

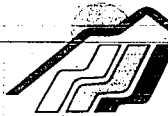


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Too many cooks?

'Archaic' form of county government leaves a bad taste

By KIRK MITCHELL
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TWIN FALLS — With nine elected cooks, keeping a county government simmering can be difficult, especially when the chefs all use their own recipes.

County government in Idaho must follow a rigid and outdated constitutional guideline that impedes continuity and singleness of purpose, said Mark Falconer, governmental affairs director of the Boise Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Most controversies that come up in county government stem from this archaic form of county government," Falconer said.

The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce has joined the Boise chamber in supporting an amendment to Idaho's Constitution that would give counties different options for governing themselves. The basic intent is to reduce the number of cooks — and the number of lumps that critics see in the broth.

Some examples:

- Policy on decisions ranging from buying paper clips all the way up to hiring personnel can vary from one office to the next.

- Acid relationships between elected officials can sour the soup — as in Canyon County, where a Democratic sheriff has sued the all-Republican county commission over a proposed jail.

- Qualified and experienced people often are reluctant to run for relatively low-paid county offices, according to Bill Tonkin, chairman of the Boise chamber's subcommittee on county government.

- In Idaho's tiniest counties, attracting any but the greenest lawyer to be county prosecutor can be difficult.

Although county populations vary from fewer than 1,000 to more than 100,000, voters in each county must elect three commissioners, a coroner, a sheriff, a prosecutor, a clerk, a treasurer and an assessor.

"It's ludicrous to me to have so many elected officials," said state Rep. Hilde Kellogg, R-Post Falls. Kellogg, chairwoman of the Legislature's local government committee, supports the concept of finding other options for county government.

Because each "territory" has its own autonomy, counties lack a central decision-making entity with the final say on county issues, said state Rep. Ron Black, Twin Falls.

Richard Pence, Twin Falls County clerk, summarized the situation: "It isn't up to a commissioner to tell any other elected official how to do their business."

Norma Bliss learned that lesson shortly after taking office as a Twin Falls County commissioner this year. She said she ran into a brick wall when she asked each department to account for its equipment.

"Nobody wants to account," she said. "No one wants the hassle."

She said every department responded to her plea eventually, but as Pence suggested at the time, elected officials could have ignored her.



From left, Treasurer Bonnie Bruning, Sheriff Jim Munn, Commissioner Marvin Hempleman and Assessor Dorothy Hamby are four of the elected officials seasoning Twin Falls County government.

"There's no repercussions if they want to ignore you," Bliss said. "You can't fire them."

Two years ago the county discovered that wages varied dramatically from one department to the next, even when workers' job descriptions and experience were similar. To correct the problem, the county in 1988 hired a Boise consultant, who set up a program to bring conformity to pay scales.

Around the nation, 77 percent of county governments

are the same as Idaho's, Falconer said. But they represent only 49 percent of the nation's total population — which suggests that more-populous counties are moving to other systems.

But most county officials interviewed locally said the current system, which gives voters greater control over their leaders, is working well and should not be changed.

"I think the people are satisfied with their elected officials," said Dorothy Hamby, Twin Falls County's assessor. "And they have good reasons to be. If you're not doing a great job, you won't get re-elected."

Falconer said that if counties are running well, it is more a tribute to the elected officials and staffs of those counties, and not the system.

"The root problem is that the state constitution ties county officials' hands," Falconer said.

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Christmas In The Park

TWIN FALLS — The melodic Hobbs family will perform at 5:30 tonight in City Park.

The final Christmas in City Park advent program features Kamie, 16; Michelle, 15; Heather, 13; Natalie, 9; and Jason, 4.

Ceausescu reported arrested as deaths mount, fighting rages on

Los Angeles Times

LONDON — The fiercest battles yet in a week of bloodletting rocked Romania's capital Saturday as reports that deposed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was under arrest by the army and that the death toll nationwide rivals the loss of life in Hungary's ill-fated 1956 revolution.

Well-armed Ceausescu loyalists fought army troops supporting the popular uprising against his tyrannical rule into the night-Saturday. The center of Bucharest was said to be under army control, even though troops still had not been able to dislodge the last pro-Ceausescu snipers, some of whom seemed determined to fight to the death. But a new counterattack was considered possible.

"The voters' screams will soon cease," Radio Bucharest announced Saturday. Radio and state television both have remained in the hands of anti-Ceausescu forces since early Friday afternoon, despite persistent efforts to oust them.

There were signs that the high-wind mark of the fighting may have been reached, and an "emergency Warsaw Pact foreign ministers'

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meeting on the Romanian situation, originally expected to be convened Sunday, reportedly was put off pending further developments.

It also was assumed that the reported capture of Ceausescu, whom the provisional government vowed to put on trial, would discourage some of the die-hard's still holding out against a provisional, pro-democracy government formed Friday.

Fighting raged in Bucharest throughout the day Saturday. Foreign and Romanian television, monitored in the West, showed dramatic film of anti-Ceausescu forces pinned on the ground by pro-Ceausescu snipers, and of tanks and army and civilian riflemen returning fire toward nearby buildings where their attackers were believed to be entrenched.

Flamethrowers ran through the field of fire to bring food to the television station's defenders. Before

dawn Saturday, young people armed only with homemade bombs fought beside soldiers against a furious onslaught by members of the dreaded Securitate security forces, said a little-known, elite commando unit called "the third force" that is said to be answerable only to Ceausescu.

Clashes were reported in several other Romanian towns as well, including Timisoara, where an estimated 100 elite Securitate troops reportedly parachuted into the area from helicopters late Saturday in order to reinforce comrades still holding out against the army. Timisoara is the west Romanian town where the current uprising began with a massacre of protesting civilians last weekend.

Estimates of total deaths during three days of fighting in the Romanian capital ranged to 1,000 or more. Television film showed dozens of bodies piled in hospital corridors for lack of anywhere else to put them. In Timisoara, Western reporters were told early Saturday that the official body count there had already reached 4,082, with searchers still digging up mass graves and the

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New Panamanian leader tries to take control as 2 U.S. hostages released

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Panama — The U.S.-installed president struggled Saturday to form a government and create a security force to restore order as pockets of fighters loyal to the fugitive Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega held out against the invasion.

Two Americans who were taken captive at the outbreak of the invasion were freed. About 2,000 new U.S. troops began reinforcing the thousands of troops who have met unexpectedly stiff resistance by forces loyal to the ousted dictator.

Troops continued the hunt for the elusive Noriega.

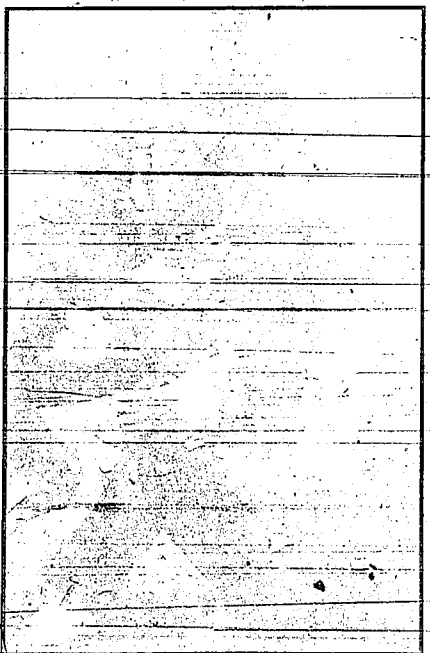
U.S. Col. Jerry Marguilla, spokesman for the U.S. Southern Command, said Noriega's Dignity Battalions are "increasing their activities of harassing attacks with small arms and mortar fire, threatening the civilian population, and hostage-taking."

Gen. Maxwell Thurman, chief of Southern Command, said U.S. forces are not yet "over and done with the Dignity Battalions." He said earlier that an estimated 1,800 members of the battalions were active, broken up into small groups.

The Pentagon reported that 25 U.S. servicemen, four more than listed Friday, had been killed in the fighting. Officials also said two American dependents had been killed, 241 U.S. troops had been wounded, and one was still missing.

The military said 139 Panamanian soldiers had been killed and 95 wounded. There was no official count of casualties among Panamanian civilians.

There were reports of higher casualties. Dr. Elmer Miranda, deputy director of Santo Tomas Hospital, said his morgue held 200 bodies. He said a colleague said there were 60 more in



A U.S. Army soldier interrogates a prisoner outside Panama City

AP Laserphoto

Officials say Maryland bombing a copy cat

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The package bomb that exploded in the hands of a Hagerstown, Md., judge is likely the work of a "copy cat" unrelated to those who sent four bombs from

Georgia last week, killing two people, federal officials said Saturday. The latest bombing victim, Washington County Circuit Court Judge John P. Corderman, 47, is in stable condition and under armed guard at a local hospital Saturday after a pipe

bomb exploded Friday afternoon at his apartment. Doctors said they think Corderman was holding a package with the bomb in his leg when it exploded, puncturing his carotids and sending 7-inch pieces of shrapnel into his left groin and right hand.

Rages

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cont expected to top 12,000. In Bucharest, Ion Iliescu, a member of the so-called Front of National Salvation, as the provisional government is known, announced Ceausescu's detention on national television but gave no details of his capture. The state broadcast media, under

army and demonstrators' control since Friday afternoon, had previously given conflicting reports on Ceausescu's fate, reporting at various times that he had been captured, had escaped, been captured again, and fled the country. "Nicotae Ceausescu and his wife, Elena, are under arrest and being held by the army," Iliescu told view-

ers. "His son, Nicu, and Ilie Ceausescu (Nicotae's brother and a former deputy minister of defense) are also being held." State television showed a bruised Nicu Ceausescu in custody Friday but by late Saturday had offered no proof of his father's capture and no clue as to where the deposed dictator might be held.

State lawmakers considering new forms of county government

By KIRK MITCHELL
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TWIN FALLS — Although establishing new forms of county government may not happen soon, support for the idea already exists in the state Legislature. "I think it is one of those issues that we should be discussing the right to vote on," state Rep. Hilde Kellogg, R-Post Falls, said. So far, only the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and the Boise Area Chamber of Commerce have actively promoted making different forms of government available to counties. Counties by state law follow a rigid commission form of government, in which nine officials are elected — including the coroner and the assessor.

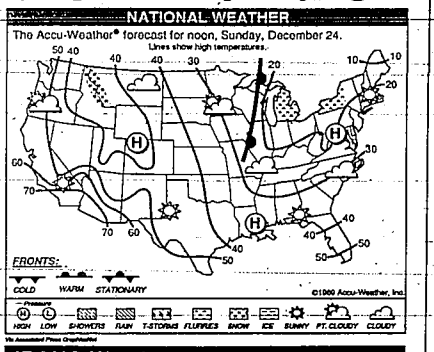
Constitution would have to be passed in a lengthy process. It would require approval by two legislative committees, the Senate and the House, Gov. Cecil Andrus and a majority vote of the people. Only then could voters of any individual county consider making a change. But Kellogg and state Rep. Ron Black, R-Twin Falls, already support the concept of changing county government. Kellogg heads the House committee on local government which could go to the full House for consideration. She said she has not committed to a specific proposal simply because no one has formally proposed one. "There are so many major issues right now," she said. "It is on a back burner," she said.

Black said typically for an issue to pass the local government committee, the Idaho Association of Counties would have to endorse the proposal. "That is unlikely to happen this year because the association's legislative committee has not even considered the issue," said Tony Poinelli, the association's deputy director. "Positionwise we have not taken a strong position either way," he said. "The counties have not discussed it."

Today's weather

Mostly sunny, light winds, patchy fog

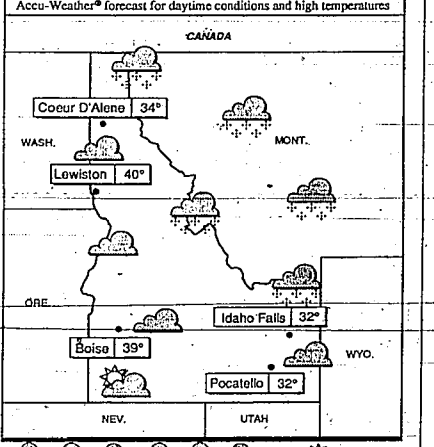
Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Coalinga. Mostly sunny with light winds. Patchy morning fog. Locally hazy and smoky. Highs in the mid 40s. Fair at night. Patchy fog and locally smoky. Lows in the teens. Christmas Day mostly sunny. Patchy morning fog. Locally hazy and smoky. Highs near 40. Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today sunny. Patchy morning valley fog. Highs near 40. Fair at night. Christmas Day sunny. Patchy morning fog. Highs near 40. Northern Utah and Nevada: A bit — Fair to partly cloudy through Monday. A slow increase in areas of fog and haze. Lows 5-25. Highs 30-45. Nevada — Mostly sunny both today and Christmas. Overnight lows generally 10 to 20. Highs in the mid 40s to the mid 50s.



The National Weather Service says a warm ridge of high pressure was slightly weakened Saturday as a Pacific weather disturbance crossed the southwest. This system brought northern Idaho with scattered light precipitation Saturday morning.

IDAHO Weather

Sunday, December 24
Accu-Weather® forecast for daytime conditions and high temperatures



Idaho road report

BOISE — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported mostly dry roads across the state Saturday night, with some ice and snow at higher elevations. U.S. 95 — and Blanner-Coeur d'Alene, icy spots; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, dry; Sandpoint-Canadian border, icy, icy spots; Riggs-Whitebird Hill, dry, gravelly-icy; Lewiston-Moscow, dry; Weiser-Near Meadows, icy spots; Maring-Oregon line, dry. Interstate 90 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, broken snow.

Shoshone-Tetonas-Hairi-Furber — Snow floor. See Associated Press Graphics. U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kooskia, wet; Orufino-Kooskia, icy; Kooskia-Lolo Pass, icy spots. Interstate 84 — Dry. Idaho 55 — Icy spots. Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots; Idaho City-Stantley, icy spots, broken snow floor. U.S. 20 — Dry. U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming line, dry, icy spots. Blackfoot-INEL, dry. Idaho 51 — Dry. U.S. 93 — Nevada line-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, dry, icy spots; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor, snow floor. Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Ketchum, dry; Galena Summit, icy spots. Interstate 86 — Dry. Interstate 15 — Dry. U.S. 30 — Dry. U.S. 91 — Dry.

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Powell explains Panama invasion

WASHINGTON (AP) — After an all-night vigil in the Pentagon "war room" as last week's Panama invasion began, Defense Secretary Dick Cheney and Gen. Colin Powell emerged at 7:45 a.m. to explain the still-unfolding operation.



GEN. COLIN POWELL

Standing before a packed room of reporters and cameras, Cheney laid out the reasoning behind President Bush's decision and then stood aside to watch the youngest ever chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff provide a half-hour, detailed breakdown of the most massive military operation since the Vietnam War.

"It's been some years since Mr. Noriega ... has been living in the jungle. ... I'm not quite sure he's up to being chased around the countryside by Army Rangers, Special Forces and Light Infantry Units," the four-star general said.

Speaking at length without notes about the complex influx of soldiers and their varied missions, Powell made sure to offer the cameras a "sound bite," colorfully pronouncing Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega's supporters "thugs and rabble

rousers" and declaring, "This reign of terror is over."

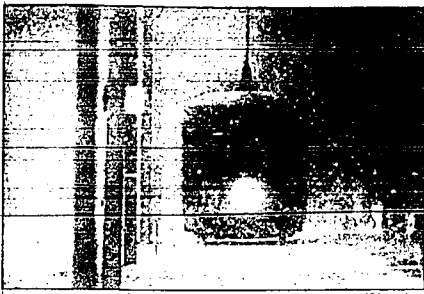
Even though the deposed dictator — had eluded his military opponents, the 52-year-old Powell vowed, "We will chase him and we will find him."

The praise has been so constant, in fact, that when a senior Pentagon official was asked to say something negative about the four-star general, the civilian jokingly replied, "He's Army."

Powell has appeared a bit weary and puffy-faced in recent days as he has met with reporters — usually with Cheney at his side — to explain

the military action that toppled Noriega from power.

Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams, who has sat in on many of Cheney's meetings with Powell, says the general "has a good public relations sense." Powell honed those skills as the top military aide to onetime Pentagon chief Caspar Weinberger, and during his White House years as the deputy national security adviser to Frank Carlucci, whose post he later held.



The last streetcar of the day makes it's way through the streets of New Orleans Friday afternoon

More snow, record lows attack U.S.

By The Associated Press

The arctic air that strained power supplies, threatened orange trees and brought misery to the homeless today delivered an enoche of polar blasts and record low white Christmas, and what could be a white Christmas in Tampa, Fla.

"There was supposed to be global warming, but I don't think anybody's seen it this month," weather service forecaster Edward Yandrich said in New York. "The greenhouse effect took a hiatus."

The coldest dawn on record broke over some U.S. cities but the "Siberian Express" that whistled over the pole through the Yukon and stalled in the Midwest should be jump-started over the weekend by a warm front trickling over the Rockies.

Snow was falling or forecast from central Florida to the Carolinas and west to Mississippi, but in other areas east of the Rockies today's lows should be followed by a pre-Christmas respite.

Wilmington, N.C. had more than 4 inches of snow on the ground this morning and up to 8 inches was forecast by afternoon, far surpassing the record for the date. The snow closed the coastal city's airport.

In Nebraska, the weekend forecast called for Christmas Day temperatures in the 40s, seemingly tropical compared with the 40-plus below recorded Friday morning.

The cold snap has caused at least 67 weather-related deaths around the

country.

Snow flurries whitened the Florida Panhandle cities of Pensacola, Tallahassee, Apalachicola, Milton and Crestview early today, said Brian Maher of the National Weather Service.

Up to 4 inches of snow were forecast for Jacksonville, where the all-time record is 2 inches. Southern Florida, which has escaped the cold until now, was due for a snap, with a freeze forecast Sunday in Miami.

"People are moaning in," said Jeanetta Pratt of the City Rescue Mission in Jacksonville. "We don't turn anyone away. ... We will find a place for them."

Citrus growers were nervous, gauged by memories of the \$3 billion in damages from hard freezes in 1983 and 1985.

"The timing is not good. We have a lot of fruit on the trees and a lot of concerned growers," said Dick Whalley of Florida Citrus Mutual in Lakeland.

Texas' \$30 million citrus industry was also threatened.

A sheet of ice and up to 2 inches of snow today covered Georgia's Golden Isles, normally a holiday haven of winter golf among the palm trees.

Officials closed the covered causeways, cutting off three of the islands from the mainland.

Cold records were snapped in more than 125 cities Friday. A low of 23 degrees below zero made it the coldest day ever in Kansas City, Mo.

Mine workers, Pittston seek agreement

WASHINGTON (AP) — Striking miners and the Pittston Co. are hoping to reach a pre-Christmas agreement on a contract that would end a nearly nine-month strike.

Talks between the United Mine Workers and Pittston resumed at mid-morning today after breaking off shortly after midnight as the two sides sought to meet a mediator's hope that the bitter and sometimes violent strike be settled by Christmas.

Principals in the talks did not speak to reporters because of a gag order, but sources said considerable progress was made Thursday and Friday. Still, an agreement has proved elusive because of outstanding disputes.

Labor Secretary Elizabeth Dole, hoping an agreement was near, delayed plans to travel to her native North Carolina for Christmas and remained in Washington so she could participate if a settlement is announced. It was Dole who named the supermediator for the talks.

The two sides began around-the-clock negotiations early this week, and word that a settlement might be imminent surfaced at mid-week as UMW President Richard Trumka and Pittston Chairman Paul Douglas were called into the talks.

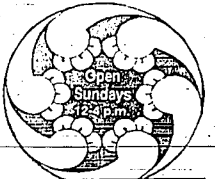
Mediator W.J. Usery pledged to seek a settlement by Christmas that would allow the nearly 1,700 miners from Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky to return to work after the traditional holiday shutdown of the mines.

Although the strike involves just

1,700 miners, it holds broad implications for the UMW and the mining industry as a whole. The dispute between the miners and Pittston over retiree health benefits threatens to undermine a decades-old compact between mining companies and the UMW guaranteeing retired miners full health benefits.

Pittston last year refused to participate in the compact, the Bituminous Coal Operators Association agreement, because it objected to the new funding

formula. Pittston was unable to reach agreement with the miners on an alternate plan and had stopped payments into union pension and medical funds.



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Pit Bull owner is convicted of manslaughter

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A jury found a man guilty of involuntary manslaughter in his pit bull's killing of a 2-year-old boy in what the prosecutor said was the first such case.

The Santa Clara County Superior Court jury on Friday acquitted Michael Berry, 39, of second-degree murder after a day and a half of deliberations. Berry had been the first pet owner in the country charged with murder because of an animal's actions, according to Deputy District Attorney Dale Sanderson and the Humane Society of the United States.

Berry, who could have faced 15 years in prison if convicted of the murder charge, was also found guilty of owning a mischievous animal, cultivating marijuana, and keeping a fighting dog.

Judge James Fisherty set a January sentencing date. Berry could be sentenced to up to 4 years and probation.

Sanderson told reporters he was satisfied with the verdicts. Berry was charged in connection with the June 13, 1987, death of James Soto, his neighbor, who wandered into the Berry yard and was killed by death by Berry's 4-year-old pit bull, Willy.

The dog, which was kept in a locked cell during the trial, was not as lucky as his master, Willy, according to the county Humane Society, was to be killed, and was kept alive during the trial only because he was "evidence."

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

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

"Dear editor:
I am 8 years old.
Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says 'If you see it in The Sun, it's so!' Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West 95th Street

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds.

All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect — an ant — in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

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

Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virgins. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable the existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight.

