did my best to put an end to the dispute," said opposition leader Kim Dae-jung, who endorsed the compromise after seven hours of talks with President Roh Tae-woo and two other opposition leaders.

No reason was given for the settlement, which came as a surprise to South Koreans, who are generally unaccustomed to political compromise.

"I am glad that I have been able to reach satisfactory agreement on the clearing away of the past issues," Roh told reporters after the talks.

Roh, also a former aide to Chun, had been dogged by the scandals from the previous administration, and the United States had expressed concern over increasing political unrest.

Roh is also under pressure because of a slowing of exports and the domestic market, and newspapers today said he was expected to make major Cabinet and party leadership changes.

Under the agreement, Chun must go before national television to answer questions by lawmakers about corruption involving him, his family, and associates.

De Klerk, Zulu leader call for unity

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — President F.W. de Klerk and the leader of the nation's Zulus appealed for black-white unity Saturday, a national holiday marking a 151-year-old battle victory by the Afrikaners over the Zulus.

De Klerk, an Afrikaner, told supporters in the Orange Free State Province that he wants to open negotiations with black leaders on the country's future.

"This time is now-for-us-to-all-get-together-and-get-more-consensus," said de Klerk, who has sought to ease racial tensions since taking office in August.

Right-wing Afrikaners opposed to power sharing with blacks countered with several rallies demanding strict apartheid and continued white domination.

In Boksburg, an industrial town outside Johannesburg, and in Mossel Bay, a southern coastal town, blacks canceled demonstrations to avoid confrontations with rightist groups.

Afrikaners were celebrating the 1838 Great Trek, during which their Dutch-descended ancestors left the British-ruled Cape Colony for the uncharted African wilderness.



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U.S. churches protest repression in El Salvador

The Baltimore Sun

A crackdown by the Salvadoran government on church workers it views as sympathetic to leftist rebels has sparked strong protests from a loose coalition of religious leaders in the United States and raised the level of criticism of U.S. policy in the region.

What began as shocked American church reaction to the murder of six prominent Jesuit priests, their woman employee and a girl November 16, has reached a crescendo of demands that the Bush administration suspend military aid to the Salvadoran government, whose security forces are suspected in the murders.

The top official of President Bush's "evangelical" Episcopal Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning, has become one of the most outspoken critics of the U.S. response to the escalation of arrests and expulsions of church workers.

Referring to what a number of

missionaries have described as a brutal dismantling of their efforts on behalf of the Salvadoran poor — the chief victims of the war — Browning said recently of President Bush, "I'm concerned, deeply concerned ... that he has not spoken out."

The bishop, who has asked for a meeting with the president to discuss the issues, urged "a reassessment of our government's policy in Latin America from top to bottom," charging the policy "is an immoral situation as it now stands."

Until recently, it was Roman Catholic bishops who were taking the lead in denouncing U.S. military involvement in El Salvador. Now in the forefront of the opposition, in addition to Episcopalians like Bishop Browning and a group of United Methodist bishops, are national and regional leaders of Presbyterian, Evangelical Lutheran, Disciples of Christ, Mennonite, Brethren, American Baptist and Moravian churches.




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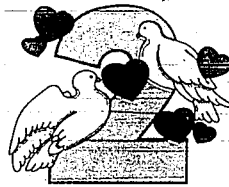
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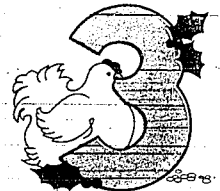
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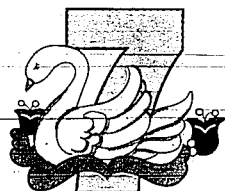
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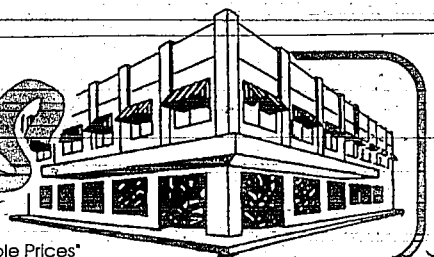


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Student scores in poster contest

Idaho student artists did well in the recent international winter environmental poster judging in Sacramento, Calif., and one Magic Valley student was among the winners.



Julie Fanselow
Spotlight

Deanna Yraqui, a student at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls, captured second place in the junior division. Her teacher is Jay D. Bryan. Four other Idaho students took prizes. Only Washington had more winners, with seven.

The Gem State winners will receive a savings bond and ribbon from Gov. Cecil Andrus' "Keep Idaho Green" committee.