The eternal light which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

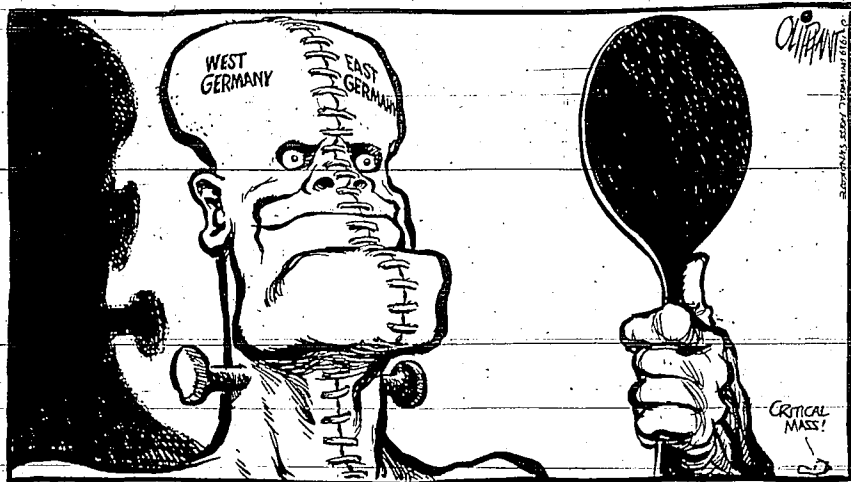
Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus; but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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

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

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

"Is There a Santa Claus?" is the question Virginia, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Philip F. O'Hanlon, put to the editor of The New York Sun in September, 1897. Her letter was turned over to Francis Pharcellus Church to answer. The product of his fine nature, mellow wisdom and sound craftsmanship was the editorial "Is There a Santa Claus,?" which remains a Christmas season favorite nearly a century later.



U.S. businesses should try to stomach postponed gratification in E. Europe

Item: The U.S. Chamber of Commerce is helping to pay for a new course on private enterprise at Karl Marx University in Budapest.

Item: A young Warsaw resident, who recently left the government's trade ministry to start his own business, wants to import turkeys from the United States. He spends his mornings reading directories at the U.S. Trade Development Center in search of a poultry marketing group.

Item: In a country where light bulbs are sparse and too dim for nighttime reading, the Marriott Corp. recently opened a new hotel, with 111 restaurants and bars, in Warsaw that has 52,000 light bulbs.

Why? To better serve what the corporation believes will be a steady influx of Western business executives.

These developments highlight an oversight in the Western response to the dramatic changes in Eastern Europe. In our haste to chronicle and applaud the dismantling of the political systems of Hungary and Poland, we are giving short shrift to a second, parallel revolution unfolding in the two countries: the dismantling — and hopefully, reconstruction — of their economic and financial systems.

The significance of the emergence of basic political freedom in Eastern Europe cannot be underestimated. Yet, the great test of these countries' viability will be their capacity to create economies that can perform well enough in the global marketplace to earn the hard currency needed to improve their standards of living.

The transformation of the Hungarian and Polish economies into a free-market system is underway. While Congress struggled to come up with an appropriate aid package for Poland and Hungary this year, hundreds of Americans were arriving in Warsaw and Budapest in search of the perfect joint venture or investment. In many cases, this means buying up all or part of state-owned businesses and plants. Even their goal is to market products to other Eastern bloc nations or to manufacture goods cheaply for sale to the upcoming "unified" European market. American businessmen are generally bullish about receiving a good return on their investments in Hungary and Poland.

They are also discovering that patience may be as important a prerequisite for success as timing. Transplanting Western standards of efficiency and profitability to Poland and Hungary will be a time-consuming task.

In Hungary, where structural economic reforms are being implemented faster than in Poland, there's a new banking system but no basic regulations specifying how much capital a bank should hold in reserve and how much cash it should have on hand. There's a fledgling stock exchange, but

Ellen Hoffman

publicly traded companies aren't required to issue a prospectus until 1990. This year is also the first in more than four decades that businesses will be required to audit themselves.

Daily, Hungarian and Polish reformers and business executives, as well as foreign businessmen, contend with a daunting array of impediments to conducting Western-style business. Neither the Hungarian forint nor the Polish zloty is convertible. Currency transactions in Poland are particularly disorienting. The government authorizes two different exchange rates — one about three times higher than the other — in an attempt to dampen the appeal of the black market and to encourage foreigners to leave their hard-currency behind.

The Hungarian and Polish governments have made concessions to attract foreign capital. For example, investors can convert some of their profit to hard currency and take it out of the country. But reformers have yet to devise the formula that yields a convertible currency without unduly inflating the pain of inflation on their citizens.

Telephone problems plague everyone. One major Budapest auditing and management consulting company has only two phone lines for its 90 employees. In Krakow's top business hotel, fax and phone service to Warsaw were inexplicably out of order for about half a day recently, but no one in the hotel thought it a departure from business as usual.

There are computer systems, though many of them are outdated. When American or West European consultants try to design a more up-to-date system, they invariably collide with the Coordinating Committee for Multilateral Export Controls. This NATO agency regulates the levels of technology (with potential military applications) that can be exported to Soviet bloc nations.

Whether free-market economies take root in Hungary and Poland, say American businessmen, also depends on winning the "hearts and minds" of workers and managers for whom secrecy, lax discipline and lack of accountability to shareholders

and the public are habits of a lifetime. A government official said it took Hungarian reformers a year to convince some financial institutions that you can have a stock exchange unless the public knows something about the companies to be traded.

Undoubtedly, many Poles and Hungarians desperately want to junk an economic system that has given them a standard of living far below that of their European neighbors. As they enjoy their newly won political freedoms, they hope that a free-market system will rejuvenate their economies. Indeed, not a few Hungarian and Polish reformers and businessmen want to get on with it.

In the best tradition of Western "Type A" personalities, they are pushing the limits of their evolving economic systems as far as they can. They work long hours, search for Western expertise and business partners, and go to school to learn such subjects as modern management, banking and accounting. These embryonic free-market reformers are saying that the euphoria of political freedom is strong enough to make the pain — inflation and unemployment — of economic change tolerable.

The question is whether American businessmen can stomach postponed gratification. Are they willing to invest not only their money but also their management and technical expertise to create the infrastructure of modern economic systems in Hungary and Poland?

According to news reports, the Japanese offered American more sophisticated trade during recent trade negotiations. If the United States truly wants to close its trade gap with Japan, they said, American businessmen must "abandon the 'short-termist' mentality of showing more interest in quarterly profits than long-term investment."

What better place to heed this advice than in the receptive, fertile ground of Eastern Europe's eager-but-needy economies?

Ellen Hoffman, a free-lance writer based in Washington, frequently writes about American business activities overseas.

Letters Welcome

The Times-News welcomes letters to the editor but will reject those it considers libelous or in bad taste. Each letter must be signed and should include the writer's mailing address. Letters of more than 400 words may be edited for length.

Letters/Variety of issues draw reader comment

Abortion a personal matter

I am responding to the many letters that cite various religious reasons as to why the government should again begin to regulate our reproductive choices.

Our nation was founded on the principle that individuals could make their own religious choices. The laws of this land cannot be determined by what a single faith or any combination of faiths insists is "truth." The U.S. Constitution seeks to guarantee freedom of (or from) religion. The only way this can be guaranteed is through a rigid separation of church and state.

There is simply no agreement in either the religious or the scientific community as to when life begins. This question has been debated for hundreds of years. I am sure there are a multitude of experts who feel that life begins at conception.

But for every one you find, there will be another who adamantly disagrees. If theologians, philosophers and scientists cannot agree, then a political body should not pretend to know the answer.

People have the right to make personal, intimate decisions in private, within their families. The question of abortion is a deeply sensitive issue. It should be a private, personal matter. It should be decided according to individual conscience and personal religious convictions.

For those of you who, because of religious belief or for other reasons do not believe that abortion should be a reproductive option, you certainly are free to follow your conscience in your own lives. But neither you nor our legislators should try to deny constitutional rights to others, nor force your beliefs upon them.

Stand up to protect Gem state

Many of the natural treasures of this Gem State have been stolen, destroyed or damaged by greedy little men with friends in high places. The agencies created to protect natural resources are rendered impotent by political interference in the interest of a selfish few, by a lack of adequate funding and — in some cases — by covering bureaucrats.

Over the past 20 years, a small number of Magic Valley residents has fought the hard and valiant ecosystem of concern to the scientific community and is a feed source of clean water to the badly polluted Snake Riv-

er. Part of Box Canyon Creek has already been diverted and now feeds fish waste into the river. The canyon has also been altered, but enough of both canyon and creek remains in a quality state that further destruction can and must be stopped.

A legal and political battle in this the 11th hour is under way. Not only is Box Canyon at stake in this battle, but so, too, is the integrity of our governmental agencies and the process by which they make decisions with regards to public resources. Will we destroy all our gifts of nature in the name of greed and under the protection of those who abuse political power? That is the question.

If you care, if you want to help, write or call your various elected officials at the county, state and federal level and tell them you want something done to save Box Canyon and the other remaining treasures of this Magic Valley. Also, send a check to Box Canyon Defense Fund, P.O. Box 492, Burley, Idaho 83316, so that the legal battle can come to a just conclusion.

It is morally wrong to just take and take and give nothing back. It is suicidal to destroy that which is the basis of your life.

There will be no gems left in this the Gem State unless we, the people, stand up and protect them.

WILLIAM K. CHISHOLM
Buhl

Paper should be supportive

I've been alive long enough to know that when a person resorts to the kinds of nasty, charge-defaming remarks exhibited in the less-than-amusing editorial jingle published in The Times-News Dec. 20, he's already lost his argument — if, indeed, he ever presented a rational one.

To me, it would make more sense if a community newspaper adopted a position of supportive leadership. The tone of recent in-house editorials is one of a kind of elitist anger. I've yet to see a person or community develop its potential by being constantly torn down and belittled.

The issue is not that Gary Robbins is a "turn-coat," but rather how interesting it is that he is willing to risk himself for something he believes. I've lived my life under the assumption that this action expresses a more than traditional American value.

FENELOPE REDDY
Twin Falls

Choose a designated driver

The holiday seasons of Christmas and New Year are always exciting times for young and old alike, but this time of year is also one of the most dangerous. Injuries and deaths from motor vehicle accidents are a prime concern for emergency personnel.

Trauma from motor vehicle accidents is one of the leading causes of death in children and young adults. Please encourage everyone to take extra precautions this holiday season.

First, now and always, wear a seat belt when in a vehicle and make sure children are secured in car seats. The simple use of these two devices could drastically reduce highway deaths and injuries.

Don't drink and drive. If you are going to a party, pick a designated driver who will not drink alcoholic beverages. Even one drink can impair reasoning and reaction time. If you don't have a designated driver, call a cab to and from the party. Many lounges and restaurants will even offer non-alcoholic drinks to the designated driver of the party. Nearly 70 percent of motor vehicle crashes are alcohol related. Don't become a holiday statistic for just a drink.

Allow extra time to travel on the roads. Traffic may be heavy and the road conditions may be less than favorable. By allowing extra travel time, you will stay calmer and feel less hurried. This makes you a safer driver. Remember, too, to keep your speed down and be a defensive, courteous driver.

The Center for Injury Control is asking all members of the medical community to:

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B-2 bomber ultimate weapon in era of strategic overkill

Last week Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, under substantial pressure to cut the defense budget, indicated he would strive to preserve one of the most costly new acquisition programs — the stealth bomber.

Since international tensions are lowering and a huge amount of money — \$70 billion or more — is involved in the B-2, Capitol Hill observers had expected the bomber to be an obvious candidate for sacrifice.

Don't look now, but Cheney may be doing the right thing. — That B-2 overkill — hard to justify on the Pentagon's preferred terms — as an ultimate wonder weapon for an era of strategic overkill — may become much more attractive with the dawn of glasnost and the opening of the Eastern bloc.

The Stealth bomber has been pilloried by critics as less proficient in doomsday matters than other proposed weapons systems. That's correct — and may make the plane perfect for the 1990s.

Whatever their technical specifications, nuclear bombers are simply less threatening than

Gregg Easterbrook

we may be told to hope that, in the 1990s, less precise defense systems will be the kind of all major powers switch to. Suddenly, the B-2 may sound like a great idea.

In fact the relaxation of international tensions may do for the B-2 what no Pentagon spokesman has been able to — provide a rationale for its existence: Look at the history of manned bombers throughout the nuclear era.

Because of the tasks assigned modern bombers, discussions about them tend to be gloomy. The bomber pilots' professional paradigm is the execution of a plan for widespread destruction: of supply depots staffed by teenage conscripts, of factories run by non-combatants or, in the case of nuclear combat, of innocent multitudes. Whatever one may think of the military mind, no God-fearing family man draws satisfaction from this work.

About the only way a Pentagon planner be-

lieves U.S. bombers will transit Soviet airspace in one piece is by assuming that ground electronic counter-measure boxes, designed to jam enemy sensors, will work perfectly. However perfection in electronic counter-measures has rarely occurred.

Some of today's defense-lobby pleas for the B-2 sound detached from reality, it is important to know that, since the late 1950s, all advanced bombers contemplated by the Air Force have been improbable — because all have been attempts to justify why, at great cost, men should go on what are inherently one-way missions.

Perennially the Air Force is accused of falling under the spell of hardware: craving top speed and sleekness while neglecting practical considerations of performance at the lesser velocities and altitudes where most military aviation occurs.

The \$530 million B-2, however, is subsonic. At last the Air Force has found a slow airplane it can love — because it's finally figured out a way to make one incredibly expensive.

But given the B-2's breathtaking price tag, even radar-evasion properties that work do not alter the case against manned "penetrator" bombers. In retrospect a penetrator flies close to its targets and delivers nuclear bombs via free fall.

Another possible advantage of a Stealth bomber is the ability to go after movable targets that ICBMs, whose destinations are fixed at launch, have missed. Welch has described this as a principal justification for the B-2.

Yes, principally the bombers are inherently less threatening than ICBMs. They travel to the target much more slowly than missiles — and can be shot down using current technology. And as SAC officers never tire of pointing out, manned aircraft can be recalled once launched. For these reasons both sides in the Strategic Arms Reduction Talks have concentrated their energies on cutting back missiles, not bombers.

If the Pentagon changes the reasoning for building the B-2, elected officials should not hesitate to change the mission. The B-2 was conceived in a period of rising nuclear ten-

sions. Today there is cause to hope that the Soviet Union will become much less a threat to its neighbors, perhaps even a tenuous U.S. ally.

On the other hand, because the B-2 is inherently less threatening than other strategic delivery systems, its acquisition for use as a cruise missile carrier might be easier to justify today than a year ago, before the Berlin Wall fell. If the B-2 were reconfigured as a cruise missile carrier it could be slightly de-plorified technically, lowering unit costs.

It may seem contradictory to argue that a weapon like the B-2 ought to be funded because it is less profitable than available alternatives. But if there is indeed a new golden era of lowered doomsday horizons, less potent weapons will be the kind in society's best interest.

Properly redefined, the Stealth bomber might become the perfect procurement expense for the winding down of the Cold War.

Gregg Easterbrook is a contributing editor to Newsweek.

Operation Just Cause has a ring to it across U.S. political spectrum

WASHINGTON — For a decade among the Americans have been wondering — some of us fearfully, some of us hopefully — whether our unhappy engagement in Vietnam sided us indefinitely from any further great-power role.

In its spirit of measuring the lingering effects of the so-called Vietnam syndrome, our Panama engagement has been taken by conservatives as announcing or advancing a salutary revival of American purpose and by liberals as evidence of a worrisome renewed readiness to play policeman of the world.

Both of these currents are obviously part of our national debate and part of our national psyche. But they draw us away from the special features of this campaign: they are a debate of the 1970s and 1980s with the requirement to move on.

Stephen Rosenfeld

Some of these special features are historical. The United States invented Panama. We provoked the territory to secede from Colombia so we could build there a great canal.

We built the canal by World War I and have run it since, and we have come close to running Panama too, with benefited intentions and in some aspects, with benevolent effects.

In the 1970s we made an earnest effort to accommodate Panama's dignity with the treaties providing for, among other things, eventual Panamanian sovereignty over the canal.

Meanwhile, however, the Panamanian military force created to police the country turned unbecomingly sour under Gen. Manuel Noriega.

Unwisely, we invested him not simply with armed power but with the authority of being our man in Panama — he reported to the CIA on Caribbean leftists and to our drug agency as well.

Thus did he gain the means to go corrupt and to flout the democratic government the Panamanians elected last May. In a place that we have long considered not so much a foreign country as a restive province, this was too much. After trying in vain through bilateral negotiation, multilateral diplomacy and economic pressure to oust Noriega, the United States took the occasion of his most recent ugly and incautious provocations to invade.

Almost everybody in our country takes these special circumstances for granted, and that is a principal reason why the operation was so widely accepted, the usual prudential reservations notwithstanding.

It seems to be taken as part of the cost of doing business in this hemisphere that some Panamanians may be more overtly resentful than grateful at their deliverance, if it ends up that way, and that other Latins act as though they are less interested in returning democracy to Panama than they are in doing emotional battle with the ghost of American imperialism past.

But there are new circumstances too, and one of them is the whole movement of post-Vietnam American idealism confirmed in our foreign policy as a result of Jimmy Carter's emphasis on human rights and Ronald Reagan's parallel emphasis on democratic liberation.

The protection of classical interests such as the lives of Americans and the security of the canal remains central to American policy in Panama, but these

other interests — they can be called ideological — carry a large weight in the making of policy and opinion in the interplay between them.

The drift of administration thinking came out in Secretary of State James Baker's explanation of the air cover the United States recently provided to an embattled Philippine President Cory Aquino: "And what you have here is a situation where people are trying through bullets and bayonets to overthrow a duly, freely elected government. And we defend democracy. We defend democracy around the world."

Finally, there is the special circumstance of drugs. Columnist Charles Krauthammer is right to call this our first drug war. (Recall that Britain fought its first drug war, the Opium War, to force China to let drugs in.)

Enlightened opinion has been advising policy-makers to move from the old security-oriented agenda of the Cold War to a new agenda focused more sharply on trans-national concerns such as drugs and the environment.

It is not so easy for some liberals to accept that the new agenda is here being pursued with some of the old military means, but the name chosen for this intervention, Operation Just Cause, has a ring to it across the American political spectrum.

Anti-communism may still be a controversial aspect of American policy, but as an abstract proposition anyway — tactics are always arguable — fighting drugs commands a consensus.

Stephen Rosenfeld writes for The Washington Post.

Letters

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frain from using the word "accident" when they mean "injury." The word "accident" relates to an uncontrollable situation or unpredictable occurrence. Most motor vehicle crashes are preventable. Injury is a controllable problem if we all just use common sense.

DAVID M. HABBEN
Regional EMS Coordinator
Twin Falls

3 should form corporation

In regard to the three nuclear specialists — Vreeland, Henschel and Bergman — they should form a corporation. I'll bet they could corner the market on nuclear waste and sell stock.

Bergman's diatribe stinks and his engineering figures are antique, incorrect and misleading.

According to my reference, Gary Starr (president of Solar Electronic Engineering, a 12-year-old publicly-owned corporation, and author of "The Solar Electric Book"), "Technology to build low-cost photovoltaics is no longer a distant hope on a far-off horizon. At today's efficiencies, a piece of desert land about 26 miles square could host a solar silicon-generating plant with the same power production capacities of a large nuclear or coal plant. Solar cells have no moving parts to wear out, produce no pollution and essentially last forever." To join the solar revolution, I contact Solar Electric, 175 Casca Court, Rohrer Park, Calif. 94928.

Bergman talks about how ugly the windmills look that are putting some of the Santa Ana winds' energy to rest. They are generally a nuisance until you hear or read about anyone who describes windmills as ugly.

I suppose Mr. Bergman prefers roofs blown off barns and shed, houses and businesses leveled and destruction in general to hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of stored energy in the form of hot water or compressed air.

Come on, people! Do something for yourselves for a change. The solar energy is well stocked with wheels, spindles, hubs, drive lines, transmissions, differentials, everything needed except the fins that catch the wind. These you can make using your own imagination.

The sheet metal shops will help.

The country should be alive with these beautiful, moving things, all different and all colors. Above all, sending a message to the pro-nukes — no more similes looking, death-dealing, radiation-spewing, nation-bankrupting nukes until they get them down to size, perfected and preferred by 90 percent of the people.

Tapered, cone-shaped bearings and almost everything needed to put these insane nuclear monstrosities on hold are lying unused in our salvage yards. Let's do something now, or, as you all know, we are going to have a military force of same machine we have had in the past — spoon fed.

For anyone who needs a sustained wind, the Strevell Canyon near the geothermal site near Malta is just waiting.

RICHARD GRAF
Heyburn

Ho-Ho-Ho and God Bless

The best-laid plans of mice and men. Now look here, even old Santa can mess up the detailed workin' of a perfect Christmas.

The sleigh, albeit a poorly-made one of plywood and canvas, stood poised upon the crusty snow in wait to the forward side of the ridge pole of the spud cellar. Hitched between the shafts and not liking it a danged bit was a 22-year-old Shetland pony named Omar Khayyam.

Hey now, folks, don't knock it yet. Santa's route had been laid out in great detail, and what could go wrong? If was to proceed down the far side of the cellar and make a complete circuit of the silage pit close at hand and then swoop up majestically in front of the bunk house where all us dirt-scratching kids was awaitin'. And as papa himself had said, the silage pit should pose no problem, for with his own hands he had stuck up a long corral pole in each corner — and shoot, even a blind man oughta be able to see them.

All was in readiness. Santa stood poised upon the runners and then that old nose did a very foolish thing: he whopped that old pony across the withers with one of his heavy leather mittens, and I'm here to tell you that all hell broke loose. Omar Khayyam came unglued, kicked himself loose and lit out for the barn while the sleigh with Santa and three gunny sacks of goodies in-

tract shot up over the cellar ridge pole like a creature in torment.

Well, sir, the old bearded gent did a table job of guiding thatascalid, and more particularly matter to be swooped around the far right corner of the pit, a sleigh runner hooked the marker post. Need I say that that contrivance stopped in mid-air, but the old feller and his load kept right on going and piled up on some of the best cow food in the valley.

Not to worry, Santa was OK after three cups of mami's eggnog, and us little fellers was the onliest kids in northern Idaho that could say that our toys came down from the North Pole. Ho-Ho-Ho and God Bless.

TED SAMPLES
Twin Falls

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In my opinion, the rights of a few farmers do not outweigh the rights of the many of us already suffering from air quality problems.

JOHN R. BONNETT
Twin Falls

I to 5 years not enough

Regarding Ms. Mahan's sentence — one to five years is hardly a strict sentence for someone who took a man's life.

Since when does our justice system dismiss DUI charges when it's a third offense and a death is involved? I'll bet if he would have been from Twin Falls instead of Salt Lake, there might have been more made of this.

If we're going to put drug dealers away for long periods of time, let's also get rid of these repeat DUI of-

fenders who continue driving drunk on suspended licenses. Look out Magic Valley, she'll probably be back on the roads next year.

Also, shame on the person who let Ms. Mahan use their vehicle. He ought to be going to the Big House, too!

I wouldn't have written this letter, but seeing Ms. Mahan on the evening news laughing as she was going into the court room made me realize she has no remorse for taking a man's life.

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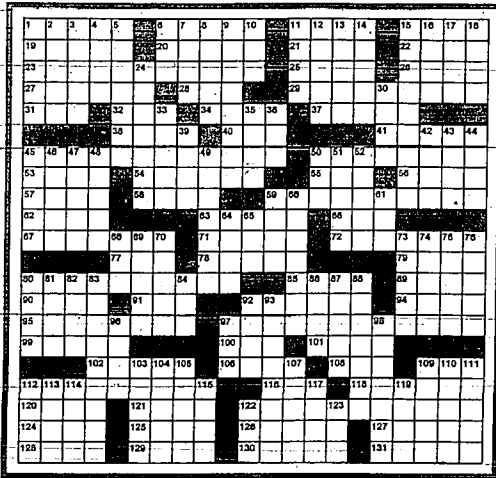
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School officials censor student paper for sex education articles

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — School officials censored a student-run newspaper that ran several stories on sex education which were deemed inappropriate, including one that explained how to use a condom.

Principal Richard White at Holmdel High School said he met with the eight-student editorial board of The Sting on Friday and agreed to allow the paper to publish without the three stories in question on Jan. 2, when classes resume.

Craig LaCava, the newspaper's 18-year-old editor, said the articles were prompted by the 800-student school's inadequate sex education program.

"We got a week of it freshman year, then a good course that lasts several weeks during senior year," LaCava said. "By then it's much, much too late."

"We decided to do this because we think parents should know how unprepared their kids are about these things," he said. "We were very

concerned about the pregnancy and abortion rate in our school."

"I had agreed the students had a valid issue," said White. "But one article in particular, on skills and techniques of using a condom, was just inappropriate for a school newspaper."

The articles, one each dealing with sexually transmitted diseases, sex education curriculum and condoms, were described by LaCava as "explicit but accurate."

"It was our feeling that it had to be explicit," said LaCava. "There's no other word for penis."

The newspaper staff had showed the articles to White the previous week, LaCava said, adding he left the meeting feeling that White was shocked but would still allow them to be published.

But on Tuesday, "just before we were going to go to the printer, Dr. White came in and said we wouldn't be allowed to do it," LaCava said.

LaCava and his co-editor, 17-year-

old M. Liwanag Querjero, decided to take the proofs to the printer despite White's objections.

"We felt strongly enough to defy him," LaCava said.

Bill Sachs, owner of Fast Copy Printing Center in Keyport, where the paper is normally printed, said a school official came to the shop Wednesday and asked him to hand over the proofs. He refused.

About an hour later, he said, he received a call from the school board warning that he could lose his contract if he did not turn over the proofs.

"They made it clear I had to turn them over," he said.

White said no disciplinary action is contemplated against LaCava or Miss Querjero.

"I wanted them to proceed at a slower pace and do a series of articles rather than to broadcast the thing and alienate allies they might need later on to make real changes," he said.

Program pushes tree recycling

MONTPELIER, Vt. (AP) — After their time under lights, Christmas trees in Vermont are being put out to pasture, and on the garden and around the shrubs on the front lawn.

More than 8,000 trees were ground up into bits of bark and needles during last year's "Merry Mulch" project, and officials say the practice is catching on nationwide as a way to save landfill space.

"It's definitely an idea that's spreading," said Kate Finley-Woodruff, marketing representative for the Vermont Department of Agriculture.

The state's program was started last year as an experiment by her department and the state's Agency of Natural Resources to encourage recycling.

"We were overwhelmed by the response," Finley-Woodruff said.

Queries have come in from around the country about the program, while some communities already turn Christmas trees into wood chips.

Last year, sanitation workers in Chicago will collect discarded trees for mulch.

Indianapolis has been mulching trees since it canceled its Christmas tree bonfire on "Twelfth Night" a few years ago.

In Vermont, the state increased the number of drop-off and chipping sites from nine to 33 this year. Residents who want to can take their mulch home.

The state is getting help for "Merry Mulch" from several municipalities, electric utilities, ice cream maker Ben & Jerry's Homemade Inc. and regional solid waste managers and planners.

Finley-Woodruff said the program developed from the problem of solid-waste at landfills and a desire to help Vermont's Christmas tree growers.

"We're trying to protect their

market so people don't get discouraged from buying a real Christmas tree because of the landfill problems," she said.

Nationwide, 34.3 million Christmas trees were sold last year and the U.S. Agriculture Department expects sales to exceed 35 million this year. Artificial trees were introduced in the 1930s and by 1985 held 47 percent of the market.

Pam Dwyer, executive secretary of the New Hampshire-Vermont Christmas Tree Association, said the state may be scaring people into buying artificial trees.

"I don't have a problem with 'Merry Mulch,'" Dwyer said. "But I think it leads people to believe that Christmas trees are a solid waste problem."

Family continues to rail world, attacks Santa Claus

Knight-Ridder News Service

MARION, N.C. — A Salvation Army bell clangs incessantly as a white-bearded old soul in a red-and-white suit peeks from behind a corner while spectators in the Roses' parking lot.

A Bible-waving man, standing with his two sons on the back of a Ford pickup under the glow of the parking lot's lights, shouts at the Roses' Santa. "The Bible says, 'Thou shalt not bear false witness.'"

"You sir! You in the costume! You're a walking lie! You're going to hell! You'll never get into heaven, Satan Claus!"

"Not them. Not again," says a passing shopper, shaking her head as she crosses the burgundy pickup.

More than a year after David and Robin Strode withdrew their children from a Marion elementary school and the national spotlight dimmed, it's life as usual in Marion for David, Duffey, 12, and Matthew, 7, the street-preaching men of the Strode family.

In the Strodes' Marion home, in the same living room where news reporters once jammed to hear the Strodes rail against the McDowell County school system's multiple suspensions of Duffey, Matthew and Pepper, a decorated Christmas tree stands in the corner, presents piled underneath.

David Strode, 42, tolerates the family Christmas tree, lovingly decorated by wife and children, despite his belief that it's a pagan symbol. Pepper, 8, laughs and calls

Daddy the "green Grinch who stole Christmas." Duffey's thinking is more like his father's: "Santa is just another guy wearing red and white," Duffey says. "He's going to hell in that goofy costume."

Inside—the Strodes' household, conflicts are easily resolved by the Book and harmony reigns.

Outside, they still clash loudly with the world. That's the way they like it.

Before the family's Wednesday night trip to the Roses' parking lot, David Strode led his children in the evening's Bible study.

Holding up his Bible, he told them, "When you're out there in the world, you're to be using this sword to cut people. You're in combat. It's a warfare you're in."

"Jesus Christ never preached without trouble. They threw him in prison and they nailed him to a cross. All the preachers in the Bible suffered persecution, debt poverty, tribulation. That's why his kids are rejected. That's why I'm rejected. That's why my wife is rejected."

In Marion, the family is known by all, liked by few. The children have no friends and say they don't expect to make any. The family's regular preaching appearances at the Roses, the ABC-store-and-local-festive-and-parades still come up in lunch-counter conversations, if no longer on morning talk shows or the evening news.

Once, the children's clashes at school and the family's TV appearances angered many, prompting threatening mail and phone

calls, even bomb threats.

"Now, most seem to have gotten used to them."

"There's not that much conversation about them anymore," said Roses' manager J.B. Bundy.

"They're out—here—most—every weekend, sometimes during the week. But we let them do their thing and we just go about our business."

Even McDowell County Schools Supt. David Ricketts, the former target of the Strodes' wrath, concedes he still finds the family "fascinating."

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The Times News

Dictator Ceausescu created family version of socialism

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Deposed Communist leader Nicolae Ceausescu ran Romania with a tightly run clan that included an estimated 40 members of his family in positions of power.

Soon after he assumed power March 22, 1965, Ceausescu did what other hard-line Communist leaders did to establish "democratic authority": he brought his own followers into the party's top echelons.

But his unlimited ambitions and mistrust of his minions prompted him to place family members in lead positions.

Ceausescu's wife, Elena, a Politburo member and first deputy premier, was the second most powerful figure in both the party and state hierarchy.

One of his brothers, Ilie, was an army general and deputy defense minister. Another brother, Nicolae Andreia, was a police general and deputy interior minister.

Another brother, Ion, was responsible for state economic planning. Among other brothers, Marin was a diplomat and Floarea an editor with the Communist Party newspaper Scintila.

Ceausescu's brother-in-law, Vasile Barbolescu, was a party secretary in charge of agriculture, and Gheorghe Petrescu, Elena's brother, was in charge of the trade unions.

Ceausescu's youngest son, Nicu, 39, was reportedly a womanizer and a heavy drinker, reputed for his passion for Western sports cars and hunting parties. He was linked romantically at one time to Romanian gymnastics star Nadia Comaneci, who defected to the United States on Nov. 28.

Nicu, nicknamed the "Crown Prince," was party secretary in the Sibiu county in southern Transylvania, home to a powerful military and security garrison.

He was also known to have killed at least two people in traffic accidents, when he ran through red lights.

Nicu was known as a gambler, who at one time lost \$1 million in one night alone playing roulette in a Las Vegas casino, Romanian officials said.

Nicu's wife, Poliana, was chairwoman of the Pioneers' National Council, the Romanian equivalent of the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts.

Soviets offer help, frown on intervention

MOSCOW (AP) — Soviet officials said today they were prepared to send medical help to the uprising that ousted Nicolae Ceausescu in Romania but appeared to rule out military intervention.

The Soviet news agency Tass warned that the fighting in Bucharest had endangered the lives of Soviets living in the Romanian capital.

Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov dismissed talk of sending Soviet troops to Romania to aid the provisional Romanian government that, backed by the army, declared itself in control after Ceausescu fled Bucharest on Friday.

"We have to support them from the point of view of medical help and maybe some other kinds of help, but to bring in forces, I think that's impermissible," Ryzhkov said. "We mustn't repeat mistakes." "The head of the Soviet government told reporters, "Not long ago, we revolutionized the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968. That reconsideration was made on Dec. 4, and should repeat something like that a few days later?"

Romanian TV, in the hands of the rebels, said earlier today that the Soviet Embassy had pledged to send personnel and equipment to aid the uprising.

The announcement followed an appeal broadcast by the television from an unidentified army general who urged Moscow to step in because "terrorist units" loyal to Ceausescu had sent reinforcements to the capital.



Romanian President Nicolae Ceausescu speaks under a painting of himself

World offers support for Romanian people

LONDON (AP) — The world prayed and offered support Saturday for the embattled Romanian people who ousted Nicolae Ceausescu and were trying to preserve their newly won freedom.

As army units backing the popular uprising fought elite police squads supporting Ceausescu, the widespread euphoria over the downfall of the hard-line Communist dictator turned to anxiety over the continuing bloodshed.

In Moscow, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev told lawmakers that his country was standing by with unspecified aid for the anti-Ceausescu forces.

Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov all but ruled out military intervention,

saying, "We have to support them from the point of view of medical help and maybe some other kinds of help, but to bring in forces, I think that's impermissible." In Eastern and Western Europe, appeals were launched for money, food and medical supplies. The French government announced it was sending two planes carrying 30 tons of medical equipment and a medical team to Romania.

Britain said it was sending emergency medical supplies, including equipment for treating gunshot wounds and providing blood transfusions.

Sweden's government said it had allocated \$3.1 million in medical and food assistance.

Tadeusz declares Poland pursued correct course

The Washington Post

WARSAW, Poland — Polish Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki said Saturday that the upheavals taking place in other East European countries confirmed Poland's wisdom in trying to move "in an evolutionary way" from its Communist past to its future as a democratic nation.

In an interview with The Washington Post, initiated by an aide relaying an unconfirmed television account of 12,000 deaths in fighting in Timisoara, the former Solidarity newspaper editor who heads the four-month-old coalition government said, "The tragedy in Romania shows us how wise a road we have chosen. We must follow this road."

Mazowiecki disclosed that a cabinet meeting that lasted until 4 a.m. Saturday had produced a decision to accept the International Monetary Fund's conditions for providing aid to the inflation-wracked Polish economy.

A signed agreement was teleaxed to Washington this morning, he said, and the drastic reforms of economic policy required by the IMF will go into effect, as planned, on Jan. 1. Under the agreement, Poland will get a \$700 million standby credit from the IMF and will be eligible for \$300 million in

World Bank loans and other Western aid expected to total about \$3 billion.

The prime minister conceded that the economic changes — substantially decontrolling prices, slashing subsidies to businesses and consumers and wrenching the government budget back toward balance — will be "very difficult" for many Poles to accept when they see rents, coal and clothing prices soar.

The government estimates that inflation will be 50 percent in January and has warned that 400,000 workers may lose their jobs in subsidized but inefficient industries.

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Albanian press reports news from Romania

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — Albania's state news agency on Saturday issued an unusually frank report on the Romanian revolt against dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, whose regime had much in common with the Albanian leadership.

With the ouster of Ceausescu, Albania remains the last stalwart of Stalinism in Eastern Europe.

But ATA's reporting indicated the present Tirana leadership was at least not opposed to Ceausescu's reported ouster.

Romania was the last member of the Soviet alliance to be hit with the wave of reform. Earlier this year, Poland, Hungary, Bulgaria, East Germany and Czechoslovakia each embraced liberal change.

The other two Eastern-European nations, Albania and Yugoslavia, are non-aligned nations.

Yugoslavia broke with Moscow in 1948 because its founder, the late Josip Broz Tito, espoused a less harsh brand of Communism than Stalin. Albania broke with the Kremlin in 1961 to continue its orthodox Stalinist course.

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Clash closes shops in Bethlehem

BETHLEHEM, Occupied West Bank (AP) — Israeli paratroopers ordered holiday shoppers home Saturday after a clash with Arab stonethrowers. South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu declared his support for a Palestinian state. In the Gaza Strip town of Rafah, troops opened fire on masked stonethrowers, killing two and wounding 12, Arab reporters said. The army confirmed that one Arab youth was killed and said the military was investigating the reports of a second death.

The deaths raised the number of Palestinians killed in the two-year uprising against Israeli occupation to 639. Forty Israelis also have died in the violence and Palestinians have killed at least 161 Arabs on suspicion of cooperating with Israeli authorities. Arab reporters identified the dead youths as Mohammed Zakaria al-Hourani, 22, and Aymad Mohammed al-Atrash, 17. Hospital officials reported that 21 Palestinians were wounded in scattered clashes with troops throughout Gaza. In Bethlehem, masked youths

burned tires and hurled stones at army patrols near the Church of the Nativity. The site marks the manger where tradition holds that Jesus was born. Troops shot bursts of fire from their automatic weapons into the air to disperse the youths and fired tear gas into alleyways of the nearby marketplace where they fled. Red-bereted paratroopers and purple-bereted troops from the elite Givati brigade ran through the marketplace shouting "ruhi el-beit," Arabic for "go home."

Berliners make merry while taking wall down

WEST BERLIN (AP) — Thousands of jubilant Berliners sang and danced late into the night at the newly opened Brandenburg Gate, and West Berlin braced for a final, frantic day of Christmas shopping by newcomers from the East. A steady clink of metal against stone accompanied the merrymakers as hundreds of souvenir seekers chipped away at the Berlin Wall near the gate, which had symbolized the division of Germany since the concrete barrier went up 28 years ago but that now has become a

symbol of rapprochement. Although visa-free travel for West Germans to East Germany technically does not take effect until Sunday, police were unable to control documents in the chaos and waved through all visitors on Friday. At other crossing points, East German shoppers laden with purchases from West Berlin carried Christmas presents, cases of beer and bags of oranges. Many more shoppers were expected today in West Berlin's glittery stores, which are far better

stocked than those in East Berlin. Throughout Friday evening, West German television periodically carried live coverage of the festivities, showing the crowd dancing on top of the wall, popping champagne corks and waving sparklers. West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and East German Premier Hans Modrow met Friday for the second time in a week at a ceremony formally opening two border crossings in the wall just north and south of the lowering gate.

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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.

Circus tiger killed girl early in city's history

Jewel Lundin Von Ins offers this look back at an early circus tragedy in Twin Falls:

"Every year the circus comes to town but it usually does not leave the fear and terror it did that summer day back in 1906, when the tiger killed one of the first baby girls born in Twin Falls.

"In those days, boys could earn a ticket to the circus by carrying food and water to the animals, as well as by doing other odd jobs.

"That afternoon a 14-year-old boy fed the animals for his free ticket and was an eye-witness to the killing.

"There was not much for the children to see in those days, so the circus and its animal parade down the dirt road, now Main Street, was quite an adventure.

"Also attending the circus that day was a Mr. Bell who operated a meat market in Buhl. As he started out the door, he remembered that he had left his 'shooting irons' at home, so he went back after them.

"At last the show started and the animals came in to do their acts, one after the other.

"All eyes were glued to the main act - the tigers. A young tiger, not yet completely trained, failed to obey his trainer and darted out of the ring. He leaped several feet at a time, growing wilder every minute, then without warning, he leaped at Mrs. Rozell, who was standing almost petrified with fright, holding her baby, then less than a year old.

"The tiger grabbed the baby by the throat, severing the jugular vein, then started to leap toward the door, where many frightened people had headed. At that moment Mr. Bell fired five shots at the tiger. The stunned and dying animal crawled out of the tent and died.

"Many other men were there, but in that terrifying moment, it seemed that Mr. Bell was meant to be the one to kill the beast. His mind had been on his guns earlier that day.

"Mr. Rozell, a pioneer on the Twin Falls tract, now deceased, told a friend, John L. Lundin, a year or so later, that he believed the tiger had spotted his baby the minute it came into the ring.

"She was dressed in a lavender-colored shawl and dress and it could be that the color had an alarming effect on the animal. No one knows what caused the tiger to attack the little baby girl but she lost her life that day and is buried in the Twin Falls Cemetery.

"This was one of the many experiences of heartbreak in the early years in Twin Falls."

Do you have an interesting recollection of life in the Magic Valley? Does your attic contain photos, diaries or letters you'd like to share?

Send your contributions to CENTENNIAL, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, 83303-0548. All treasures will be handled with care and promptly returned.

Hospital reviews billing practices

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Hospital bills can be complex, confusing, frustrating and difficult to interpret - but the county hospital wants to change all that.

In the future, patients may encounter easier-to-read bills and pre-admission advice on handling medical expenses. The hospital's time-payment and collection practices also are being looked at.

"What we're trying to do is make it more positive for patients," said Ken Fry, Magic

Valley Regional Medical Center's assistant administrator in charge of finance. "Hopefully it will be beneficial for both patients and the hospital."

Fry said the study of the hospital's billing and admission policies was sparked by patient surveys that put billing at the bottom of the list in terms of satisfaction.

The hospital's imminent new computer system and the merging of the hospital's business office and admissions department also made the time for change ideal, he said.

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Ordinance not gone from INEL

By N. S. NOKKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The desert site of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory holds some explosive surprises.

When practicing firemen in the early 1970s lost control of their fire, it turned into a small range fire that set off "a large number of explosive ordnance" left over from the INEL's days as a wartime gunnery and bombing range.

Parts of torpedoes, anti-tank mines, artillery shells and other high explosives have been found on the ground, in landfills, in demolished buildings and in gravel pits at the 17 sites scattered across the INEL.

A government effort to catalog environmental problems at INEL revealed 17 former ordnance testing areas at the eastern Idaho sprawling site. A draft of that catalog of contamination, known as the INEL Environmental Survey, was issued in late 1988. The final version is expected next summer.

Before the Atomic Energy Commission, the federal Energy Department's predecessor, moved in after World War II, the Navy and the Army Air Corps used the desert of Eastern Idaho as a firing and bombing range.

The Naval Proving Grounds was used to test fire 16-inch naval guns that had been relined at the Pocatello ordnance plant. The area also was used to test smaller ships' guns including 3-inch, 5-inch, 8-inch and 14-inch guns.

The Army Air Corps used part of the area as a bombing range for its B-24 Liberator bombers. And some small areas were used as rifle ranges.

When shells or explosives are found they are reported to EG&G Idaho's own ordnance expert, said Nick Nichols, INEL spokesman. EG&G Idaho is the largest government contractor operating at INEL.

Live rounds found at the site are handled by military personnel from Fort Douglas in Salt Lake City. They are detonated in a fenced-off disposal area, with prior approval of the state Air Quality Bureau.

But all shells and bombs are handled with caution, as the nature of some of the explosives is unknown.

Information on the left-over ordnance is incomplete and has been pieced together from old records.

"We don't have any knowledge of any reports from the military," Nichols said.

Many of the finds are the result of "Big Blast Tests." Some shells in those tests didn't explode, landed in the dirt and have since been covered. Nichols did not know the exact nature of the Big Blast Tests.

Fewer than one a year are found, and the sites present no known hazard, he said.

Most of the bombs and artillery shells are practice rounds and contain only small explosive spotting charges used to score bombing and artillery practice.

2 die in Oakley fire

By CRAIG LINCOLN
Times-News writer

OAKLEY - Two people died early Saturday of smoke inhalation in an early-morning house fire in Oakley.

Norris Brackenbury, 44, and Catheryn Jane Tomes, 35, were found dead inside the home by firefighters battling the blaze. The fire was reported at about 4:15 a.m., Cassia County sheriff's dispatcher George Warrell said.