Ina Mae Seach, certified diabetes educator at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, has received a scholarship to the Advance Studies Institute for Diabetes Education. Seach has a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Nebraska and is currently pursuing a master's degree in health education at Idaho State University.

Filer Middle School has honored Tara Lohr as its Student of the Month for November. She was selected by the school staff. Megan Andrew, meadowville, was recipient of the Monthly Perfect Attendance Award. Her name was selected in a drawing from among the 143 students who all had perfect attendance during the month. Both students receive McDonald's gift certificates for the honor.

Wendell Elementary School has named its honored students for November. Designated as "Good Citizens" for the month were kindergartners Corti Ford, Christopher Vierra, Jason Bates and Abel Pedraza; first-graders Kathy Nates, Ryan East and Ryan Wheeler; second-graders Lisa Hope, Amanda Greener, Maria Hurtado and Diego Noriega; third-graders Josh Fames, Jo Belasquez, Charlie Tenorio; fourth-graders Billy King, Dusty Careton and Inel Lowder; fifth-graders Katie Mann, Daniel Hill and Kerl King; and sixth-graders Sandy Billa, Kylee Scott and Gigi Ferreira.

Named as "Super Students" were Shay Scott, Casey Little, Cassiah Depew, Jessica Cannon, Amanda Moore, Mark Daniels, Martha Soares, Kassandra Serr, Mike Vander Pol, Cassi Larson, Caylee Prestwich, Abe Koehler, Kelly Buhler, Janine Albed, Cindy Chandler, Summer Galbraith, Aaron Koning, April Thomas, Lydia Koehler, Heather Monson, Erik Wensink, Crystal Diehl, Jerramic Watson and Luis Ferreira.

"The Leaders of Tomorrow Meeting the Leaders of Today" was the theme of the recent National Young Leaders Conference sponsored by the Congressional Youth Leadership Council. Betsy Chapman of Twin Falls was among the 225 outstanding high school students from around the nation who were selected to take part in the program. Participants traveled to Washington, D.C., for a week of education and experience in government.

Seven College of Southern Idaho students have been awarded \$100 choral.

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'Why, of course, it's real,' might be the message of Bill, Santa at the Magic Valley Mall, as a curious youngster checks out his outfit

Christmas a magical time for Santa

By JULIE FANSELOW
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "One Christmas, I decided to do something—a little fun—Bill, a jolly and gentle man who many in the Magic Valley know by his alter ego.

Bill rented a Santa suit from the old Idaho Department Store, just to dress up for his kids. He had so much fun doing it that the very next year, he bought a Santa costume and started portraying Mr. Claus for others.

Fifteen years after his professional debut, Bill still works in the holiday spirit and continues to greet thousands of children each Christmas season. He declines to reveal his last name, for he says he believes that would detract from the spirit of Christmas.

"I don't like to treat children like they're stupid. They're not," says Bill, explaining his decision to make himself known here. "But a little bit of magic and mystery isn't bad in our lives."

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Times-News photo: MIKE GALSBUROY

Waiting in line, children sneak a peek at the man in a red suit

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enough to want to believe," he says. "Santa is real to everyone if they feel him in here," says Bill, pointing to his heart.

Well into his second decade of experience as Santa, Bill has rare insight into how children and adults—think and act.

"I have seen selfishness and I have seen some of the most giving children," he says. "Even the ones who are really giving."

He's also quite a popular stand-in for the guy from the North Pole. He served as Santa at the Blue Lakes Mall for years after its opening in 1978 and actually intended to retire this year.

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There's still time to visit Santa

There's still time to visit Santa this holiday season. You'll find him at:

- Magic Valley Mall — noon to 6 today; 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays; 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday; noon to 3 p.m. Dec. 24
- Blue Lakes Mall — noon to 5 p.m. today; 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 24
- Lawwood Shopping Center — 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the plaza (north entrances).

Experts give advice on holiday snapshots

By DANA WATERS
Times-News correspondent

You'll laugh over them years from now, and perhaps cry a bit, too—looking at faces that have changed so much and times captured in Kodachrome that will never come again. Your Christmas pictures—no you want them to be perfect. Local photographers and camera dealers want to give you some tips to ensure that they will be.

Candid shots of loved ones always end up being family favorites. Something about their spontaneity evokes the true essence of the season.

Andy Arenz, a photographer for The Times-News, makes his living catching the unexpected—the "unposed"—on film.

"He says one of the best ways to get natural shots of your subjects is to have your camera constantly loaded with film and to have it around them often.

"When people know you'll always have your camera with you, they will get over that fascination or fear of it and go on about their business," he says.

Wes Wada, professor of photography at the College of Southern Idaho agrees. "Don't ever get caught saying, 'Gee, I wish I had my camera!'" he says. "Getting a good shot isn't accidental. You have to be prepared."

Arenz explains that another key to good candid shots is to anticipate them and to be on the spot when they occur. If there is a special gift you know will get a great response from a child, be right there at eye level waiting to catch it on film.

teurs photograph children while looking down on them.

"Sneep-to their level and really get the feel for how they see Christmas," he says.

Arenz suggests that you roam around the house at Christmas time too, not just isolate your shots to action under the tree.

What's going on in the kitchen? Who's deep conversation in the hall-way? Is there a toddler dragging bows and wrapping paper into his bedroom? What did Mom and Dad look like when they were playing Santa—the night before? (Hint: that's not from the kids until they're old enough to appreciate it.)

Wada tells parents to let their kids get in on picture-taking action; also, to keep it all in focus. Arenz recommends that families have a fool-proof camera that everyone can use without too much instruction.

Melinda Schlecht, assistant manager of Inley's on Main Street in Twin Falls, has some great suggestions for cameras with automatic features which make picture taking a breeze.

"The Fuji line is my favorite," she says. "My eight-year-old can use ours, and these cameras just don't come back in for repairs."

She says they have models with automatic features: flash, focus, loading, winding—that range in price from \$99 to \$299. The more options the camera has, the more expensive it will be; but all have the company's five-year parts and labor guarantee and come with a lithium battery pack and a roll of film to get you started.

She says a current favorite is the DL40E. In addition to the automatic

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United Way goes over \$200,000

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — The United Way of Magic Valley's 1989 campaign has topped the \$200,000 mark.

Don Brizee, campaign chairman, reported that collections now stand at \$208,650. That's up from \$194,000 last week.

Two big accounts coming in this past week were Western Dairy-men's, which was about even with last year, and Albertson's which Brizee said shipped from about \$4,000 in 1988 to \$3,000 this fall.

Brizee said he has talked with Roy Raymond, and that the campaign there is going well. The Ford dealership is traditionally one of the United Way's strongest supporters but has yet to report its contribution shortly after New Year's Day.

Although it appears unlikely the campaign will attain its \$275,000 goal this year, Brizee said he is still pleased with the way the drive has gone. This marked the first year the United Way conducted employee campaigns at Amalgamated Sugar and PEF Incorporated, and Brizee said response to the United Way is growing in some outlying areas, particularly Jerome and Bluff.

"Those are two areas that are just shining stars this year," he noted. "Those communities are getting tuned into the United Way."

Eden Hazelton on the other hand, has been slow this year. The needs assessment survey planned by the United Way will attempt to focus on outlying areas' needs and responses, Brizee added.



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Lighting contest deadline nears

OK, so there are eight shopping days remaining before Christmas. But there is only one day left to decorate your house and enter The Times-News holiday home lighting contest.

Monday is the contest deadline, and whoever has the best display is going to win dinner for two at Rock Creek restaurant and special mention in The Times-News. Every home in the Magic Valley is eligible and you can nominate your own home or that of a neighbor or friend. But hurry, because time is running out.

To take part in the contest, send us a detailed written description of the lighting display you think is tops in the Magic Valley, a photograph of a snapshot of the scene, if you have one available, but an entry need not be accompanied by photographs.

Include your name, address and phone number and the name, address and phone number of the resident whose home you are nominating. Snapshots, if included, cannot be returned. Businesses may not enter.

Entries are due by Dec. 12. Send your nomination to Christmas Light Contest, The Times-News, Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Famous editorial to 8-year-old girl still makes 'glad the heart of childhood'

By The Associated Press

Yes, Virginia, there was an editorial about the credibility of Santa Claus, appearing more than 100 years ago in The New York Sun. It was written by Francis Pharcellus Church, an assistant to the editor. A Christmas classic, it has outlived its

writer, recipient, and newspaper. "We take pleasure in answering at once and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun: "Dear Editor: "I am 8 years old. Some of my

little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says: "If you see it in The Sun it's so." Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus? "Virginia Hanton "115 West 95th Street" "Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age.

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

"Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

"Not believe in Santa Claus! You

might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas night to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unscorable in the world.

"You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, not even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernatural beauty and glory beyond: is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else

Santa

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A disabled Vietnam veteran who has a bad leg and who suffered a broken back in the war, Bill found it was taking him months to recuperate each year after weeks of children clamoring onto and off of his lap. But when the man was going to play Santa at the Magic Valley Mall this year, Bill was asked to fill in, and he accepted the job. "I was missing the fun already," says Bill, who has also been a Santa in California and Oregon.