"We're all kind of walking around in a daze," said Harlo Clark of the Oakley Fire Department. "This was quite unexpected and quite a tragedy."

Clark said the fire appeared to have started when a cigarette ignited a mat-

ress in the room where Brackenbury and Tomes were found. The fire, which was confined to that room, was put out in about an hour, Clark said.

"It's our belief the victims were dead before we got there," Clark said.

Firefighters rescued the house's owner, Hiltworth Adams, from the house when they arrived, Clark said. Adams gave no indication there was anybody else in the house.

"But upon attacking the fire, we found the bodies of the other two individuals," he said.

Clark said he knew of no previous fire deaths in Oakley. The Cassia County sheriff's office and the coroner are investigating the fire, Warrell said.



Barbara Sackett, left, and Marsha Busman are in the business of making sweets at Conover's Chalet Candies in Buhl

Sweet smell of success

Buhl candy company got its inspiration along the boardwalk in Atlantic City

By CRAIG LINCOLN
Times-News writer

BUHL - John Conover doesn't own the business any more, but when he saw a piece of candy with a tiny spot bare of chocolate, he didn't hesitate to point it out to one of the owners.

Perhaps that eye for detail has made Buhl-based Conover's Chalet Candies a going concern for Barbara Sackett and Marsha Busman, especially during the holiday season. The pair carries on Conover's tradition with candy formulas reminiscent of the Atlantic City Boardwalk that inspired Conover.

"It's a business you can sink your teeth into."

"We eat candy every day," Sackett said. "It's a wholesome treat."

The Christmas season - along with other holidays such as Easter and Valentine's Day - keeps the pair and their families busy making turtles, butter creams, almond toffees and all those other tempting holiday sweets.

Conover, 66, joined Sackett and Busman last week for an interview at the company's home headquarters.

As a kid in New Jersey, Conover was fascinated with "the masses of people buying" the taffy on the boardwalk. For years, he tried to get a job at a taffy shop. He failed, and went to war instead.

Years later, in 1968, working in the Magic Valley after stints in the Air Force and the agriculture feed business, he thought again about the boardwalk and taffy. So he found a "candy technologist" in Ocean City, Md.

"I flew him out and he taught me how to make candy," Conover said. With partner Jeanene Frazier, now a certified public accountant, and the "closely guarded secrets" from Maryland, he tried and failed to open a store on the Sun Valley mall.

He eventually opened and ran a store in Boise for several years, and four to five years ago sold the business to Busman and Sackett.

Perhaps it's appropriate that a candy

factory should be a place for jokes and joviality. That's certainly the way it is in the candy rooms of Busman and Sackett's business, where quality, balanced formulas and freshness are the watchwords.

"When we say fresh, we mean fresh," Sackett, 44, said. "Some of it hasn't even been made yet."

Busman and Sackett, 37, have owned the business for four or five years, with Conover there to help them when they need it. And they're about to outgrow their current plant.

Though they wouldn't reveal financial figures, they said they are making formidable incomes, and their business has grown every year. Doing most of the work themselves, they make at least a ton of candy a year.

But what of the boardwalk ambience? The closest Conover's Chalet Candies gets is the midway at the Twin Falls County Fair.

"We make a lot of friends, have a lot of fun and sell a ton of candy," Sackett said.

Jerome County, deputy differ over holiday pay

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - A deputy sheriff has filed a complaint claiming his time card was altered unfairly to reduce the compensation time he's owed, but a county official says the contention is based on a mistaken understanding of county policy.

Deputy Sheriff George Silver III says records of his comp time - time off for holidays worked - were changed to show he owes the county 19.5 hours, while he claims the county owes him 17.5 hours.

Jerome County Sheriff Larry Gold said Silver is basing his calculations on compensation for working holidays at two and one-half times the standard rate, not two times that rate, as stated in the county manual.

Records Clerk Kathleen Hansing changed the hours to reflect the county manual, Gold said.

Steve McMullen, publisher of the Jerome County Courier, gave the county commissioners at their meeting Monday copies of state codes stating it is a felony for law enforcement officials to "alter" and "record kept as part of the official governmental records."

But that code may not apply to an instance of correcting an error, an Idaho chief deputy attorney general said.

The code refers to officers stealing, mutilating or falsifying public records, Jack McMahon said. "Correcting is not any of those things."

When an incorrect amount is claimed by an officer, Gold said, the records department corrects the figure.

Commissioner Carl Montgomery told Silver to follow the county's grievance process.

In a written grievance filed on Tuesday, Silver said he should receive regular pay plus 12 hours of comp time for an eight-hour shift worked on a holiday. The time he's owed was changed, he claims, when Gold changed the policy retroactive to February 1989.

In a response filed Wednesday, Gold said the commissioners are responsible for changing pay rates and that none has been made recently.

Montgomery said the rate has not changed in at least two years.

Gold said that apparently a mistake was made in some of the early calculations of Silver's comp and holiday pay records, and that mistake was corrected in Silver's favor.

Silver first discussed the difference in records with the sheriff and County Prose-

ctor John Horgan on Dec. 8. At that time, Gold and Horgan agreed to remove the 19.5 deficit hours from Silver's time record. This agreement was subject to ratification by the county commissioners.

Silver stated in his grievance, "I believe that Jerome County still owes me 17.5 hours of comp time."

He gave the commissioners copies of his records and the county's records. Montgomery said the commissioners will study the case.

McMullen is awaiting sentencing for the sale of two pieces of publishing equipment while he was publisher of the North Side News, the Gooding County Leader and the Lincoln County Journal. He pleaded no contest to the charge.

A second charge of grand theft was dropped recently.

Celebrate IDAHO 1900-CENTENNIAL-1990

Post office to debut Centennial stamp

TWIN FALLS - The post office will unveil a state Centennial stamp during ceremonies kicking off 1990 Centennial activities.

The ceremony will be at 11 a.m. on Jan. 9 at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

The U.S. Postal Service will hold a first-day cancellation in Boise on Jan. 6.

Minidoka School District sanctions extracurricular ski program

By BARBARA WARD
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Students will have a ski program in January sanctioned by the school district. Minidoka school trustees voted recently to authorize a ski program at the junior and senior high schools as a sanctioned extracurricular activity and a stipend for a sponsor from each participating school. As a school-sanctioned activity, the program will follow school district policy and will be run through school accounts, teachers will be covered under the district's liability

policy and a stipend will be paid to sponsors. Concern about the program arose at last month's board meeting when parents notified the board that teachers who had sponsored and chaperoned the program in the past had said they would no longer risk the liability involved in the activity. In the past, the ski program had been run after school on Fridays for six weeks beginning in early January. Ski instruction has been provided by the Minidoka School District. The program has contracted with Northside Bus Co. in Jerome for transportation.

Fred Dayley, a sponsor in the past, said the program has been popular. "When we have that many kids involved in an activity, it must be good," Dayley said. The board went on record as supporting the recommendations of a study by an independent educational consultant who found support for "richer" and "poorer" school districts. Superintendent Gene Snapp told the board about a study by the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory that showed the educational funding system on the basis of uniformity and thoroughness.

The study recommended a plan that would promote equity between Idaho's richer and poorer districts. Snapp said he supports the plan because Minidoka is one of the 10 poorest districts in the state. According to the plan, one-third of Idaho's 115 school districts would receive increased funding, whereas funding in the other two-thirds of the districts would be frozen at present levels. Snapp pointed out that the third of the school districts represented well over half of the students in Idaho. The Legislature would have to approve the changes, estimated to cost the state an additional \$24 million annually.

The board also approved a new salary schedule for teachers and staff retroactive to the beginning of the school year. The retroactive funding will be included in December's paychecks. The plan calls for hiring a teacher with the bachelor of arts degree will be \$16,200. The board awarded a bid for six new school bus bodies to Western Mountain Buses of Tampa, and for six new bus chassis to Magic Valley International of Twin Falls. The Western Mountain bid for Thomas bus bodies at \$13,329 per bus, higher than Boise-based

Harlow's Bus Sales' bid of Ward bodies. The board acted on the recommendation of Transportation Director Oliver LaRoque against buying Ward bodies. The district's Ward bodies bought in 1987, 1988 and 1989 have had problems with stress cracks, loose electrical wiring, leakage around rivets, loose mirror brackets and leaking windshields, he said. The bus chassis bid from Magic Valley International was for the international chassis at \$23,178 per chassis. In other business, the trustees:

Obituaries

Parley J. 'Pat' Bennett
GOODING — Parley J. "Pat" Bennett, son of Gooding, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1989, at the Gooding Memorial Hospital. He was born May 20, 1909, in Virginia, Idaho, the son of John and Geneva Coffin Bennett. He attended schools in Downey and Aequia before moving to the Rupert area with his parents in 1919. He worked for various ranches and herded sheep for several years. He worked in the Gooding area from 1934 to 1936, then returned to Rupert for several years before moving to McGill, Nev., where he worked in the Smelter from 1940 to 1946. He married Lucille Jean Sertis on Nov. 25, 1943, in Ely, Nev., and the marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple in 1952. They returned to Rupert in 1946 and farmed there until 1952, when they moved to the Sheehy area south of Gooding to farm. He was a member of the LDS Church in Gooding where he served as first counselor in the Bishopric, president of the High Priest Quorum, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, school board and state missionary. Surviving are his wife of Gooding; two sons, David J. Bennett of Salt Lake City, Utah; and Clayton L. Bennett of Idaho Falls. Friends may call one hour before the funeral Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Elida M. Fagaldeag
MADRID, N.M. — Elida M. Fagaldeag, 30, of Healy, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1989, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert. She was born Jan. 5, 1959, in Ontario, Ore., the daughter of Filimon and Daria Beza Miranda. She graduated from Minidoka High School, attended Bible School in Anronia, the College of Southern Idaho and graduated from Eastern Oregon State College in education. She married Hernan Fagaldeag on July 23, 1987, in Healy. She moved to California where she taught school and then returned to Healy where she has taught school in Cassia County for two years. She was a member of the Centro Cristiano Church. She is survived by her husband, Hernan Fagaldeag, Jr., a son, Jerome M. Fagaldeag, and one daughter, Virginia Rodriguez, all of Healy. She worked for the Center for Women, Ore.; Donna Rodriguez, of Houston, Texas; and Isabel Medrano of Ontario, Calif. She is survived by her mother, Daria Beza Miranda, Jr., of Twin Falls. The funeral will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Centro Cristiano Church at Eighth and A Streets in Rupert. The funeral will follow at the Gooding Demary's Gooding Chapel. Friends may call one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Arlo Jacobsen
HEALY — Arlo Jacobsen, 57, of Healy, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a heart attack. He was born Feb. 13, 1932, in Driggs, the son of Henry and Jenesa Jacobsen. He moved to Healy at an early age and had lived there ever since, except for a short time at Braxton, Dan and married Helen Smith on Dec. 18, 1954, in Elko. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service, 18 years and for Rangels Elevator for 17 years in the fertilizer department. He was a member of the Idaho National Guard. Surviving are his wife of Healy; three daughters, Douglas Jacobsen of Piler and Jeffrey and Arlene Jacobsen, both of Healy; daughter, Cheryl Shaddy of Piler; six brothers, Lloyd Jacobsen of Healy, John and Arden Jacobsen, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; Vert Jacobsen of Caldwell; and Arlin Jacobsen of Ontario; and Merlin Jacobsen of Healy; four sisters; Bulah Maxwell of Healy; Mildred Schorzman of Healy; and Mary Ann Jacobsen of Healy; and Margie Gabel of Twin Falls; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers.

Peter B. Johnston
TWIN FALLS — Peter Harbour Johnston, 78, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, of cancer. He was born June 5, 1912, in Elizabeth, N.J. He worked as a bookkeeper for the John Johnston. He married Ruth Elizabeth Brown on Oct. 31, 1939. She died Aug. 3, 1976. He married Nadine Williams on July 23, 1979, in Twin Falls. She was a member of the LDS Social Corp and lived in the Philippines and Japan during World War II. He worked in steel casting, drydocking and custom farming. For the past 27 years, he owned and operated a successful antique business. At the time of his death, his home was still the house in which he was born, and had lived all of his life. Surviving are his wife of Twin Falls, one sister, Irma Lundberg of Salt Lake City, Utah; two sons, Peter Harbour Johnston of Healy and James Johnston of Huntington, Pa.; one daughter, Patricia Johnston of Pocatello; one stepdaughter, Deana Henkeny; and one stepson, Terry Williams, both of Juneau, Alaska; 13 grandchildren; and two step-grandchildren. In addition to his first wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the 10th Ward LDS Chapel with Bishop Allen Allen officiating. Friends may call from 1 to 4 p.m. today at White Mortuary and one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church. Burial will be at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Harold D. Wight
MALTA — Harold D. Wight, 47, of Gilbert, Ariz., and formerly of Malta, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, near Tonopah, Ariz. from injuries sustained in an auto accident. He was born April 11, 1942, in Brigham City, Utah, the son of Edwin Wight and Sarah Mae Darrington Wight. He resided in the Juniper area with his family and worked for the Idaho State Police. He attended high school in Malta and graduated from Rattler High School in Malta. He attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, for two years and also served in the Idaho Army National Guard. He was a member of high school and college rodeo and enjoyed hunting and the outdoors. He married Edna Campbell in Malta, in 1969, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple. They were later divorced. He was self-employed in Malta where he farmed and raised cattle and horses. He was a member of the LDS Church and had served in the Sunday School, presidency and was the Young Men's President in the Malta First Ward. He moved to Gilbert, Ariz., in 1986 where he had since resided and worked for Pinto Creek Management. Surviving are three daughters, Natalie Wight of Healy, Diana Ramirez of Ralinda Sibbett of Idaho Falls, and Cynthia Wight of Allamogosa, Utah; three sisters, Mrs. Donna Davis of Kayville, Utah; and Mrs. Clara Dwyer and Mrs. Virginia White, both of Malta; and one brother, John H. Wight of Malta. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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A. W. 'Tony' Young
TWIN FALLS — A. W. "Tony" Young, 86, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, at the home of his daughter in Kayville, Utah. He was born June 27, 1903, in Allamogosa, Ill. He married Emma Myers Young. He worked as a machanic on June 12, 1924, in Los Angeles, Calif., and they lived in California for some time before returning to Twin Falls in 1939. He owned the Orange Transportation Company and the Terminal Investment Company and was a member of the Idaho Army National Guard. He was also in farming and the cattle business. He was a member of the LDS Church and was active in the Twin Falls Kiwanis Club, the Boy Scouts of America, the Community Center and the Healy and Internation Riding Club and the Idaho and Internation Trucking Association. Surviving are his wife of Twin Falls, three daughters, Doris Jones of Twin Falls; Donna Marie and Jean Perkins, both of Kayville, Utah; five sisters, Madeline Davis of Whittier, Calif.; Gerry Egan of Healy; Bessie Wainwright of Wainwright; Bessie Nelsa Cammack of Montebello, Calif.; and Ruth Neel of Medford, Calif.; 11 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

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Herd district negotiations continue

MOSCOW (AP) — Agreement on compromise legislation to end Idaho's herd district controversy has been elusive, but Latah County and Idaho Cattle Association officials said they remain optimistic. They followed up a three-hour meeting on Friday with plans to continue talks early next month on a bill to amend largely ineffective state legislation that allows for creating herd districts and where they may roam free.

"It's not there yet and I certainly can't guarantee it will happen," said Gary Glenn, the Cattle Association's executive vice president. "But I'm more optimistic coming out of this process than I was going in."

The negotiations, launched last month between Glenn and Wallace Butler of Kenock, a member of the Latah County Grazing Advisory Committee, stem from a permit standoff. The Idaho Cattle Association, seeking a winning approval of a bill it proposed during the 1989 Legislature. But Gov. Cecil Andrus vetoed the measure, citing opposition from county officials who would have been effectively prohibited from creating new herd districts under its provisions.

This time, Glenn said his association realizes it will need to bring county leaders on board, especially vocal critics in Latah County, to avoid another Andrus veto of herd district legislation. Essentially, Glenn has offered Latah County a deal: His organization will support legislation to reactivate Idaho's herd district law if the county will agree to a bill prohibiting it and other counties from enacting their own livestock ordinances. But on Friday, Butler was alone among members of the Grazing Advisory Committee in supporting the plan.

David Holick of Moscow said his potential for an ordinance establishing herd districts was the only tool available to county officials in controlling errant cattle. "I don't like to give that hammer up for a lot of reasons," Holick said. Latah County Commissioner Nance

Johansen of Moscow also argued that counties may need to adopt ordinances to respond to livestock issues not covered by a herd district. "We've taken away all legislative ability," she said of Glenn's proposal. Advisory committee members also questioned a provision of the plan that would restrict a county's creation of herd districts to areas adjacent to existing districts. A second version of the Cattle Association proposal would allow creation of smaller herd districts within pockets of unincorporated areas of a county.

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Johnna M. Strain
TWIN FALLS — Johnna Mae Strain, 75, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, at the West Magic Care Center in Twin Falls. She was born June 2, 1914, in Bakersfield, Mo.; the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emer Harper Carter. She married Frank Pike Strain on Dec. 24, 1932. They came to the Magic Valley in 1942 and she was a member of the Church of Christ for many years. Surviving are five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

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Camp celebrates Christmas



Virginia Ricketts Then and Now

Each town and community in the valley has had a first Christmas. Most of them followed an established pattern of a Christmas program by children, followed by a tree and the appearance of Santa Claus — who distributed gifts to the youngsters.

But a Christmas held in one community in the valley was different from any other.

The first evacuees from the Seattle-Tacoma-Portland area arrived at the War Relocation Center at Hunt in August 1942. Supposedly built to accommodate 10,000 people, the camp had nearly 9,000 by December — with only eight rooms available to accommodate the 600 on work furloughs that were to return to the camp that month.

Many of the camp's facilities — such as the sewage plant — still weren't operating, making a bad situation worse. In spite of it all, the arrival of the Christmas season was welcomed by everyone.

Plans were started the first week of December for a big project-wide Christmas celebration. The elementary students began practicing Christmas carols and spent the week before Christmas caroling around the camp. The only place they didn't go was the military compound which was off limits to everyone, residents and administrators alike.

Snow began falling on Dec. 7, continuing for several days and making it possible to begin work on building two ice rinks. As so often happens in this area, the weather warmed up before the rinks were completed and the desert dirt turned into a deep, sloppy mud — a condition that lasted until the end of the month.

Without sidewalks, graveled roads or overshoes available anywhere in

the valley, everyone on the reserve waded about in the mud with wet feet because there was no opportunity to dry their shoes.

A week before Christmas, the teachers were promised a nice 5-foot fir Christmas tree for each classroom. When the trees arrived, they were scrawly, scrawny sticks that looked like limbs cut from one big tree — a disappointing and depressing development in an already bad situation. One teacher managed to acquire the tree for her room, sprayed it with silver and put Christmas ornaments on it, creating a special tree even better than the first probably would have been.

A Christmas decorating contest was held for all the blocks on the camp and when the judging was completed, dining halls in Blocks 17 and 36 were the winners.

On Dec. 23, the milk allotment for the entire camp was reduced to 770 gallons a day; and the allotment of butter reduced to 1/2 pounds for each 100 people for her room, and a half of herring was received for the camp's Christmas dinner.

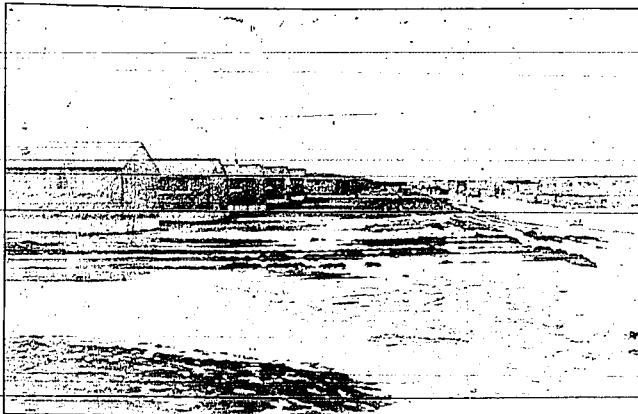
When a directive was received that no gifts were to be exchanged in the schools, the elementary teachers donated money so each child could receive a popcorn ball. One school, Excelsior School in Twin Falls County, sent three boxes of gifts to be given to the three fourth-grade classes — the one exception to the directive.

School was dismissed Christmas Day and parties were held at 5 p.m. that afternoon in the dining hall of each block. Each block had raised about \$35 for a general Christmas fund, which was used to buy 3,000 pounds of candy and 500 pounds of nuts. Using sugarcane, wood shavings and egg shell tree ornaments, the committees made decorations for the parties.

The highlight of the party was the appearance of Santa Claus, who distributed the 17,000 gifts — each valued from 25 cents to 50 cents — that had been received from 857 groups in nearly every state.

Note: Information for this Christmas story was obtained from the Hunt newspaper, "The Minidoka Irrigator," and a compassionate, day-by-day journal kept by Arthur H. Kleinkopf, superintendent of education for the relocation center.

Virginia Ricketts' column on Magic Valley history appears every other week.



The War Relocation Center at Hunt

Los Alamos confirms fusion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico have officially confirmed the production of tritium in experiments with a cold fusion process developed at the University of Utah, a researcher says.

Tritium production up to almost 100 times the starting concentration has been recorded by scientists Edmund K. Storms and Carol Talcoit. Tritium is a gaseous, radioactive byproduct of nuclear fusion.

"It's the end of the game — the beginning of a new tomorrow. The battle is finished," said Texas A&M scientist John O. Boekris, who verified the Los Alamos findings on Friday.

"I don't think there is any more that anyone else could say. If they know the facts, there is not any doubt about cold-fusion now because of the findings at Oak Ridge and Los Alamos."

Earlier this month, scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee also announced confirmation of the fusion experiments of Utah chemist B. Stanley Pons and his British colleague, Martin Fleischmann.

The Oak Ridge findings, which included the production of excess heat, neutrons and tritium in fusion experiments at Texas A&M and the University of Utah, were presented at a recent meeting of the American

Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Oak Ridge's announcement was the first public confirmation of the phenomenon, which has stirred heated controversy for the past nine months.