Of course, Santa knows what the kids are hoping to see under the tree this year. He lists Barbie dolls and all their accessories as the hottest toy for girls — and says that's been the case all but one year he's been on the job. (Cabbage Patch Dolls enjoyed one season on the most-wanted list, he notes.) Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, meanwhile, remain all the rage among the boys.

Bill is the mall's sole Santa. One year, he allowed a stand-in and was watching his understudy at work when he says he "heard a little girl say, 'Mom, this guy's nice, but can we come back when the real Santa's here?'"

"I try to do something different than just ask the kids what they want and whether they've been good," says Bill. "The children have been told they've been real good for too

long." "No child is perfect, Bill says, so each youngster who visits Santa is likely to face a little gentle probing about his behavior. Santa watches the kids in his "magic snowball," says Bill, and he may say something like, "You know, there have been a few times when you didn't put your clothes away."

But he also tries to make each child feel like a valued individual, sometimes commenting on the bows in their hair or the bells on their shoes. He never reaches out to scoop a fearful child onto his lap, but instead takes some time to connect with the kids.

Once, he got out of his chair and rested around on the floor with a little boy who was nervous about his meeting with Santa. Another time, he spent 25 minutes on a slow week-day talking with a timid youngster.

One especially memorable experience took place when Bill played Santa for the children at a school for the blind in Modesto, Calif. He recalls how he helped them "see" Santa in their own way by touching his hair, hat and beard. The children also gave him their holiday wish lists, which were printed in Braille.

He believes Santa is a powerful force for good in the world.

"If I could be anything I wished to be, I'd be Santa Claus," he says.

"He's got a lot more power than the president, Santa Claus is welcome wherever he goes."

He's careful when kids bring up the subject of toys of which their parents might not approve — BB guns, for example — in hopes of making it easier on moms and dads. "Ninety percent of parents are opposed to buying BB guns," says Bill. "Usually on guns, I tell the kids, 'Well, I don't know about that.'"

Bill says Santa has an answer for everything and that he's only occasionally been stumped by a child's question. In those cases, he is usually able to think of an answer on the spot, he says.

When asked how Santa can get into a home without a chimney, Bill explains that "I'm magic. All I do is touch my nose and I'm in."

Santa is able to make his trip around the globe in one night, he says, because "different parts of the world get dark at different times. He and the reindeer simply start where it gets dark first and work their way around the Earth."

"This is an awfully hard job to do," says Bill, who sees as many as 300 or 400 children a day on weekends. "You have to receive each child with the same motivation and conviction as the first child you saw that season."

Snapshots

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features, it also sports an adjustable flash and a 35-megapixel lens. At the touch of a finger, you can override the automatic flash and/or zero right in on your subject. Last year, it was rated the number one consumer choice.

The "Discovery 800 is another popular model. It offers the features of the DL400 but includes a zoom lens which allows the photographer to take a regular shot, a telephoto shot, or ones at various ranges in between.

When families get together, it is inevitable that they will want to take some posed group shots to recall the season. Local photographer Kim Critchfield of Critchfield Photography offers some ideas for successful family photos.

"Make everyone look good individually as well as in the group," he says.

Critchfield explains that most photographers make sure no heads are at the same level. He urges the picture taker to get creative with the arrangement, like a florist is when arranging flowers.

"Don't line everyone up in a row," he says. (Wada refers to this same common mistake as the "firing squad" technique.)

"But come on the sofa cushions, and sit on the arms and some on the floor," Critchfield continues.

Take advantage of the warmth of your home setting. Critchfield admits he'd much rather take family pictures on location than in the studio, because there are so many more props to work with.

He says to ensure smiles, do whatever it takes — from barking like a dog to having the subjects attempt to say outrageous phrases.

"I — and keep wearing sabbings at opposite ends of the group," he adds with a chuckle.

Arenz gives one last word of advice to all would-be photographers on Christmas Day.

"Sometimes, you'll find the whole moment is gone, and although you have a picture to remember it, you really missed things right when they were happening because you were trying so hard to get them on film," he says.

In other words, for every picture you take with your camera, sit back and just enjoy one in your mind. Memory pictures have a magic all their own.

Spotlight

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music scholarships for the current school year. Recipients are Linda Auferdehce, Douglas Geilman, Kelly Groce, Stephen Palmer and Scott VanBuren, all of Twin Falls; Shellie Dey of Filer; and Bert Larsen of Rupert.