While government and private fusion researchers have shared successful findings via FAX machines, the Department of Energy has kept a tight lid on research results in its laboratories.

Even in June when Storms said he and Talcoit had found tritium in "significant amounts" of 4,000 counts per milliliter in two cells, Los Alamos officials described Storms' early findings as "not news."

"We can't consider it news until there is a confirmation and published report," said lab spokesman Jeff Schwartz. "If the research holds up under the entire process, then we have news."

Schwartz said his concern is that when it comes to tritium, "the potential question of contamination is a very real possibility and something that has to be addressed very strongly."

Boekris said Storms' latest report is indeed news.

He said Storms and Talcoit, who began their fusion experiments shortly after the Pons-Fleischmann discovery was announced in March, reported two cells with "copious amounts of tritium and another 10 or

15 cells with small, but significant amounts of tritium — more than would be observed by ordinary chemical means."

Based on the variety and intensity of their experiments, the scientists said they believe that the tritium is real; it is not caused by contamination and it is not a product of normal electrolysis.

Boekris, a professor of chemistry, believes the announced findings of the two government labs will further silence cold fusion critics.

"What happens in the United States, being a pluralistic society, there are always many people for and many people against," he said. "I think a number of people against have just flipped over and become for."

"And all of those people who were so denigrating endanger themselves of losing their jobs because of the grand mistake they made."

But Boekris said the latest development doesn't mean that the DOE as a whole has suddenly become pro fusion, as evident by the recommendation by a DOE advisory committee. The Energy Research Advisory Board recently downplayed the Oak Ridge report, and recommended against an all-out special cold fusion research effort.

Mother Teresa writes sixth-graders

LEWISTON (AP) — Johette Moore's sixth-graders in Lewiston have received a very special Christmas card postmarked Calcutta, India, from Mother Teresa.

The students in Mrs. Moore's Centennial Elementary School class had written get-well notes to Mother Teresa after she suffered a heart attack in October. Her work with the desperately poor earned her a Nobel Peace Prize a decade ago.

"We have a district language arts objective to write personal letters," Mrs. Moore said. "And her picture is in our social studies. The students had read about her and knew she was a special person. So, we sort of combined the two and decided to send personal letters to her."

"The letters they wrote were very, very sweet, very caring," Mrs. Moore said. "It was such an outpouring of love. I'm sure that's what sparked her response."

"Mother Teresa wrote: 'My dear children, God love you for all the love you have shared with me to get well. I am much better. Love such care to Jesus loves each one of you. God bless you, M. Teresa.' The note, on plain newspaper with the Missionaries of Charity letterhead, also includes the names of all 26 students."

"When Mrs. Moore told us we got the letter, I was really surprised,"

student Molly Reece said. "It shows somebody does care that students write to them."

"I was glad knowing she was better and she could help the world all over again," said Angie Roberts.

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Ski area to be open Monday

FAIRFIELD — Soldier Mountain will be open on a limited basis Monday, owner Claude Hinkle said Saturday.

The ski area north of Fairfield has made enough snow to open the lower part of its slopes. One of the two chairlifts will be operating, Hinkle said.

The rope tow wasn't operating Saturday, he said, but it may be by Tuesday.

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Minidoka School District sanctions extracurricular ski program

By BARBARA WARD
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Students will have a ski program in January sanctioned, by the school district.

Minidoka school trustees voted recently to authorize a ski program at the junior and senior high schools as a sanctioned extracurricular activity and to stipend for a sponsor from each participating school.

As a school-sanctioned activity, the program will follow school discipline codes, will be run through school accounts, teachers will be covered under the district's liability

policy and a stipend will be paid to sponsors.

Concern about the program arose at last month's board meeting when parents notified the board that teachers who had sponsored and chaperoned the program in the past had said they would no longer risk the liability involved.

In the past, the ski program had been run at school on Fridays for six weeks beginning in early January. Ski instruction has been provided by Pomerelle and the program has contracted with Northside Ski Co. in Jerome for transportation.

Fred Dayley, a sponsor in the past, said the program has been popular. "When we have that many kids involved in an activity, it must be good," Dayley said.

The board went on record as supporting the recommendations of a study by an independent educational laboratory that would level out funding for "richer" and "poorer" school districts.

Superintendent Gene Snapp told the board about a study by the Northwest Regional Education Laboratory that analyzed Idaho's educational funding system on the basis of uniformity and thoroughness.

The study recommended a plan that would promote equity between Idaho's richer and poorer districts. Snapp said he supports the plan because Minidoka is one of the 10 poorest districts.

According to the plan, one third of Idaho's 115 school districts would receive increased funding, whereas funding in the other two thirds of the districts would be frozen at present levels. Snapp pointed out that the third of the school districts represented well over half of the students in Idaho.

The legislature would have to approve the changes, estimated to cost the state an additional \$24 million annually.

Harlow's Bus Sales' bid of Ward bodies.

The board acted on the recommendation of Transportation Director Oliver LaRoque against buying Ward bodies. The district's Ward bodies bought in 1987, 1988 and 1989 have had problems with stress cracks, loose electrical wiring, leakage and around rivets, loose mirror brackets and leaking windshields, he said.

The bus chassis bid from Magic Valley International was for the international chassis at \$23,178 per chassis.

In other business, the trustees:

- Agreed to the composition of a committee to award scholarships requested by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wier. The Berrers want to set up a Berrer Scholarship Foundation Committee to oversee a new scholarship to be awarded to two Minico High School graduates each year, one for a male and one for a female.
- The board awarded a bid for six new school bus bodies to Western Mountain Bus Sales of Nampa, and for six new bus chassis to Magic Valley International of Twin Falls.
- The Western Mountain bid was for Thomas bus bodies at \$13,529 per bus, higher than Boise-based
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- Agreed to pay teachers monitoring the Saturday School an total \$800 stipend.
- Awarded a contract to Ken Douglas & Associates, Architects, for the building of additional rooms at Paul, Memorial and Acquia schools. The cost of construction at each-site will be \$100,000-\$175,000 will come from emergency levy money and \$125,000 from completion of bond work.

Obituaries

Bara Rife of Grantsville, Mo.; Teresa Hunt of Peary, Oregon; John F. Filler, Jr. of Ash of Eden; and Becky Wiede of Logan, Utah; two grandsons, Robert Strain of Bruce Simon of Finland. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1981 and three sisters.

Funeral services pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society. Contributions may be left at White Mortuary.

Elda M. Fagadefog HEYBURN — Elda Miranda Fagadefog, 30, of Heyburn, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1989, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert.

She was born Jan. 5, 1959, in Ontario, Ore., the daughter of Filmon and Beza Miranda. She graduated from Minico High School, attended Bible School in Arizona, the College of Southern Idaho, and graduated from Eastern Oregon State College education. She married Demare Fagadefog on July 23, 1987, in Heyburn. They moved to California where she taught school and then returned to Heyburn where she has been school in Cassia County for the past two years. She was a member of the First Christian Church and resided there with her parents. She is survived by her husband, parents, one son, Jerome M. Fagadefog, and one daughter, Lisa Ann Fagadefog, all in Heyburn; three sisters, Eliza Lupe of Hermiston, Ore.; Dora Rodriguez of Houston, Texas; and two brothers, Fortunato Miranda of Burley; and Filmon Miranda, Jr., Monday at the Central Christian Church at Eight o'clock in Rupert. The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Central Christian Church, with the Rev. Rogelio Malbon officiating. Burial will be at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn. Friends may call one hour before the funeral Tuesday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Arlo Jacobsen — Arlo Jacobsen, 57, of Bulli, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of a heart attack.

He was born Feb. 13, 1932, in Driggs, the son of Henry and Jensen Jacobsen. He was a member of the First Christian Church and resided there with his wife, Betty, for short time at Bowleside. He married Lucille Stinson on Oct. 2, 1957, in Boise. He worked for Shields Elevator for 16 years and for Rangens Elevator for 17 years. He was a member of the Idaho National Guard.

Surviving are his wife of Bulli, three surviving daughters of Filler and Jeffrey and Steve Jacobsen, both of Bulli; one daughter, Cathy Shady of Bulli; six sons, Donald Jacobsen of Boise, Arlo, Utah; Leland and Glenn Jacobsen, both of Phoenix, Ariz.; Vern Jacobsen of Caldwell; and James Jacobsen of Burley; and Merla Jacobsen of Bulli; four sisters, Ruth Maxwell of Bulli; Mildred Schorger of Caldwell; and a son, James of California; and Margie Gabel of Twin Falls; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Fred.

Harold D. Wright — Harold D. Wright, 47, of Gilbert, Ariz., and formerly of Malta, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, near Tonopah, Ariz., from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was born April 11, 1942, in Brigham City, Utah, the son of Harvey and Sarah Mae Darrington Wright. He resided in the Juniper area with his family. After moving to Malta, he attended schools in Malta and graduated from Rialto River High School. He attended Brigham Young University in Utah for two years and had also served in the Idaho Army National Guard. He had excelled in high school and college sports, playing basketball and the outdoors. He married Janet Campbell in Logansport, Ind., in 1962, and their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple. They were later divorced. He was officiating burial where he farmed and raised cattle and horses. He was a member of the LDS Church and had served in the Sunday School presidency and was the Young Men's President in the Malta First Ward. He moved to Gilbert, Ariz., in 1986 where he had since resided and worked for Pinto Creek Management.

Thelma M. Hogland — Thelma M. Hogland, 73, of Jerome, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 1989, at her home of an extended illness.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

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Parley J. 'Pat' Bennett — PARLEY J. Bennett, 80, of Gooding, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, at the Gooding Memorial Hospital.

He was born May 20, 1909, in Virginia, Idaho, the son of John and Geneva (Coffin) Bennett. He attended schools in Downey and Acquia before moving to the Rupert area with his parents in 1919. He worked for various ranches and headed sheep for several years. He worked in the Idaho, Nev., area from 1934 to 1936, then returned to Rupert for several years before moving to Mitchell, Nev., where he worked at the Smelter from 1940 to 1946. He married Lucille Jean Sertie on Sept. 25, 1943, in Elko, Nev., and the marriage was solemnized in the Idaho Falls, LDS Temple in 1952. They resided in Rupert in 1946 and farmed there until 1952, when they moved to the Shoshone area south of Gooding to farm.

Peter B. Johnston — Peter Harbour Johnston, 77, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Dec. 22, 1989, of cancer.

He was born June 5, 1912, in Twin Falls, the son of David Lind and Peter Harbour Johnston. He married Ruth Elizabeth Brown on Oct. 31, 1939. She died Aug. 23, 1979, in Twin Falls. He was a member of the LDS Church and worked in the Philippines and Japan during World War II. He worked in retail sales, drycleaning and custom farming. For the past 27 years, he owned and operated a successful antique business. At the time of his death, his home was still the house in which he was born, raised and lived all of his life.

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Camp celebrates Christmas



Virginia Ricketts Then and Now

Each town and community in the valley has had a first Christmas. Most of them followed an established pattern of a Christmas program by children, followed by a tree and the appearance of Santa Claus — who distributed gifts to the youngsters.

But a Christmas held in one community in the valley was different from any other.

The first evacuees from the Seattle-Tacoma-Portland area arrived at the War Relocation Center at Hunt in August 1942. Supposedly built to accommodate 10,000 people, the camp had nearly 9,000 by December — with only eight rooms available to accommodate the 600 on work furloughs that were to return to the camp that month.

Many of the camp's facilities — such as the sewage plant — still weren't operating, making a bad situation worse. In spite of it all, the arrival of the Christmas season was welcomed by everyone.

Plans were started the first week of December for a big project-wide Christmas celebration. The elementary students began practicing Christmas carols and sang the week before Christmas caroling around the camp. The only place they didn't go was the military compound — which was off limits to everyone, residents and administrators alike.

Snow began falling on Dec. 7, continuing for several days and making it possible to begin work on building two ice rinks. As so often happens in this area, the weather warmed up before the rinks were completed and the desert dirt turned into a deep, sloppy mud — a condition that lasted until the end of the month.

Without sidewalks, graveled roads or overheads available anywhere in the valley, everyone on the reserve waded about in the mud with wet feet because there was no opportunity to dry their shoes.

A week before Christmas, the teachers were promised a nice 5-foot fir Christmas tree for each classroom. When the trees arrived, they were scrubby, scrawny sticks that looked like limbs cut from one big tree — a disappointing and depressing development in an already bad situation. One teacher managed to acquire a sagebrush for her room, sprayed it with silver and put Christmas ornaments on it, creating a special tree even better than the first — probably would have been.

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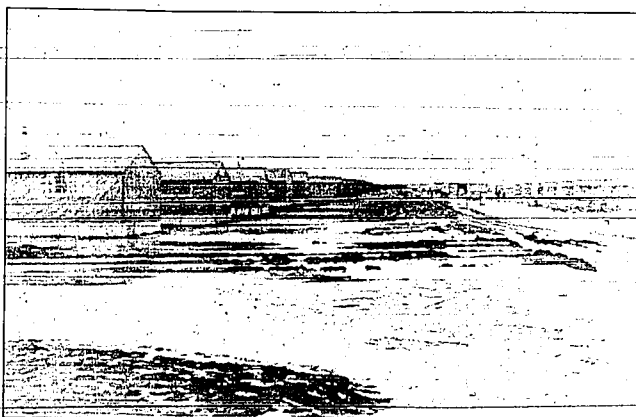
When a directive was received that no gifts were to be exchanged in the schools, the elementary teachers donated money so each child could receive a program book. One school, Excelsior School in Twin Falls County, sent three boxes of gifts to be given to the three fourth-grade classes — the one exception to the directive.

School was dismissed Christmas Day and parties were held 4-6 p.m. that afternoon in the dining hall of each block. Each block had raised about \$35 for a general Christmas fund, which was used to buy 3,000 pounds of candy and 500 pounds of nuts. Using sagebrush, wood shavings and egg shell tree ornaments, the committees made decorations for the parties.

The highlight of the party was the appearance of Santa Claus, who distributed the 17,000 gifts — each valued from 25 cents to 50 cents — that had been received from 857 groups in nearly every state.

Note: Information for this Christmas story was obtained from the Hunt newspaper, "The Minidoka Irrigator," and a compassionate, day-by-day journal kept by Arthur H. Kleinkopf, superintendent of education for the relocation center.

Virginia Ricketts' column on Magic Valley history appears every other week.



The War Relocation Center at Hunt

Los Alamos confirms fusion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Scientists at Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico have officially confirmed the production of tritium in experiments with a cold fusion process developed at the University of Utah, a researcher says.

Tritium production up to almost 100 times the starting concentration has been recorded by scientists Edmund K. Storms and Carol Talcoit. Tritium is a gaseous, radioactive byproduct of nuclear fusion.

"It's the end of the game — the beginning of a new tomorrow. The battle is finished," said Texas A&M scientist John O. Boeckris, who verified the Los Alamos findings on Friday.

"I don't think there is any more that anyone could say. If they know the facts, there is not any doubt about cold fusion now because of the findings at Oak Ridge and Los Alamos."

Earlier this month, scientists at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Tennessee also announced confirmation of the fusion experiments of Utah chemist B. Stanley Pons and his British colleague Martin Fleischmann.

The Oak Ridge findings, which mirrored the production of excess heat, neutrons and tritium in fusion experiments at Texas A&M and the University of Utah, were presented at a recent meeting of the American

Society of Mechanical Engineers. Oak Ridge's announcement was the first public confirmation of the phenomenon, which has stirred heated controversy for the past nine months.

While government and private fusion researchers have shared successful findings via FAX machines, the Department of Energy has kept a tight lid on research results in its laboratories.

Even in June when Storms said he and Talcoit had found tritium in "significant amounts" of 4,000 counts per milliliter in two cells, Los Alamos officials described Storms' early findings as "not news."

"We can't consider it news until there is a confirmation and published report," said lab spokesman Jeff Schwartz. "If the research holds up under the entire process, then we have news."

Schwartz said his concern is that when it comes to tritium, "the potential question of contamination is a very real possibility and something that has to be addressed very strongly."

Boeckris said Storms' latest report is indeed news.

He said Storms and Talcoit, who began their fusion experiments shortly after the Pons-Fleischmann discovery was announced in March, reported two cells with "copious amounts of tritium and another 10 or

15 cells with small, but significant amounts of tritium — more than would be observed by ordinary chemical means."

Based on the variety and intensity of their experiments, the scientists said they believe that the tritium is real; it is not caused by contamination and is not a product of normal electrolysis.

Boeckris, a professor of chemistry, believes the announced findings of the two government labs will further silence cold fusion critics.

"What happens in the United States, being a pluralistic society, there are always many people for and many people against," he said. "I think a number of people against have just flipped over and become for."

"And all of those people who were so denigrating and endanger themselves of losing their jobs because of the grand mistake they made."

But Boeckris said the latest development doesn't mean that the DOE as a whole has suddenly become pro fusion, as evident by the recommendation by a DOE advisory committee.

The Energy Research Advisory Board recently downplayed the Oak Ridge report, and recommended against an all-out special cold fusion research effort.

Mother Teresa writes sixth-graders

LEWISTON (AP) — Johnette Moore's sixth-graders in Lewiston have received a very special Christmas card postmarked Calcutta, India, from Mother Teresa.

The students in Mrs. Moore's Centennial Elementary School class had written get-well notes to Mother Teresa after she suffered a heart attack in October. Her work with the desperately poor earned her a Nobel Peace Prize a decade ago.

"We have a district language arts objective to write personal letters," Mrs. Moore said. "And her picture is in our social studies. The students had read about her and knew she was a special person. So, we sort of combined the two and decided to send get-well letters to her."


"The letters they wrote were very, very sweet, very caring," Mrs. Moore said. "It was such an outpouring of love, I'm sure that's what sparked her response."

Mother Teresa wrote: "My dear children, God love you for all the love you have shared with me to get well. I am much better. Love each other as Jesus loves each one of you. God bless you, M. Teresa." The note, on plain notepaper with the Missionaries of Charity letterhead, also includes the names of all 26 students.

"When Mrs. Moore told us we got the letter, I was really surprised,"

student Molly Reece said. "It shows somebody does care that students write to them."

"I was glad knowing she was better and she could help the world all over again," said Angie Roberts.



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The rope tow wasn't operating Saturday, he said, but it may be by Tuesday.

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Preston Sant, of Ogden, Utah spreads some Christmas cheer as he rides on his Harley Davidson on his way to an office Christmas party.

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Cissel denies breach in security

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Argonne National Laboratory-West disputes claims that an inadequate security system left weapons-grade plutonium at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory vulnerable to tampering.

Acting ANL-West manager Don Cissel said: "Two recent articles in The (Idaho Falls) Post-Register included statements that security at Argonne National Laboratory-West is less than adequate—and that lapses in security made plutonium vulnerable." Neither statement is correct.

Cissel made his remarks in a Dec. 18 letter to the paper. They came more than two weeks after the

release of a House committee hearing transcript which questioned Argonne's plutonium security system.

Despite the closed hearing, held in July, Department of Energy-Chicago manager Hilary Rauch said Argonne's satisfactory safety reviews in 1987 and 1988 "could be subject to interpretation." DOE's Chicago office supervises Argonne.

Rep. Gerry Sikorski, D-Minn., a panel member, further questioned Argonne's security. "The point is, 'satisfactory' is probably too strong a positive word and 'less than adequate' would have probably been a better description," he said.

Cissel, meanwhile, said the Energy Department "found ANL-West in compliance with DOE orders and found its security systems to be satisfactory, not less than adequate."

Criticism of Argonne came after an Energy Department safety inspection, which probably occurred in 1988, Cissel said.

During that review, an ANL-West employee moved an empty nonradioactive gas cylinder within a highly protected nuclear facility.

"No plutonium was involved. No security access barrier was breached. And all nuclear materials, including plutonium, were safely secured at all times," Cissel said.

ISU investigates habits of INEL snakes

POCATELLO (AP) — What happens to rattlesnakes at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory during the winter?

That is an answer Idaho State University professor Charles Peterson hopes to find out.

The snake and fish curator at the Idaho Museum of Natural History in Pocatello is studying the life of Great Basin rattlesnakes on the

federal site.

"Our research is aimed at finding out how varying temperature affects a snake's biology, such as activity patterns, habitat selection and growth rate," Peterson said.

The INEL is an ideal place because no unauthorized visitors are allowed on the federal land, so no

one disturbs his monitors.

Little is known about the Great Basin rattlesnakes because they spend a great deal of time underground. ISU graduate student Vince Cobb has captured about 40 snakes with tongs. They then were implanted with miniature radio transmitters that measure their body temperatures and released at the site.

Idaho magistrate declines protection offer

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Northern Idaho's only federal magistrate, Coueur d'Alene attorney Stephen Ayers, has declined protection from the U.S. Marshal despite bombings of judges nationwide.

Eleventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Robert Vance died last week at his Alabama home from a pipe bomb. Washington County Circuit Judge John Corderman in Maryland was injured Friday by a pipe bomb.

Because Idaho's judges handle relatively few federal drug cases compared with other areas, Ayers

said he declined the assistance.

"I haven't received any threats, and marshal services are spread pretty thin," said Ayers, who added he carefully inspects packages delivered to his office.

Deputy U.S. Marshal Jack Cluff of Moscow — the region's only federal marshal — said it is up to the individual judges to decide which mail they want checked, or whether they would like physical protection.

"Any magistrate or federal judge that wants protection can get it on the spot — if he wants it," Cluff said.

Federal judges who accept protection will be watched 24 hours a

day until the U.S. Marshal's Office Service ends its protection order, he said.

Security increased at Salt Lake federal court building

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Security precautions have been beefed up at the federal courthouse in Salt Lake City as a result of recent bombing attacks on judges and civil rights activists in the South.

U.S. marshals at the federal building at 400 South and Main Street will now screen all mail arriving through the back door of the building with X-ray machines.

Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal

Dan Dotson said the building, which houses the U.S. District Court and U.S. Bankruptcy Court for Utah, has long had airport-type security checks at the front door to screen visitors and any packages delivered by runners.