Phillip Swensen, son of Marion and Carol Swensen of Twin Falls, is the area's newest Eagle Scout. A member of Troop 3 and a ninth grader at Vera O'Leary Junior High, Phillip's Eagle project involved installing handicapped parking stalls at the LDS Church on Eastland

Drive North.

Karee Henman was recently chosen as Equine Princess of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity at the University of Idaho. A 1989 graduate of Twin Falls High School, she also serves as Junior Panhellenic Representative for the Beta Zeta chapter of the Alpha Phi sorority.

Cindy Lee Rosen, a former Jerome resident who recently performed her senior voice recital at Boise State University's Morrison Center. Rosen has been active in BSU musical productions and is the recipient of many honors and scholarships.

She and her husband Tom, formerly of Jerome, have one son, T.J.

The Burley/Rupert Chapter of Parents Without Partners hosted the recent Ida/Gem Regional Conference. During the event, Will Rayburn — a teacher at the Idaho Youth Ranch north of Rupert — was elected regional president of the group.

The Times-News welcomes items about area residents who receive honors or recognition. Send information to The Times-News Spotlight column, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548, attention: Julie Fanselow.

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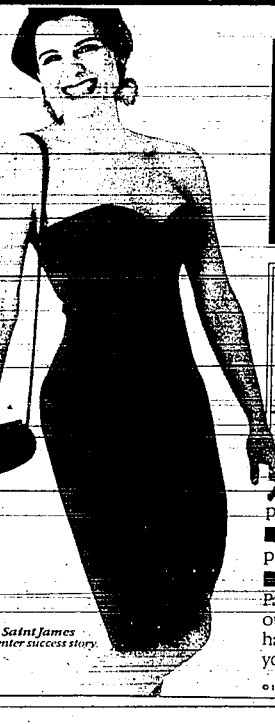


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Service news

PAUL — Army Pvt. 1st Class William W. Martsch, son of William D. and Jan Martsch of Paul, has participated in the training exercise "Market Square III," held in North and South Carolina, Virginia and Georgia. The exercise, which was designed to improve coordination between the four services, simulated all aspects of a deployment from notification to redeployment. The soldier is a 1987 graduate of Mijico High School in Paul.

KIMBERLY — Army National Guard Private 1st Class Rick J. Sherman, son of Amanda M. Sherman of Kimberly, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. The private is a 1973 graduate of Kimberly High School and is a 1978 graduate of Idaho State University in Pocatello.

TWIN FALLS — Warrant Officer Robert M. McKinstry, son of Mrs. Robert W. McKinstry of Twin Falls, has graduated from the Army Warrant Officer Candidate School at Fort Rucker, Ala. He is a 1982 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

BURLEY — Pvt. Jason R. Turney, son of James O. Turney of Burley and Ann S. Turney of Salt Lake City, Utah, has completed the U.S. Army electronic warfare signal intelligence noncommunications interceptor course at Fort Devens, Mass. He is a 1989 graduate of Salt Lake Community High School in Salt Lake City.

WENDELL — Air Force Airman Donald S. Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don R. Beach of Wendell, has arrived for duty at Mountain Home Air Force Base. He is an apprentice tactical electro-environmental systems specialist with the 366th Aircraft Generation Squadron. The airman is a 1987 graduate of Wendell High School.

TWIN FALLS — Army National Guard Private Shelby D. Wutrich, son of David L. and Donna D. Wutrich of Twin Falls, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. The private is a 1988 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

OAKLEY — Spec. Lenard M. Wells, son of William H. and Edith G. Wells of Oakley, has completed U.S. Army primary leadership course. He is a cannon crewman in West Germany, with the 14th Field Artillery. The specialist is a 1986 graduate of Oakley High School.

KIMBERLY — Navy Seaman Recruit Archie H. Attebury, son of

Lee and Dee A. Attebury of Kimberly, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command in San Diego, Calif. A 1987 graduate of Kimberly High School, he joined the Navy in August 1989.

RUPERT — Sgt. Tina L. Bernard-Ratliff, daughter of Betty A. Bernard of Rupert, has re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at Mountain Air Force Base in Mountain Home for five years. Bernard-Ratliff is a security specialist with the Air Force Judiciary Area Defense Office. She is a 1982 graduate of Minico High School in Rupert.

1990 Mother of the Year being sought

The Idaho Chapter of American Mothers Inc. is now searching for the 1990 Idaho Mother of the Year.

Civic groups, church groups or any organization other than the family may nominate an outstanding woman of their community. She must be active in church and community and have raised respected and successful children. Her youngest child must be no younger than 15 years of age and her own age must be between 45 and 76.

Nomination forms are available from the Search Chairman, Helen M. Thompson, 2000 Helen Thompson Rd., Sandpoint, ID 83864. These forms must be completed and returned by Feb. 1, when they will be reviewed by a panel of five impartial judges. Anyone interested or having questions, contact Thompson at (208) 263-4033 or write to her at the above address.

Also available to mothers in Idaho are arts and crafts contests, vocal music contests and literary contests which include essays, short stories or poetry. Information on these contests is also available through Thompson.

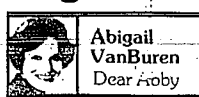
Body hair brings rude commentary at beach

DEAR ABBY: I am a fairly husky and hairy man, and I am sick of people who stare at me or are outspoken about the "grossness" of my hairy chest or back when I'm at the beach. Recently a couple of friendly looking young women approached me at the beach. One of them smiled and said sarcastically, "I love your sweaters!"

Since that is an old joke, I smiled and said nothing. Then she grabbed a handful of my hair on my belly and gave it a really hard tug! I was speechless and appalled that anyone could be that rude. Then as they walked away laughing, the other girl said, "Gross! How could you touch that ape?"

Abby, having hair is natural, and it's no indication of being Neanderthal. Could you please ask your readers to keep their opinions of other people's bodies to themselves? — BEAR-CHESTED IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR BEAR-CHESTED: Remarking on your hairiness was bad enough, but grabbing a handful and giving it a hard tug was an assault on your body. Do you know what would have happened had you grabbed a handful of that girl's hair



Abigail VanBuren Dear Abby

and given it a really hard tug? She probably would have had you arrested and charged with bodily assault. And she would have had just cause. So much for equality and justice for the sexes. What's sauce for the gander can turn into appellation for the goose.

DEAR ABBY: Faithful From Florida" wrote to say that he's becoming less and less turned on by his live-in fiancée because she goes around the house stark naked most of the time. He said, "This occurred to me the other day when we were at a football game, and I found myself turned on because from where I was sitting, I could see partway down another girl's shirt!" (And he admitted that this girl was not nearly as attractive as his fiancée.)

You were quick to point out that a little mystery can be a big turn-on. Maybe so, but we all tend to take for granted what we have. We seem to

want that which we can't or don't have. That guy doesn't know when he's well off. I'll bet that girl whose shirt he could see partway down wouldn't parade around naked for him.

If there are any women readers out there who enjoy walking around the house naked, if they write in, please publish their names. I know a lot of guys who would like to meet them, including me.

— WILLING IN WICHITA

DEAR WILLING: There are women (and men) who enjoy walking around naked indoors — and outdoors. They are called nudists. However, most are sincere nature lovers who would have no interest in meeting members of the opposite sex who regard nudity as a "turn-on." Read on.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Faithful From Florida," the man who no longer found his live-in girlfriend exciting because she went around the house with nothing on, reminded me of a story you might find amusing.

The day before the wedding, the mother of the bride told her daughter, "You must preserve your femi-

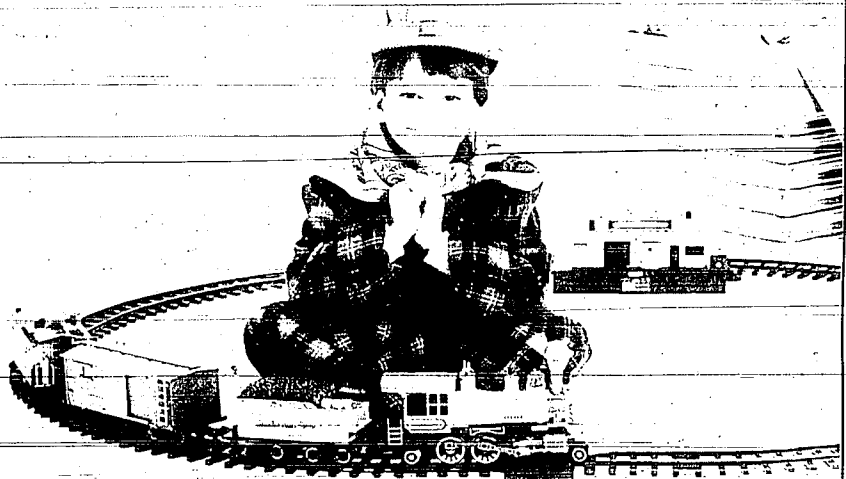
nine mystique, so don't ever let your husband see you without at least one article of clothing on." The bride thanked her mother for the advice and promised that she would heed it. A month later, the groom went to his mother-in-law and asked, "Is there any insanity in your family?" "Certainly not," she replied. "Why do you ask?" "Well," he said, "since I've been married to your daughter, I have never seen her with her hat off."