And it's long been a policy not to accept unknown packages at the building.

A second X-ray machine has been pulled into service to check all of the mail that enters the building as well.

Utah groups condemn invasion

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Utah chapter of the Central America Solidarity Coalition and four other groups have denounced the U.S. invasion of Panama as bullying and a classic example of "gunboat diplomacy."

"This week's invasion continues the worst tradition of U.S. foreign policy, using the Army to bully small Central and South American countries to toe the U.S. line," coalition spokeswoman Kathy Aldous said Friday.

Representatives from the Salt Lake

chapter of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, the Socialist Workers Party, the Salt Lake Joe Hill Club and the Big-Mountain Support Group joined the coalition in criticizing the military action.

Aldous said those who believe in self-determination and national sovereignty should soundly condemn the U.S. military's action.

"The death and destruction carried out by the U.S. military against the Panamanian people cannot be justified," she said.

Ads urge women to seek advice

BOISE (AP) — Taking a new tack, anti-abortion activists in Boise are encouraging women who may have been physically or emotionally injured by abortion to sue their abortionists.

In four-column ads that ran in the Idaho Statesman last Sunday and Wednesday, a group called Friends for Life asks in bold type: "Has an abortionist made a profit from your loss?"

The ad also asks: "Have you suffered physical injury from a so-called 'safe' legal abortion?"

Going on to offer medical attention, counseling and legal advice, the ad concludes: "Don't remain a victim! If you suffer in silence, the abortionist will continue to line his or her pockets at the expense of others. Call today. The sooner you do, the sooner we can help."

Dr. Duane St. Clair, a Boise gynecologist who performs abortions as a small part of his practice, said the ad is wrong to suggest abortions are unsafe. He said carrying a pregnancy to term is far riskier than abortion.

Utah publisher McCarthy dies

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Thomas Kearns McCarthy, vice president and director of Kearns-Tribune Corp., parent company of The Salt Lake Tribune, died Friday afternoon at age 69.

The cause of death was not available.

McCarthy was a corporate executive and adviser to owners of the Tribune and Newspaper Agency Corp. for more than 40 years.

He was well-known in newspaper circles and active in support of scholarship and athletics at the University of Utah and Judge Memorial Catholic High School.

McCarthy also was an officer and director of Kearns-Tribune Investments Inc. and Silver King Mining Co.

Lawmaker plans law for cattle mutilation

MONTPELIER (AP) — State Rep. John Tippets, R-Montpelier, is planning legislation to increase and clarify penalties for people who mutilate cattle.

Current state laws don't address the offense directly, he said. Cattle mutilations aren't theft, a felony if the property is worth at least \$150.

Mutilation may be considered malicious injury, which does not have a felony penalty unless damage is \$1,000 or more. Because loss to property owners is usually less than \$1,000 per animal, the charge against anyone caught mutilating livestock would be a misdemeanor with a penalty of a small fine.

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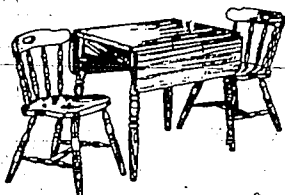


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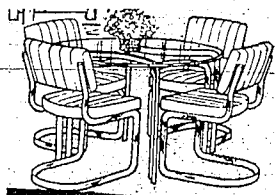
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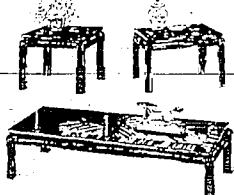
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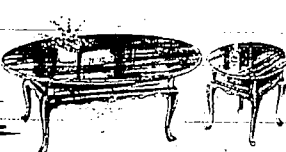
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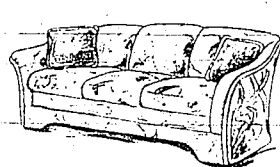
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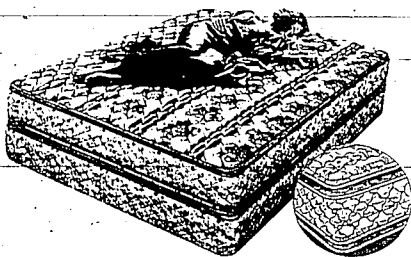
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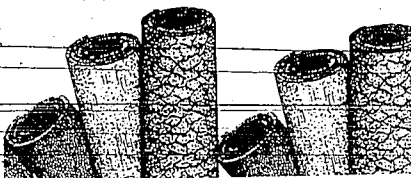


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CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — One man was killed and another injured when leaking butane gas exploded Saturday morning at the Amoco Oil Co. refinery in Casper, company officials say.

Rick Nemitz, 33, was killed after flammable gas ignited while he was shutting down the unit, according to company spokesman D. Allen Miller. Nemitz had been working on an upper deck of the outdoor unit and was either blown to the ground or fell, he said.

Kurt Sides, 31, was hospitalized in stable condition at the Wyoming Medical Center, suffering from second- and third-degree burns to his face and left hand, Miller said. Sides had been working on the ground at the time.

It took Amoco fire crews and Casper city firefighters three hours to put out the blaze that started with a flash of fire at about 6:30 a.m.

Miller said that when there are gas leaks, the flammable gas usually dissipates into the air. In this case, he said, there had to be a very high concentration of the gas. Miller said he didn't know what ignited the gas, but company officials and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration is investigating.

A natural gas leak indoors at an Amoco Production Co. processing plant in Evanston in October resulted in one worker being killed and several injured. Amoco Production Co. and Amoco Oil Co. are subsidiaries of Amoco Corp.

3 inmates receive early holiday release from jail

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three Salt Lake City jail inmates granted an early holiday release by a judge in a matter of seconds, but not before wishing the judge that freed them a Merry Christmas.

Following a plea from John Hill, director of the Salt Lake Legal Defenders Association, 3rd Circuit Judge Sheila McCleave told the three convicts Friday, "You're free to go."

"Merry Christmas, judge," the men said in unison before vanishing. The early pardons are part of an annual Christmas release program in which jail officials offer not only because they're overcome with holiday compassion, but also to lessen crowding in the jail.

than a dozen inmates who were a month or closer to being released anyway.

"Without this court's intervention, these people would spend Christmas incarcerated in jail," Hill told the court.

"The court has a unique opportunity this time of year to give a special gift," he added. "Anxious to get home to check on his family, Dwight Hathaway stopped long enough to think the court for his freedom."

"I'm very happy the public defenders' office took the time to go to the city and pull us out of jail so we can spend Christmas outside," he said.

Officials recommend inquiry into fatal bridge accident

SEATTLE (AP) — A movable span on a floating bridge opened unexpectedly during a test, thrusting a steel wall in front of rush-hour traffic and causing pileups that killed one woman and injured at least six other people.

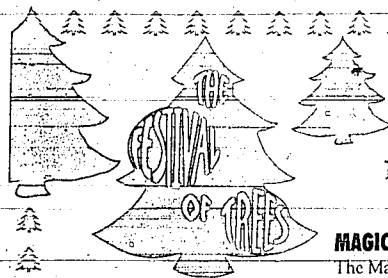
Department of Transportation officials were at a loss to explain the wreck on the Evergreen Point Floating Bridge across Lake Washington during a test that has been conducted weekly for 18 years without a hitch.

The test of electronic circuits doesn't involve moving the span. But during Friday's test, the span rose 4 1/2 feet without warning in

about three seconds, creating a wall that three vehicles drove into head-on.

A 44-year-old woman, whose name was withheld by authorities, was killed, police said. "Three people were hospitalized in serious but stable condition with a variety of injuries and three others were either treated at the scene or briefly hospitalized, according to police and hospital officials.

Motist Mark Bauty, said his car bounced over the lip of the drawspan just as it started to open and he could hear tires screeching and metal crunching behind him.



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Scholarship aid goes to CSI students

Christmas is a time for dreams, and a new program at the College of Southern Idaho is helping fuel the dreams of women who yearn to pursue non-traditional careers.



Julie Fanselow
Spotlight

"New Wave" is the collective name for eight Magic Valley women who were selected for scholarships via a \$7,000 grant from the State Department of Vocational Education. The recipients range in age from 18 to 43, and they are enrolled in electronics, cabinetmaking and auto body programs.

Most of the women have previously held a variety of jobs but are now seeking education to realize their true potential in the workplace.

Lois Gehrig of Jerome was once an accountant for Uppercare and held several other office positions. "This time I got to choose what I wanted to do," she says of her decision to enter the cabinetmaking program. "I love to work with my hands, and they say women are better at finish work." Gehrig was among the students who worked on the new storefronts for this year's Festival of Trees.

Six of the women are in CSI's electronics program and plan to continue studies in that field at Idaho State University. Ruthie Goodnight of Heyburn and Susana Woods of Piler are thinking about careers in robotics. Jenny Cheney of Buhl, the only woman in the auto body program, would someday like to operate her own customizing shop.

Others in the program are Shirley Stauffer of Heyburn, Kathy Silva of Gooding, Ina Fleming of Jerome, and Angie Tighe of Buhl. They met weekly for group support and leadership skills training sessions with advisors Rita Larson and Susan Westendorf of CSI's Center for New Directions.

This will certainly be a memorable holiday for Leah Holstine, a senior at Murtaugh High School. She was selected by the United Spirit Association — an organization for cheerleaders — to perform at the Aloha Bowl slated Monday in Hawaii.

Holstine has also been asked to try out for a position on the Spirit Association's instructional staff. She is the daughter of Jay Holstine Sr. of Hazelton and Liz Fious of Murtaugh.

Hank Jantata, an eighth-grader at Robert Stuart Junior High in Twin Falls, has been selected as the winner of the Idaho Space Station Expo 1990 Uniform Patch contest. Hank's design was selected from nearly 100 entries generated by students in grades 7 through 12.

Linda Cunningham of Twin Falls, a junior in crop science at Oregon State University, will receive an \$800 scholarship next month from the Oregon Seed Trade Association. She will be one of six recipients honored at the association's mid-winter meeting in Corvallis, Ore.

Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital has announced the names of nursing students who will be receiving scholarships for spring semester. In the practical nursing program, Melody Mai and Marilyn Evans each will receive \$200. Recipients in the associate degree program are Elizabeth DeBleck, who will be awarded \$200, and JoAnn Larsen, who will receive \$300.

Two area women now studying at Boise State University have been selected for inclusion in the 1989-1990 edition of "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

Deannet Fisher, a 1985 graduate of Jerome High School, is now a BSU senior majoring in pre-optometry. She has been a student senator, Clafce Hall floor president, Morrison Hall vice president and a member of the Student Union Board of Governors. Deannet is the daughter of Melba Fisher of Jerome.

Trina DeLong, a 1985 graduate of Minico High School, is also going to be included. A senior physical education major, she was named BSU phys ed major of the year and outstanding student of the year in physical education by the Idaho American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance. She is the daughter of Helen DeLong.

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 83403-0548, attention: Julie Fanselow.



At Twin Falls Reformed Church, "The Light Still Shines" will be the theme of the Rev. Brian Vriesman's meditation for tonight's candlelight service.

Churches focus on holiday's meaning

By JULIE FANSELOW
Times-News writer

Take away Santa Claus, Frosty and the Grinch. Forget about presents, candy canes, mistletoe and chestnuts-roasting-on-an-open fire. What's left?

Jesus Christ. The man who Christians say is "the reason for the season" is the real cause for the holiday celebrations climaxing this long weekend. Christmas — like Easter — tends to bring out the churchgoer in those who don't normally attend, and it's a sure bet the pews will be packed for the occasion.

Accordingly, Magic Valley ministers and others in the religious community have been preparing messages to once again proclaim the birth of Christ and explain what it all means in today's world.

At Jerome United Methodist Church, the Rev. Sue Nelson was inspired by reading of a poem by Paul Gilbert. She found the verse and used it as a basis for the sermon she will deliver to her congregation Christmas Day.

You are writing a gospel,

a chapter each day, by deeds that you do, by words that you say, folks read what you write whether faithless or true, say what the gospel according to you!

Nelson says that "those who are skeptics, those who doubt, find their answers about the Christian faith, by reading, those who believe, you and I and other Christians are the doubter's skeptic's Bible."

"Now I don't like it this way ... If folks really want to know about Jesus, they really must look at Jesus," she adds. "Nevertheless people do look at us, or to us. Let us hope and pray that as people look into our 'books' this Christmas season and throughout the year, they will see in us a Jesus who has been born in us."

At St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls, the Rev. Steve Rukavina says he plans to focus on "the image of a gentle, humble God coming to Earth as a child." By initiating Christ's way — "and not the world's way of power, greed and self-indulgence," Rukavina notes — believers give birth to not just the baby Christ but

their resurrected Lord. Rukavina says he'll also be focusing on Mary, the mother of Jesus, during his message for Christmas midnight Mass. "I will use her as an example for all Christian people in that we're all called to give birth to Christ in the way we live our lives," he notes.

In the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, each ward plans its own Christmas program. Most sacrament meetings this morning will focus on the Christmas story in messages or in song. Speaking duties in each ward rotate among the church members, so any man in the ward can be called upon to lead worship.

Mark Huber, a counselor in the high priests group for the seventh ward of the Twin Falls stake, will speak with his congregation today. He says his message will primarily be derived from the Gospel of Luke and from Old Testament prophecies foretelling the coming of Jesus.

At Twin Falls Reformed Church, "The Light Still Shines" will be the theme of the Rev. Brian Vriesman's meditation for tonight's Christmas Eve candlelight service.

"Jesus came to fulfill the expectations of a people who needed a glimmer of hope," says Vriesman. "In the same way he comes today to bring to our lives a hope and peace for the future."

"From the first moment of his life, Jesus lies in the reality that Jesus Christ still changes the lives of those who seek him." The Rev. M.L. Glatz of Grace Baptist Church in Twin Falls will be speaking on "Peace in the Midst of Chaos."

"A world in turmoil today needs faith in God," says Glatz. "This is an age of nervous breakdowns and mental disorders. A cure for this is to have faith in God." Peace, the minister adds, can be found in that faith.

The Rev. Bob Van Nest, interim pastor of Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, will discuss how "Christmas does something to people."

Christmas is the time when we try to help the less fortunate. Wars have temporarily

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Christmas trees use fiber optics

By ROSA SALTER
The Allentown Morning Call

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — In the old days, the Christmas tree came in one variety. Green. Live. You went out to the woods on the backlot with an ax or a spade and you cut one down or you cut one up, then you hauled it, inside. You added some candles and cranberry strings, a few paper snowflakes and apples on wires, and, voila! Holiday cheer.

Then came the 1950s and the '60s. And we wanted everything better than ever before. More, you know, modern. So along came new and improved Christmas trees. Artificial trees. Plastic trees whose branches came out of boxes and got stuck in holes in metal poles, trunks. Silver, aluminum trees. Gold trees. Pink trees with aqua-blue ornaments.

Well, now it's (gulp!) nearly the '90s, and we've got phones in our cars and compact discs and calculators the size of credit cards; we've shot video back from Neptune and taught computers to talk.

We're here on the highway to high-tech heaven, and, at least according to the folks at Hammacher Schlemmer, New York's high-status gift house, what the world needs now is a Christmas tree to match the times.

So, the folks at Hammacher Schlemmer have searched the world over for such a tree. And not finding it, they created one, just for us: a "fiber-optic" Christmas tree, to be precise.

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United Way collections stronger in many other parts of Idaho

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

By JULIE FANSELOW
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If the United Way of Magic Valley wasn't a good example to follow, it need only look to the stars in the east — eastern Idaho, that is.

In Idaho Falls last year, the United Way campaign collected \$870,000. In Pocatello, the campaign raised \$445,000.

But in the Magic Valley, with more potential donors than either the Pocatello or Idaho Falls campaign, last year's drive netted \$252,000.

Since its campaign covers such a large outlying area, the population base for United Way of Magic Valley is 77,530, according to the United Way of America's 1988-1989 International Directory. The figures are 71,700 for Idaho Falls and \$7,670 for Pocatello.

The eastern Idaho United Way campaigns also fund more agencies than does the Magic Valley version — 24 in Pocatello and 30 in Idaho Falls, compared with 18 in the Twin Falls area.

Per capita giving in the three areas offers another illustration of the lopsided United Way picture. In Idaho Falls, it is \$12.76. In Pocatello, it is \$7.72. In the Magic Valley, it is \$3.25.

The apparent imbalance is likely to be an issue as the local United Way begins a needs assessment survey designed to figure out ways the organization could improve its operations and boost giving.

The United Way of Ada County, has a population base of 204,000. The Boise-based campaign raised a whopping \$2.4 million this year. That's about 10 times what the United Way of Magic Valley can expect to pull in this campaign — for an area with less than three times the

Ford dealership records 100 percent participation

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — As far as the United Way of Magic Valley is concerned, Roy Raymond's real name is Santa Claus.

Raymond's auto dealership checked in this past week, boosting total collections in this year's United Way drive to \$218,000. Campaign chairman Dan Brizee said employee participation at Roy Raymond Ford was 100 percent.

"Everyone out there gave, and that's saying something," noted Brizee. "That's what the whole thing is all about." The campaign stood at \$208,650 last Sunday.

Brizee said it is still unlikely the current campaign will meet its \$275,000 goal. But he thinks

total collections will easily come close to the \$252,000 collected last year.

— as well as still-outstanding single- and multi-family homes. The United Way of Magic Valley is currently giving about \$3,000; Universal Frozen Foods, which should bring in about \$16,000; and the Combined Federal Campaign, which Brizee said he expects will net \$7,000.

"Even though we had a lull in this year's campaign, we are going to come in as we have in the past," said Brizee. "We're even seeing people give second checks. I feel really good about it."

"That doesn't mean the questions we want to ask won't be asked," he said, adding that the United Way will manage forward with its plans for the needs assessment survey.

population. Meanwhile in Idaho Falls, with 6,000 fewer potential donors than Magic Valley, the United Way of Idaho Falls and Bonneville County is pulling in close to a million dollars this year. The goal there was \$935,000, and collections may run as high as \$947,000, according to Jack Keating, executive director.

Those numbers represent quite a gain. In 1979, the Idaho Falls campaign collected \$378,000. Keating — who has been in the fund-raising business 30 years — came on board in 1980, and he attributes stability in the local office as one element of its success.

"Our volunteers have gotten accustomed to being involved with a winning

situation," Keating says. The most phenomenal growth has been recorded at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. INEL is now responsible for 60 percent of the Idaho Falls campaign's tally. Keating says, and 80 percent of employees participate. Some subcontractors at the site even process United Way pledges as part of the paperwork done for any new hire.

Bette Cagen, executive director of the Pocatello Clubback United Campaign, credits a predecessor with generating much of the success that drive still enjoys.

Martha Becker was in the job more than 25 years, Cagen says.

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Somebody needs you

The Refugee Service Center needs coats, hats, gloves, bedding, linens, towels, pot and pans and silverware. If you can donate any of these items call 734-9581.

Volunteers are needed at the Robert Stuart Junior High and Sawtooth Elementary to help students with reading. If you would like to volunteer your time, call Rosemary Livans at 934-7583.

The South Central Community Action Agency needs an electrician.

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 our area and the Minnicassia area. A tax free and exempt stipend is paid as well as reimbursement for travel.

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 exempt stipend and travel reimbursement as well as meals, insurance and more.

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Christmas

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stopped on Christmas Day. Family members gather. "It is the time when we want everyone to have something and when we want everyone to be happy for at least one day," says Van Nest. "Could it be because the love of God comes down at Christmas?" he asks. "I think it could."

The ministers say it can be a challenge to come up with a new twist on the Christmas story year after year.

"It's harder to be creative at the holidays, but the thing about Christmas is there are so many themes," says Van Nest. He cites joy, peace and love as among the wellspring

for a holiday message. "I wouldn't say it's any easier or harder," says Rukavina. "The key for me is to spend time praying over the scriptures." If he does that, "then I'm never at a loss," he adds.

Nelson says he spends a lot of time studying the Bible and theological commentary. "Every time you read scriptures, you always find something new you didn't see before," she says.

Sometimes, she adds, pastors get ideas from a simple remark or even a joke they hear, or from brainstorming sessions with other ministers.

Because so many people who don't often attend church show up for Christmas services, do ministers

feel compelled to address their messages to such people since the holiday sermon may be the only one they hear each year?

Nelson says she may polish a holiday sermon a bit more than usual. "You kind of put on your Sunday best when you've got guests coming," she explains. But, she adds, she will not "package" her message for a certain audience. She leaves the convincing to God, she says.

"I try to stress the positive," says Rukavina, adding that he would like infrequent churchgoers to discover religion "as a resource, rather than an obligation or a burden."

United

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"She became an expert. She was known in the community, and she knew the people," Cagen adds.

Pocatello's campaign has grown slowly but steadily in recent years. In 1987, the campaign raised \$403,585. The campaign's goal this year was \$396,900.

Cagen says that, in past years, goals were set at a "comfortable level" — one the United Way board felt could easily be attained. Now, however, the Pocatello board is setting its goals according to the needs of its 24 agencies — not how much the board believes can be raised.

Recently, the campaign has fallen short. Last year's tally of \$445,000 fell short of a \$470,000 goal. Nevertheless, the board turned around and set a \$500,000 goal for this fall's campaign.

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Other questions the Magic Valley's needs assessment might tackle are what area — and which agencies — the United Way should serve.

At a meeting last week, United Way board members and other interested people appeared to agree that the assessment should concentrate primarily on Twin Falls and Blaine counties. Currently, the local United Way serves Gooding County and a portion of Blaine County in addition to Twin Falls, Jerome and environs.

But Kathy Williams, executive director of United Way of Magic Valley, thinks limiting the needs assessment to Twin Falls and Jerome counties could be a mistake.

"I think we need more discussion on that," Williams says. "I feel honestly there are going to be people out there who want to voice their opinions."

"I hope it'll be regional," says Sandy Thomas, who preceded Williams as executive director. She stressed that historically, the United Way of Magic Valley has been regionally oriented.

Both Cagen and Keating say their respective United Ways are preparing to take a more regional approach. The Idaho Falls office even helped establish a small campaign for Rexburg, the issue of which agencies get funded is even more ticklish.