— MADELINE UPOJIN IN ARIZONA

CONFIDENTIAL TO WEEPING IN SALEM, ORE: Weep not, dear lady. Your problem reminds me of an old Chinese tale: One tear met another tear floating down the river. Said the first tear, "I am the tear of the woman who lost her lover." The other tear replied, "And I am the tear of the woman who got him."

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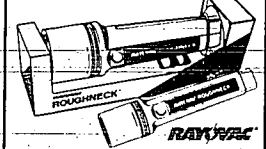
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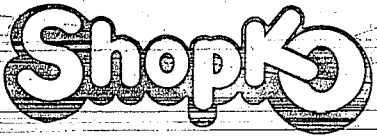


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Volunteers are needed at the Robert Stuart Junior High and Sawtooth Elementary to help students with reading. If you are able to volunteer your time, call Rosemary Evans at 734-7583.

The South Central Community Action Agency needs an electric stove, full size or queen size bed, two full size beds or one double or two single beds with sheets and blankets to fit. They also need a love seat or a small couch. If you can donate, call Anna at SCCAA at 733-9351.

The Senior Companion Program still has some openings in specific areas. If you are 60 or older, low-income and would like to earn some extra cash, this program has openings in Jerome County and the Mini-Cassia area. A tax free and exempt stipend is paid as well as reimbursement for travel. For more information about the benefits of becoming a Senior Companion, call Marcie or Shirley at the College of Southern Idaho, 734-7583.

The Foster Grandparent Program

of the Magic Valley has a great opportunity for a few men and women in Twin Falls, Buhl and Wendell. If you are 60 or older, low income and love to work with special needs children, give us a call. Benefits include a tax free exempt stipend and travel reimbursement as well as meals, insurance and training. For more information call Marcie or Shirley at 734-7583.

The Living Independence Network Corp. (LINC) needs volunteer readers for the blind. Call Steve Henning at 733-1712.

Volunteers are needed to help in the College of Southern Idaho literacy program. If you would like to teach someone to read or if you have a strong background in math, your help is needed. All material is furnished by CSI. Call Rosemary Evans at 734-7583 or Ruth Scott at 733-9554, ext. 417.

Volunteers are needed for various positions at the Buhl Chamber of Commerce. For more information call Barbara Weaver at 543-6682 or Rosemary Evans at 733-7583.

Volunteers are needed for youth and adult programs for all eight counties of the Magic Valley. Volunteers will be working with the Magic Valley Youth Service. If you

can give at least one hour a week, please call Rosemary Evans at 734-7583.

The Foster Grandparent Program is looking for a civic-minded person involved in the private sector to serve on its Advisory Council. Meetings are bimonthly and this is a working council. If you are that person and you are interested in youth programs, call Doris Fuller at 733-9351 or Marcie or Shirley at 734-7583.

Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to home-bound senior citizens. Any time you may have to give will be appreciated. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call Ann at the Senior Citizen Center at 734-5084.

Volunteers are needed at Buhl Head Start. If you can donate a few days a week and enjoy working with small children, call Rosemary Evans at 734-7583.

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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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Children get sprees

TWIN FALLS — Twenty Magic Valley children will receive free \$25 Christmas shopping sprees through the efforts of ShopKo and the South Central Community Action Agency.

On Tuesday after school, the children will visit ShopKo in the Magic Valley Mall and select \$25 worth of gifts. Members of the store's Care Club, a group of employees volunteering their time, will act as hosts, provide free gift wrapping and holiday treats for the youngsters.

Children were selected on the basis of financial need with the assistance of Cyd Dillon of the Community Action Agency.

Drug video available

BOISE — The Idaho Attorney General's office is making available a videotape that outlines what parents can do to recognize and combat drug abuse.

The tape, hosted by Michael Gross of the television show "Family Ties," will be loaned to parent-teacher groups, civic organizations and other citizen organizations.

The tape is aimed primarily at adult audiences, and its message is that parents can and should become involved in the fight against drug abuse.

"A concerned parent who takes an active involvement in the life of his or her children and who encourages wholesome activities that will bolster the child's self esteem can do more to prevent drug abuse in a family than any number of law enforcement agents or drug counselors," says state Attorney General Jim Jones.

Anyone interested in securing a copy of the tape should contact the Attorney General's office at 334-2400, or write Room 210, the Statehouse, Boise, ID 83720.

Valley happenings

Society, Scout sponsor food drive

TWIN FALLS — The Humane Society and a local Boy Scout have teamed up to sponsor a food drive for the Hound Pound Animal Shelter this holiday season. As his Eagle Scout project, Chris Astin is collecting donations to help feed the homeless dogs and cats at the animal shelter. Donation containers are at the downtown Swensen's, Lynwood IGA, Pets and Plants, D&B Supply and Smith's.

Fresh Christmas wreaths available

TWIN FALLS — Job's Daughters Bethel 56 has a few fresh Christmas wreaths remaining from a second shipment. The 22-inch round and diamond wreaths sell for \$8 and the 30-inch round wreath sells for \$13. Call 733-0359 or 734-7004 for immediate delivery.

Fathers for Equal Rights enters Idaho

GOODING — An Idaho chapter of Fathers for Equal Rights, a national organization, is now being formed. The group will seek to provide support and information on child custody, visitation and related issues. Anyone interested in becoming involved with the organization should write to Fathers for Equal Rights of Idaho, P.O. Box 113, Gooding, ID 83330.

Women's Aglow will meet Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — The Morning Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the China Garden Restaurant, 206 Shoshone St. W. Becky Jacobson, a nurse and mother of three, will be the speaker. Women of all faiths are welcome.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

Spellathon garners \$12,000 for school

TWIN FALLS — Sawtooth Elementary School's Parent-Teacher Organization recently raised more than \$12,000 for school programs and activities via a spellathon.

The children secured pledges and collected money for each word they spelled correctly. Second-graders spelled 100 words, while first graders in grades 3 through 6 had lists of 100 words.

Trophies were given at an awards assembly for all students raising more than \$50. Second-graders who raised more than \$25 were eligible for trophies. Proceeds will benefit such programs as school crossing guards, artists-in-residence and the computer lab.

Grand prize winners for bringing in the most money for their grade included Casa Morimoto, second grade; Joshua Martin, third grade; Montana Hazen, fourth grade; Mark Crandall, fifth grade; and Jill Crandall, sixth grade.

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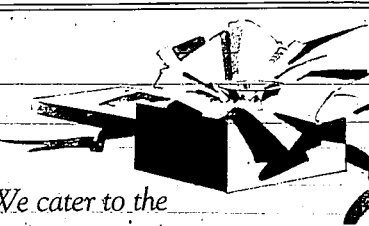
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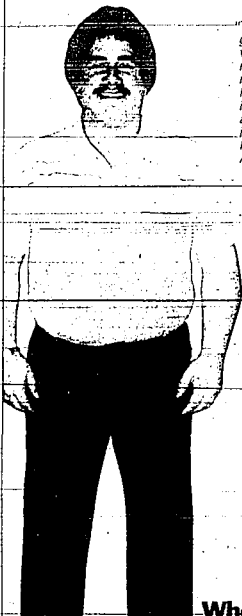


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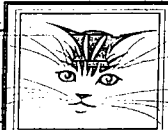
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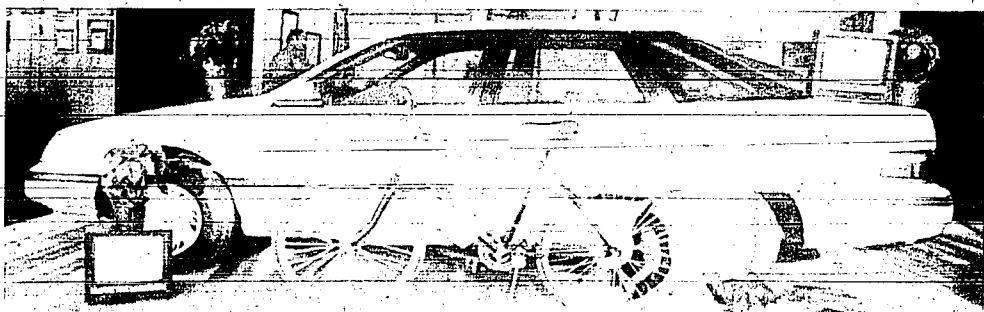
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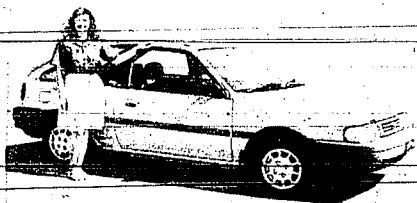
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Total number of Mercury's sold in Twin Falls County	543
Total number of Ferris sold	236
Total number of Plymouths sold	77
Total number of Dodges sold	220
Total number of Chevrolets sold	133
Total number of Chryslers sold	60
Total number of Oldsmobiles sold	44
Total number of Pontiacs sold	112
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