Pocatello's United Campaign is also starting a needs assessment, and one possibility there is that the board will first determine what the community needs are, then find agencies which will serve those needs, Cagen says.

Competition among fund-raising campaigns is another factor that may be draining funds from the United Way. Cagen says the crunch can be traced to severe declines in federal funding for social programs during the Reagan era.

"In order for agencies and organizations to exist and continue to offer services, they have to look to the community," says Cagen. "I may take the community a while to realize that their additional help is needed," she adds. "We're in a period of transition."

Extracurricular fund-raising defeats the purpose of United Way, Cagen notes, but the organizations have little choice since United Way funds can never meet all agencies' needs.

"I think that's true nationally, not just here in Idaho," she adds.

Competition comes from other sources, too. Just as the College of Southern Idaho and the Magic Valley Regional Mental Center foundations go head to head with the United Way of Magic Valley, Pocatello's United Campaign probably loses funds to the Bengal Foundation, a group that raises money solely for Idaho State University athletic programs. That organization pulled in close to \$500,000 in its most recent campaign.

Cagen says there is an "extremely aggressive" fund-raising climate in Bannock County. On the other hand, Keating says the Idaho Falls United Way has little competition other than that generated by the Combined Federal Campaign for federal employees, which the United Way also administers.

Keating says that, if invited, he would be happy to send an emissary from the United Way to help its counterpart in the Magic Valley.

But the board and others involved in United Way of the Magic Valley know the most important help and input the local organization is going to get — if it gets help at all — will be

from local people. Lee Wagner, who was United Way board president in 1983, says that year's campaign generated about the same amount this year's — between \$245,000 and \$250,000.

The difference is that the organization's administrative budget then was about \$30,000, well under the \$54,650 projected for 1990 in the highest of two proposed budgets. (The smaller budget, a bare-bones affair, would earmark \$44,350 for United Way operations next year.) And at that point, United Way was facing five fewer agencies than it is now.

"You're supporting more organizations on \$30,000 less," Wagner says. "Either the community doesn't buy the concept or the organization is shrinking."

The needs assessment process should show whether the United Way of Magic Valley is indeed sick or just a bit under the weather. Williams, the local executive director, says, "I don't think you can call this a normal year by any means." Because of cutbacks instituted following the embezzlement of United Way funds last fall, Williams has worked fewer hours. She has spent much of her time on secretarial work and bookkeeping rather than on administrative duties and community consciousness-raising.

That's why many on the United Way board want to fully fund the organization's office, operating on the theory that you can't make money unless you spend it.

"If we're going to go forward, we have to be forward-thinking," says current campaign chairman Dan Brizze. He admits, however, that — in the face of sluggish campaigns and intense competition — "that's going to take a hell of a sales job."

"We're not going to be able to grow unless we do something to show the dynamism of this organization," says Ken Deibert, who heads up the local campaign's collection of large commercial accounts.

"I don't think this is an act of desperation," he adds. "I think it's an act of prudence."

Optics

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whose cover features the tree in all its multi-colored magnificence. What more could a mere mortal want?

"And all our mere mortals have to do is plug the tree in — after we've been plugged for roughly the price of a used car."

(That, mere mortals, is \$6,500.) "Each one is made by hand," said Myrtam Van Steenlandt, the Hammecher Schlemmer buyer who, since she came up with the idea for the tree, is pretty quick to defend it.

"We had to pay for molds to press everything and shipping from Taiwan," she continued. "Also, the fibers are very expensive, and there are several miles of fibers."

"OK, OK. But fiber optics? Isn't that the stuff the phone companies use to get better data transmission and sound quality? The stuff they brag about on their TV commercials?"

What are fiber optics doing on a Christmas tree anyway?

Well, says Don Denton, an electrical engineering professor at Lehigh University, he's not much.

"It's a gimmick, that's all," says Denton, who doesn't want to seem a Scrooge about it, but who has enough of a specialist in fiber-optic technology to have worked in the field at Bell Labs for about 30 years.

According to Denton, the technology behind the tree amounts to little more than "high-powered" strobe lights with rotating filters in front of them and the kind of flexible light-conducting fibers that might have been used in those \$19.99 novelty lamps back in the 1970s.

You remember them — the lamps that looked kind of like mushrooms with a bunch of spindly fibers spraying out of the top?

"It's really very simple," Denton said of the high-tech tree. "There's nothing come along to make this possible today that they weren't able to do 20 or 30 years ago."

"The fibers transmit the light out to different parts of the tree, depending on what is in front of the light."

For her part, Van Steenlandt is not apologizing for the tree's name, and even agrees that the technology is "a derivative of" the "old fiber-optic lamps."

She said that she got the idea for the tree when she went to a gift show in Chicago last June.

"A lot of people had these framed (fiber-optic) flowers, and I thought they were kind of cute, but they didn't do anything, and Hammecher Schlemmer traditionally sells a functional product," she said. "So they weren't for us. But I just thought a Christmas tree would be beautiful to us."

So Van Steenlandt asked about the possibility and was told that it would cost \$15,000 to make a tree. But

then she met someone with manufacturing contacts in Taiwan who told her how the project could get done more cheaply — although she would have to provide much of the design and drawings herself.

After several months of transoceanic business dealings, the tree was born.

"The first sample was a green tree, and it looked just horrible," Van Steenlandt related. "I thought I had just had an ugly baby."

The reason, she said, was that the white-light cables could be seen along the branches. But after giving the problem some thought, she realized she could change the color of the tree to white to hide the fibers. The white also "tends to reflect the light better," she said.

Right now, she said, there are only

five fiber-optic trees in the whole world — one that arrived in Hammecher Schlemmer's showroom in New York, just last week; one in the company headquarters in Chicago; one in the Beverly Hills store, and "a couple in the warehouse."

"The most reactions we've had are from people in the stores when they first get it — that it's gorgeous, that it looked just horrible," Van Steenlandt related. "I thought I had just had an ugly baby."

"I'm sure the demand will far exceed the supply," she added.

Even at \$6,500 a pop?

"Without a name like fiber optics, with the hype that brings, I don't think they'd be able to sell that," Denton observed. "I mean, it's kinda cute, but \$6,500 is a lot of money."

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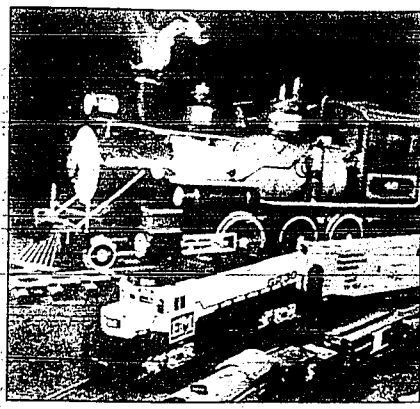
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Model trains are rapidly regaining popularity.

Toy trains make a Christmas comeback

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Toy trains, which have chugged around so many Christmas trees in years past, are coming 'round again this year.

After being eclipsed by video games at the beginning of the decade, sales are up for train sets, according to manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers.

— Some see it as a nostalgic return to more traditional toys, while others say buyers are attracted by such modern versions as remote-controlled trains and sets featuring miniature video cameras.

"Our business is going crazy. We're so far behind with orders, it's unbelievable," said Ron Moyer, vice president at International Hobby Corp., in Philadelphia, which distributes model trains, accessories and building kits. "We're working six days a week, extra hours each day."

Moyer estimates International's sales are up 40 percent over last year.

Orders also are up about 40 percent at Bachman Industries Inc., said Dick Maddox, vice-president for sales and marketing.

Bachman, supplied by factories in China, told retailers this fall that political unrest there and a fire at a factory in Thailand caused shipping delays.

Dan Perkins, national sales manager for Global Hobby Distributors in Fountain Valley, Calif., said he believes many people are buying trains at his 'Hobby Shack' retail chain for the same reason he bought one.

"You have a generation of children who grow up with trains who are now adults," he said. "And they want trains for their kids. Plus, the manufacturers are back in the swing again after a pretty bad shakeout a few years ago. ...Sales are up 20 to 30 percent over last year, and last year was a growth year."

Maddox estimates his company will sell \$15 million worth of the big trains this year and he thinks he had to turn away as much as \$10 million in orders.

Prices of train sets vary widely. Advertising circulars for the Toys 'R Us chain last week showed train sets from \$24.99 to \$199.99. Serious hobbyists can spend hundreds of dollars on a single locomotive.

Art Peisner, president of Lionel Corp., estimates the train industry's share of the roughly \$12.5 billion retail toy market is about \$300 million. Video games such as the popular Nintendo account for several billion dollars on top of the overall market and Peisner said he has no illusions that trains someday will take over the market.

Anniversaries

The Rappleyes

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. William M. (Bill) Rappleye of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Friday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. at the LDS Church on 667 Harrison St. in Twin Falls.

Rappleye and Maureen Hulet were married Jan. 3, 1940, in the Salt Lake City, Utah, LDS Temple.

The event is being given by their children, Kathleen Puffer, Bill Rappleye and Dean Rappleye, all of Salt Lake City, Utah; Connie Bean of Seattle, Wash.; and Marilyn Jensen of Jerome and their spouses.

"The couple has 23 grandchildren."



Maureen and William Rappleye

The Madalenas

BUHL — Mr. and Mrs. John Madalena of Buhl will be honored at an open house Saturday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Immaculate Conception Church, 1631 Poplar in Buhl.

Madalena and Grace Bean were married Dec. 28, 1939, at St. Anthony's in Wendell. They lived southwest of Wendell until November 1989, when they moved to Buhl.

He farmed and she worked at home. They have been active in the Knights of Columbus, the Catholic Women's League and the West Point Club.

The event is being given by their children, Michael Madalena of Wendell; Pat Carpenter of Chula Vista, Calif.; Katherine Rupert of Boise; Teresa Osterhout of Marsing;



Grace and John Madalena
Tomy Madalena of Jerome; and Joe Madalena of Wendell and their spouses.
The couple has 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Valley happenings

Senior Citizens group has birthday

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Federation will hold its birthday dinner at noon Wednesday at the center, 616 Eastland Drive. Cost will be \$2.50 for seniors and \$4 for others, and no meal tickets will be accepted. For reservations, call 734-5084.

Medical terminology class set at CSI

TWIN FALLS — A class in Beginning Medical Terminology is scheduled for spring semester at the College of Southern Idaho. The three-credit class will meet from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays in room 139 of the Aspen Building. Students can register in Taylor Building records office or call instructor Diane Cristobal at 734-5555 or 734-1309 for more information.

Plan ahead for Office Occupations

TWIN FALLS — Students planning to enroll in one of the Office Occupations programs at the College of Southern Idaho next school year should start planning now, college officials say. Pre-testing is required for admittance to the programs, and some students may need to take prerequisite courses during spring and summer semesters. The following people may be contacted at 733-9554 for more information: DeAnne Smith or Marilyn Wiswall for the general office assistant or secretarial programs, and Dee Hartman for the word/information processing program.

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.

Engagements

Cleghorn-Simis

GOODING — Dr. and Mrs. Ted Cleghorn of Maui, Hawaii announce the engagement of their daughter, Lissa Ann-to-Todd Alan Simis, son of Larry and Lana Simis of Gooding.

Cleghorn is a 1985 graduate of Seabury Hall High School in Maui and graduated from Willamette University in Salem, Ore., in May of 1989. She is currently employed as a sports medicine trainer for Mid Valley Orthopedic Clinic in Albany, Ore. She is also the head trainer for several high schools in the Salem area.

Simis is a 1986 graduate of Gooding High School and is scheduled to graduate from Willamette University on May 13. He will then return to Willamette University in the fall to earn his master's degree.



Lissa Cleghorn and Todd Simis

The wedding is planned for May 26 in Maui.

Brown-Kehrer

GOODING — Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown of Gooding announce the engagement of their daughter, Deann Sharron to Kevin Kehrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Kehrer of Rupert.

Brown is a graduate of Gooding High School and is attending the College of Southern Idaho, where she is also employed.

Kehrer is a graduate of Minico High School and the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at Moss Greenhouse in Jerome.

The wedding is planned for Feb. 3 at the Nazarene Church in Gooding.



Deann Brown and Kevin Kehrer

Nelson-Anderson

TWIN FALLS — Norman and Nancy Nelson of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Angie to Lance Anderson, son of Arlyn and Judy Anderson of Sandy, Utah.

Nelson is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and Ricks College. She is attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and is employed at Utah Office Supply in Provo as an accounting clerk.

Anderson is a graduate of Alta High School, served a LDS Mission in San Jose, Costa Rica and is also attending BYU. He works for Washburn ISUZU in Orem, Utah, as a salesperson.



Lance Anderson and Angie Nelson

The wedding is planned for Jan. 20 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

A reception will follow Jan. 27 in Twin Falls.

Anniversary

The Joas

TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Alf Joa of Twin Falls, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September with their son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Julie Joa of Buhl, Maine, who took them through the Canadian provinces of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia.

Joa and Vera LeFurgey were married Nov. 19, 1939, in Elko, Nev., and have lived their entire married life in the Magic Valley. In 1984, they moved from their farm in Buhl to Twin Falls.

They were entertained at a family luncheon hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Merle Brown of Buhl, on Nov. 19, they attended a dinner hosted by Mrs. Clara Joa of Twin Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Joa and Debbie Joa, all of Jerome. Mr. and Mrs. William LeFurgey of Gooding entertained at a



Alf and Vera Joa party for friends and relatives on Nov. 26.

Needs

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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 materials 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 bi-monthly 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.

The Foster Grandparent Program needs good additional people in the Wendell and Twin Falls areas. If

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.

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.

TWIN FALLS CITY SANITATION

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Not all grandchildren are thoughtless

DEAR ABBY: I was visiting at the home of an old friend yesterday afternoon when her teen-age granddaughter ran in — not to say, "Hello, Grandma, how are you?" or, "What can I do for you?"

Instead, she said, "Sorry I can't stay. I'm meeting some friends at the mall. I just came by to drop off my list." (It seems that "Sandra" was disappointed with Grandma's choice of gifts last Christmas, so she made up a list of things she wanted — and delivered — this year.)

My friend said: "Just a minute, dear. Before you give me YOUR list, I'd like to give you MY list so you will know what I want and don't want for Christmas."

Sandra looked shocked. Then she said, "Grand, you know I don't have any extra money to spend on gifts for you, but if that's the way you're going to be, you can just forget that you're had a granddaughter!" And with that, she exited in a huff, slamming the door behind her! My friend looked at me, smiling, and said, "Well, how did I do?"



Abigail VanBuren Dear Abby

I'm sorry you had to witness that, but I'm fed up with these grasping kids. I just had to put her in her place. ...Any comment, Abby?

— PARK AVENUE NEIGHBOR

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Lest you think all teen-agers are alike, read this:

DEAR ABBY: I just received a Christmas gift from my 17-year-old granddaughter. It was a facsimile of a legal document, hand-drawn by her. It read:

"My dearest Grandmas: As you know, I am saving every dollar I earn to go to college, but I am prepared to honor any and all of the following chores as my Christmas gift to you: Do your laundry, clean your

house, mow your lawn, shovel your walk, wash your windows, polish your furniture, run your errands, drive you anywhere for the whole year. Call me anytime, day or night. ...Your Loving Granddaughter, Melanie"

DEAR ABBY: You had a letter in your column from an 80-year-old grandmother who was overwhelmed by the thought of shopping for her many children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

I have a gift suggestion that would be treasured more than gold or jewels by almost everyone.

Grandparents should sit down and dictate into a tape recorder the memories of their childhoods, their parents, their birthplaces, stories told to them by their aunts, uncles and cousins about the "old country," and anecdotes about their most colorful memories, their proudest moments or their saddest.

Perhaps they could describe a typical day at school or work — how much things cost, what they wore,

how they felt when they got their first automobile, TV, etc.

With all those memories on tape, perhaps someone could type it up. It could be as simple as photocopied sheets, or as fancy as a little printed book titled "Grandma's Memories." Copies to each family member would be priceless and cherished.

I've asked my parents to record their recollections on tape for me. I can't think of a more personal, special gift, because once they are gone, so are their recollections and "pearls" of wisdom.

Hope you like my idea, Abby!

— ANNE FASCIO, MONTEPEY PARK, CALIF.

DEAR ANNE: Like it? I love it! Thanks for giving me a priceless idea I can pass on to my readers.

CONFIDENTIAL TO YOU: Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah. Deck the halls with matzo balls! Have a wonderful holiday, but if you're drinking, don't drive, and if you're driving, don't drink.

Christmas cards deserve to be displayed

By The Baltimore Sun

If you're an average American, you'll get 27 of them this year. No, not cards. Christmas cards.

With the decline of letter-writing, our mail through much of the year is a depressing litany of commercial fluff, good-cause solicitations, catalogs, bills and the occasional day-blighting magazine. It's one of the real pleasures of the season, then, to see those substantial, squarish envelopes with the names of friends in their upper left-hand corners.

Once the envelopes are open, though, the once the artwork is admired, the chatty news devoured, and the baggy photocopied family letter grudgingly perused — what next? While pretty cards received at other times of the year might get a few days display on the refrigerator before being pasted in an album or discarded, Christmas cards demand to be kept on show, with the rest of the decorations, through the holiday season.

To make the most of your mailbox bounty, here are a few creative display ideas:

Mantels: People with fireplaces, or at least decorative mantelpieces, have an advantage in the card display game. A handsome mantel, decked with evergreens and holly and with cards tucked in among the greenery, is a cheerfully traditional sight at Christmas time.

Doors: Remember those elementary-school Decembers, when each class would decorate its door and prizes would be given for the best? This idea can be adapted for the home, too, and a tastefully decorated door can serve as a backdrop for an

eclectic collection of cards. Wrap the door in colored foil or decorative paper, and let your imagination go to town.

Reaths: Tuck small cards into an evergreen or eucalyptus wreath, or pin them with straight pins to a straw wreath frame (available in gardening and hobby supply stores), and decorate with ribbon bows, holly, sprigs of baby's breath, or whatever else takes your fancy.

Stairs: A stairway can be a beautiful display area for cards. Fasten a length of wide satin or velvet ribbon to the top and bottom posts of your banister, loop it up at intervals with bows and greenery, and pin cards to the ribbon. Alternatively, hang wide vertical strips of ribbon or embroidered trim at intervals along the banister. Put a bow at the top and fish-tail the bottom. Pin the cards to the ribbon.

On the tree: Lots of cards are ornamental, so why not turn them into ornaments? (This is a handy tree-trimming idea for young people who haven't had the time to amass a collection of trimmings.) Punch a folded hole near the top of the disc with a paper punch, string gold cord, red or green ribbon through the hole, and tie the cord on the tree with a jaunty bow.

A portable "gallery": If you have a lot of cards, show them off on one of those wooden A-frame drying racks. Just slip the cards over the dowels on the sides.

A permanent "gallery": Special cards, such as those from a particularly cherished friend or one of a

kind — artists' cards, can become part of a year-round "Christmas gallery" in a hallway or library, or along a stairway. Frame them all in inexpensive Plexiglas frames, or choose a frame especially for each card, and enjoy the variety. Leave plenty of room to let your collection expand year after year.

Table-top displays: If you don't have a display surface big enough to hold all your cards, group them in small display areas according to theme. (Religious cards on a bookcase, animal cards on the side table, Santas on the piano, for example.) Group your favorite cards — and some special antique ones — in a pretty hodgepodge of frames. At other times of the year, photographs or appropriate cards (Valentines and birthday cards come to mind) can be substituted.

Baskets: Put your cards in baskets, available at craft shows and stores, import shops and some specialty shops. The cards won't show up individually, of course, but a vivid assortment of them plopped into a basket will invite visitors to take a look especially when the basket itself has been adorned with holly and miniature ornaments.

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Senior menus

Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center
616 Eastland Drive

Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Lasagna
Wednesday: Birthday dinner with chicken
Thursday: Pork chop
Friday: Cabbage roll
Saturday: Center closed
Sunday: Center closed

Activities
Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Monday: Center closed
Tuesday: Blood pressure check from 9 a.m. to noon.
Bingo at 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Crafts and quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Birthday dinner at noon. \$2.50 donation. Reservations required. No more tickets accepted.
Phone grocery orders to Williams Foodtown.
Thursday: Grocery Deliveries
Friday: Entertainment 1 p.m.
Saturday: Center closed
Sunday: Center closed
Sunday, Dec. 31: New Year's Dance at 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$2 per person.

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Monday: Closed for Christmas
Wednesday: White beans and ham
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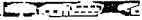
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137 Pick-Up Trucks
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149 Ford F150
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127 Motor Homes
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154 Autos-Cadillac
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141 Vans
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1971 Chrysler New Yorker, Chrysler New Yorker, 1987 4 dr. Turbo, loaded, low miles. \$10,500. Call 733-7753.

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162 Autos-Ford
1986 Ford Mustang, 302 V-6, AT, Call 678-3029 after 9 pm.

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Saturday's scores

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N.B.A.

New York 94, New Jersey 84
 Philadelphia 131, Chicago 104
 Denver 135, Miami 104
 Detroit 106, Orlando 100
 Milwaukee 95, Minnesota 90
 Dallas 102, Sacramento 93
 San Antonio 117, Utah 91
 Phoenix 106, Los Angeles Clippers 100
 Indiana at Seattle, late

Prep boys

Saturday's games

Blackfoot at St. Albans
 Grace 57
 Soda Springs 78, Hilet 72 OT

College

PAC WEST

Michigan 91, Seton Hall 69
 Montana St. 81, Stephen F. Austin 69
 New-Las Vegas 92, Iowa 82
 Michigan Cal. 76, St. Francis, Pa. 73
 UC Santa Barbara 89, Boston U. 64
 Weber St. 66, S. Utah 61

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 92, VMI 61
 Texas 73, Southern Miss. 67
 Texas-El Paso 88, Sam Houston St. 65

MIDWEST

Akron 80, Wis.-Milwaukee 26
 Auburn 74, Ind.-Purdue Wayne 62
 Ball St. 63, Butler 42
 Bradley 83, Georgia Southern 77, OT
 DePaul 71, Marquette 61
 Drake 87, Morgan St. 69
 Greenville 88, Siena 83
 Hillsdale 86, Aquinas 73
 Illinois 71, Wis.-Green Bay 47
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 Kent St. 73, Cleveland St. 70
 Michigan St. 87, Michigan 73
 Missouri 81, N. Illinois 62
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 Toledo 24, Toledo 64
 Wichita St. 62, Fresno St. 62

SOUTH

Birmingham 114, Kentucky 93
 Duke 74, Washington 63
 Florida 91, South Florida 54
 Furman 77, Villanova 73, OT
 Ky. Wesleyan 72, St. Joseph, Ind. 72
 Memphis 96, Jacksonville 63
 Middle Tennessee 85, Alcorn 56
 N. Kentucky 90, Lewis 79
 North Carolina 79, Kansas St. 63
 South Alabama 85, New Orleans 73
 Vanderbilt 100, South 64

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Caldwell 42, Bloomfield 32
 Connecticut 100, S. Connecticut 37
 Old Dominion 67, W. Tech 62
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 Princeton 106, Utah 87
 St. John 83, Niagara 61
 Temple 93, Drexel 62

Sports on TV

11 a.m. - Channel 41-12, NFL football: Tampa Fla. at Cincinnati.
 2 p.m. - Channel 11-12, NFL football: Chicago at San Francisco.

Briefly

Ex-Phoenix coach interviewed by Navy

PHOENIX (AP) — Former Phoenix Cardinals coach Gene Stallings has been interviewed for the vacant head coaching job at Navy, a Phoenix newspaper reported Saturday.

The Phoenix Gazette said Stallings, who owns a ranch in Paris, Texas, was interviewed Thursday in Dallas by Navy athletic director Jack Lengyel.

On Friday, Stallings told The Annapolis Capital, "If I were going to go back to the college level, Navy would be one of the few places I would consider."

Stallings reportedly was recommended to Lengyel by former Navy quarterback Roger Staubach, a Hall of Famer who played for the Dallas Cowboys during Stallings' 14-year tenure as an assistant coach for the NFL team from 1972-86.

Stallings, 54, was fired by Phoenix on Nov. 20 after announcing that he would not seek to have his contract renewed after this season.

SportsQuote

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That really is the dumbest football team, the most undisciplined, stupid football team-I think we've ever played in my life. It's hard to believe they could ever win games.

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— Cincinnati coach Sam Wyche after Houston after the Bengals defeated the Oilers 61-7.

Redskins ambush Seahawks, 29-0

By JIM COUR
 AP Sports Writer

SEATTLE — Among Steve Largent's pass catching records is most touchdown receptions. In his NFL finale, it was one record he couldn't add to.

Largent, 35, caught two passes for 41 yards to extend his consecutive game reception record to 177, but the Washington Redskins, behind the passing of Mark Rypien and the running of Earnest Byner, shut out the Seahawks 29-0 Saturday.

"It was an emotional time for me," said Largent, who completed his 14-year NFL career. "But I'm pretty disgusted with the way we played."

Still, Largent tried to look at the positive side of the day.

"After the game, I said (to his teammates), 'I don't want anyone feeling bad for me because of the game or the score,'" he said. "I've had so many good things happen in my career, this game was really inconsequential."

The Redskins applauded Largent, who finished his career with 819 catches, 13,089 receiving yards and 100 touchdown receptions.

"Largent's career is a fantastic testimony to what's good in the NFL," Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said. "Everybody in the NFL will miss him."

The Redskins (10-6) won their fifth consecutive game as Rypien completed 22 of 31 passes for 290 yards. Gary Clark caught nine Rypien passes for 149 yards, including a 44-yard touchdown in the third quarter.

Byner scored on runs of 2 and 8 yards. Washington was eliminated from the playoffs — for the second straight season after winning Super Bowl XXII — last week.

"You're not satisfied when you don't make the playoffs. But the way we finished Byner said.

"I don't really think that had any effect on the way we played," Largent said.

The Seahawks, who had a three-game winning streak broken, had their first losing season in seven years under Coach Chuck Knox.

Seattle quarterback Dave Krieg set an NFL record for fumbles in a single season (18).

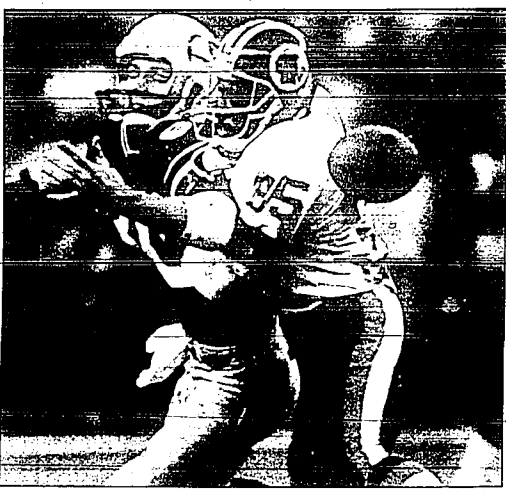
He broke the old record (17) set by Houston Oilers quarterback Dan Pastorini in 1973 and tied by Oilers quarterback Warren Moon in 1984.

"Mistakes hurt us this season," Krieg said. "I wish it was easily correctible, but we just kept making them."

Krieg was sacked in the end zone by Fred Stokes for a safety in the third quarter, one of four times he was sacked for losses of 37 yards, and also threw his 20th interception of the season.

Stokes wanted to talk about what might have been for the NFC Redskins.

"It's kind of depressing when you look at the AFC and see the teams in the playoffs with records worse than ours," he said. "Yes, we feel kind of cheated."



Seahawk Steve Largent, left, was closely covered by Redskin Martin Mayhew

CSI captures Canadian National tourney

CALGARY, Alta. — Making free throws has always been listed as one of the two major criteria for winning basketball games on the road by College of Southern Idaho. Coach Fred Trankle.

Saturday night, his troops punctuated the point by hitting 22 of 24 for the game and 12 straight in the second half to beat Johnson County, Kans., 103-84 and claim the championship of the eighth annual Canadian National Holiday Basketball Tournament.

The final margin was the largest of the night as the Eagles saw the Cavaliers hang within seven points until the seven-minute mark of the second half. That was after the Eagles pushed into a promising 53-36 lead late in the first half and then saw Johnson County, now 11-3, put on a last-minute rush to close to within seven.

The victory came on the generalship of sophomore Anthony Williams, who was re-

warded for his three-night effort in Calgary with the tournament's most valuable player trophy. He came up with 23 points and six steals Saturday.

Joining Williams on the all-tournament team was CSI freshman David Anderson, who had a 20-point night.

The CSI victory ran the record to 14-0 and assures the Golden Eagles of remaining the nation's No. 1 ranked junior college team going into the new decade.

True to the pre-game predictions of Trenkle, Johnson County has the physical makeup that gave his bigger-litler lineup problems this season.

"The good, quick athletes in the 6-5 range give us matchup problems because we don't have many players that size on our team. The 6.5 guys are often too quick for us to handle adequately with our big guys inside and if they have those 6-4, 6-5

— See CHAMPIONS on Page D2



Cleveland wide receiver Laver Tillman (85) reaches for a pass that was not to be had

Browns slide past Oilers for Central Division title

HOUSTON (AP) — The Cleveland Browns discovered Saturday night what they may have known most of the year.

Without Kevin Mack, they're an ordinary team. With him, they're the AFC Central champion.

Mack, who missed most of the season while jailed for a drug conviction and then with an injured neck, scored from four yards out with 39 seconds left Saturday night to give the Browns a 24-20 victory over Houston and their fourth division title in five years.

The TD capped a 58-yard drive that began with 2:30 left. And it began two minutes after Houston had come back from a 17-0 deficit to take a 20-17 lead on a 27-yard TD pass from Warren Moon to Drew Hill.

Mack, activated just three weeks ago after leading Cleveland in rushing the past five years, had 27 of his 62 yards on the winning drive.

The victory gave Cleveland a 9-6-1 record and guaranteed they will play host to a playoff game in two weeks. Houston, 9-7, can still make the playoffs as a wild card if either Indianapolis loses to New Orleans on Sunday or Cincinnati loses to Minnesota Monday.

"It will be interesting to see what happens," said Houston coach Jerry Glavinski, as confused about the AFC playoff picture as most people.

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Bills trample Jets, take AFC East title

By JIM O'CONNELL
 AP Sports Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — It may not have been as early as last season, but the Buffalo Bills are AFC East champions.

The clincher came in Week 12 last season, and this year it was on the Saturday of the last weekend. Both clinchers, however, were at the expense of the New York Jets.

Jim Kelly's two touchdowns led the Bills to a 37-0 victory, one as one-sided as last year's divisional race.

"Last year it was early, this year it was struggle, struggle but we're there again," Buffalo nose tackle Fred Smerlas said.

There was no struggle for those on the Jets side Saturday, except for the few fans who ventured to Giants Stadium.

The game started with the temperature at 16 degrees and the wind-chill factor at minus-11. There were 21,148 in attendance but there were 55,743 no-shows, believed to be an NFL record.

"It wasn't a real stinging wind," Buffalo coach Marv Levy said. "It was one of the nicer days we've seen in a long time."

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"The Bills, who had lost five of seven, snapped a three-game losing streak with the easy win and they enter the playoffs with a 9-7 mark.

"Is it a relief to win it?" Levy asked, repeating a question.

"There's always that pressure, but it is sweet. We've struggled hard to get here. We have been in first place for 32 straight weeks. It's hard to please people."

The division title was the sixth for the Bills, who lost to Cincinnati in the AFC championship game last season.

Levy said, "They hung in there and won the division by earning it."

The Jets, who lost to Buffalo 34-3 earlier in the season, finished 4-12, their worst mark since that came one in 1980. Instead of playoffs, what awaits the franchise is a meeting on Tuesday between Walton and newly hired general manager Dick Steinberg.

Kelly played well into the fourth quarter and finished 13-for-21 for 208 yards with Andre Reed being his favorite receiver — six catches for 80 yards.

"We were the Bills of the first five games today," Reed said. "Our offense was clicking and our defense was clicking." The Bills opened the scoring with a 26-yard field goal of Scott Norwood with 4:26 left in the first quarter.

The Jets, who were shut out by Pittsburgh two weeks ago, had a lone scoring chance and it ended when Pat Leahy's 30-yard field goal attempt was blocked with 8:4 left in the quarter.

Colorado coach defends early arrival in Miami

By STEVEN WINE
 AP Sports Writer

MIAMI — Colorado coach Bill McCartney on Saturday defended his decision to bring the top-ranked Buffaloes to Miami 10 days before their Orange Bowl game against No. 4 Notre Dame.

"There is a danger when you come down here early of being ready too soon," McCartney said following the Buffaloes' first practice in Miami. "We're not going to let that happen."

"We're loose. We're not making any attempt to zero in with any kind of game-like intensity at this point."

Colorado (11-0) arrived Friday afternoon to prepare for the New Year's night game. Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz, whose team will arrive Monday night, has said that preparation is difficult at a bowl site because of low-levelled activities and distractions.

"All you try to do is control damage," Holtz said. "You don't even know if the ball's blown up or stuffed."

McCartney interpreted Holtz's comments as second-guessing.

"Coach Holtz questions our strategy in coming down here early and spending time with the beautiful people of Miami," McCartney said with a smile. "I don't understand that. (Former Oklahoma coach) Barry Switzer said he always came down early and felt like it was the ideal way to prepare his squad."

"I think Switzer is the guy I want to listen to."

McCartney said the Buffaloes came to Miami early because cold weather and snow in Colorado made it difficult for them to practice at home.

Ironically, a record-setting cold front in Florida dropped temperatures into the mid-50s under cloudy skies during Saturday's practice.

"This is a balmy day for us," McCartney said. "Nobody got sunburned today. I was told, 'Keep them out of the sun,' so that's what I was doing."

Wide receiver Jeff Campbell said he was glad to be in Miami well ahead of time.

"It's a chance for us to come down here and get used to the weather," Campbell said. "We're coming from a place where there isn't any oxygen to a place where there's a lot of oxygen. So we have to get used to stuff like that."

"This is good weather to practice in," quarterback Patton Hagan said. "We're loving it. The weather is tremendous. We're having fun."

"There will be time for more fun, McCartney said.

The Buffaloes will practice again Sunday, then take Christmas Day off.

"I'm not in any way concerned about being in it right now," the coach said. "If you don't try to get ready to play the game two days before game time, you can have a good time and get the work done, too."

All-American offensive guard Joe Garten sat out most of Saturday's practice after suffering a twisted ankle. McCartney said Garten should be able to practice again by Tuesday.

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"This is a balmy day for us," McCartney said. "Nobody got sunburned today. I was told, 'Keep them out of the sun,' so that's what I was doing."

Wide receiver Jeff Campbell said he was glad to be in Miami well ahead of time.

"It's a chance for us to come down here and get used to the weather," Campbell said. "We're coming from a place where there isn't any oxygen to a place where there's a lot of oxygen. So we have to get used to stuff like that."

"This is good weather to practice in," quarterback Patton Hagan said. "We're loving it. The weather is tremendous. We're having fun."

"There will be time for more fun, McCartney said.

The Buffaloes will practice again Sunday, then take Christmas Day off.

"I'm not in any way concerned about being in it right now," the coach said. "If you don't try to get ready to play the game two days before game time, you can have a good time and get the work done, too."

All-American offensive guard Joe Garten sat out most of Saturday's practice after suffering a twisted ankle. McCartney said Garten should be able to practice again by Tuesday.

U of I rolls over Cal State-San Diego 91-52 in non-league play

MOSCOW — University of Idaho jumped off to a 17-point lead in the 10 minutes, then rolled to a 91-52 victory over Cal State-San Diego in non-league action.

With Riley Smith hitting 10 of his game-high 21 points in the early going, the Vandals, now 8-3, had no problems beating the visitors.

Idaho will participate in the Albertson's Classic basketball tournament at Boise State next Friday and Saturday, meeting Kent State and University of Brooklyn. The Idaho games will precede those of host Boise State.

Montana St. 81 Stephen F. Austin 69

BOZEMAN, Mont. (AP) — Brian Elve and Gale Berry scored 14 points each to lead Montana State to its fourth straight victory Saturday night, an 81-69 nonconference win over Stephen F. Austin.

The visitors from Texas held the early 7-6 lead at 16:49 left in the first half before Montana State sprouted a lead.

A string of 9 straight points put the Bobcats into the lead, and they were ahead by as many as 17 points in the first half before settling for a 39-24 halftime advantage.

Montana State improved to 6-2, while Stephen F. Austin fell to 0-7.

Michigan State 87 East Michigan 73

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — Reserve Parish Hickman scored 12 of his 15 points in the second half Saturday night, leading No. 25 Michigan State to an 87-73 victory over Eastern Michigan.

Steve Smith led the Spartans (9-2) with 18 points and 10 rebounds but left the game with 9:35 remaining after injuring a finger on his left hand.

Lorenzo Nely and Brian Nolan each scored 20 points for Eastern Michigan (8-3).

Hickman scored six straight points to give the Spartans a 60-44 lead, their largest of the game, with 14:53 left. Eastern Michigan got to 75-69 with 4:09 remaining but Hickman made a basket and Michigan State opened a 81-69 lead as the Hurons went almost four minutes without scoring.

USC 76 St. Francis 73

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Ronnie Coleman converted a three-point play with 48 seconds left to lift the Southern Cal Trojans to a 76-73 victory over St. Francis, Pa., Saturday and give Coach George Raveling his 250th career win.

Coleman scored 13 of his 16 points in the second half while junior point guard Patrick Beck scored a career-high 23 for USC (3-3). St. Francis fell to 5-2.

Illinois 71 Champaign 47

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Fifth-ranked Illinois was held to a six-point halftime lead by Wisconsin Green Bay but Kendall Gill scored 18 of his 25 points in the second half and the ambler Illinois rolled to a 71-47 victory Saturday night.

Marcus Liberty added 17 points for the Illini (8-0), who overcame a sluggish first half after a big win Wednesday night when they beat No. 4 Missouri 101-93. Wisconsin Green Bay (6-2) was led by Tony Bennett's 16 points.

The Illini, playing lethargically against Green Bay's deliberate offensive style, led only 28-22 at halftime. But Gill, a senior guard, made two baskets and a free throw in the first 29 seconds of the second half to give Illinois a 33-22 lead.

Duke 74 Washington 64

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Freshman Bobby Hurley scored 13 of his 15 points in the second half Saturday night, sparking 12th-ranked Duke to a 74-64 victory over Washington.

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New York 94 New Jersey 85

NEW YORK (AP) — Trent Tucker scored all 12 of his points at the quarter, rallying New York over New Jersey.

The Knicks, the only NBA team that is unbeaten at home, extended their longest winning streak of the period on the strength of a 12-3 run that saw Tim Kempton and Walter Davis each score six points. Davis finished with 20 and Miami was led by Jon Sundvold with 15.

Philadelphia 131-104 Chicago Bulls

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charles Barkley had 33 points and 13 rebounds Saturday night as the Philadelphia 76ers beat Chicago 131-104, only the third loss in 12 games for the Bulls.

For the 76ers, it was the most points they've scored this season, and they held Michael Jordan, averaging 33.6 points-to-16, matching his season low.

The 76ers held an 84-75 lead with 5:31 to go in the third period before scoring 10 straight points, with Barkley contributing seven and two steals. A 3-point shot by Mike Gminski with 1:36 left in the quarter gave Philadelphia a 100-77 advantage.

Ron Anderson added 19 points and Patrick Mahern 18 for Philadelphia. For the Bulls, rookie B.J. Armstrong, scored a season-high 20 points.

Los Angeles 104 Phoenix Suns

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Hornacek, who finished with 10 field goals in 14 attempts, scored the first six points of the fourth quarter and Kevin Johnson's three-point play gave the Suns their biggest lead at 89-74 with 7:24 remaining.

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St. John's 83 Niagra 51

NEW YORK (AP) — Billy Singleton scored 17 points to lead No. 19 St. John's to an 83-51 victory over Niagara on Saturday night.

Singleton scored his points in a reserve role because he was replaced in the starting lineup by Jayson Williams, St. John's leading scorer and rebounder last season, who had been out since Oct. 20 with a displaced fracture in his right foot.

Michigan 91 Seton Hall 86

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Rumeal Robinson scored 26 points and Loy Vaughn added 22 Saturday as No. 6 Michigan held off a late Seton Hall surge to beat the Pirates 91-86 in the rematch of last season's national championship game.

Robinson, whose free throws sealed the national title for the Wolverines in April, scored 11 of his team's last 21 points to overcome a second-half scare and lead the Wolverines to victory in the rematch.

Seton Hall, which lost all five starters from last year's team, had rallied from a nine-point halftime deficit to take a 75-74 lead with 6:24 left in the game before Robinson answered with a 3-pointer to put Michigan ahead for good.

Iowa State 66 Bloomington 42

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N.B.A. basketball

William Bedford and Vinnie Johnson opened the fourth quarter by hitting short jumpers for 78-68 Detroit lead. After Jeff Turner scored for Orlando, Rodman got the next four points and John Salley added a free throw to make it 83-70 with 2:29 left in the game.

By then, the 29-point Knicks from Reggie Theus and 24 from Otis Smith, got no closer than five after that.

Nuggets 135, Heat 104

MIAMI (AP) — Michael Adams hit three of his four 3-point baskets and scored 14 of his 21 points during a four-minute span, sparking a 43-point third quarter that lifted Denver over Miami.

The Nuggets led 64-52 early in the second half, then scored nine straight points, five by Adams, whose first points of the half came on two free throws 1:07 after intermission.

Milwaukee 94 Minnesota 90

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Jack Sikma's 15 points, including a 3-pointer that stilled a Minnesota comeback, lifted Milwaukee to a 94-90 victory Saturday night, the Timberwolves' eighth straight loss.

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Scores and Stats

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Azusa	82	San Diego	91
Indiana	115	Iowa State	66
Detroit	104	Miami	78
Milwaukee	94	Minnesota	90
Phoenix	104	Los Angeles	100
Orlando	91	Detroit	78
Denver	135	Dallas	104
San Antonio	76	Utah	87
Washington	64	Duke	74
St. Francis	73	USC	76
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UNLV 97 Iowa 80

LAS VEGAS (AP) — David Butler marked his return to the lineup with 18 points Saturday, and 13th-ranked UNLV used a smothering defense to hand No. 16 Iowa its first loss, 97-80.

Butler, a senior center who missed UNLV's first six games with academic troubles, scored nine points in the first half as the Runnin' Rebels overcame a slow start to lead by 18 at halftime.

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San Antonio 115 Utah 98

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Terry Cummings scored 28 points and the San Antonio Spurs expanded their Midwest Division lead with a 115-98 victory over the Utah Jazz Saturday night.

The Spurs, who never trailed in the game before a scuffle crowd, now lead the division by 14 games over Denver and two games over the

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guards, we're trying to cover them with six-foot people," he said.

"I was very pleased with our defense most of the night although we did have a few breakdowns. And the free throw shooting was excellent. Those always are the keys in major showdowns," he added.

CSI never trailed, but the Eagles were led four times in the early skirmishing. The last time came when Greg Zuwanich, another all-

journey selection, hit his 10th point of the game to even it up at 16-16.

"We had two great nights in the tournament, particularly Friday when they knocked off (Canadian No. 2-ranked) Southern Alberta Institute of Technology," Trenkle said.

"It was a 6-7 player with good quickness and an excellent touch and I took our big guys a while to slow him down."

Zuwanich wound up with 21

points, fouling out in the closing 30 seconds.

But from that 16-16 point, it appeared CSI was going to break it open. Williams hit four points and Anderson and Sean Colter two each. Nate Jackson's follow shot gave CSI its first double-digit lead at 28-17.

The Eagles kept cruising until they hit that 53-36 advantage. But they didn't score in the last two minutes and Johnson County replied

with 10 straight. Six of those came in the final trip down the court when a personal foul, technical foul and then field goal after the in-bounds pass capped a 53-40 deficit to the 53-46 halftime count.

Chauncey McBride opened the second half with a field goal to cut the deficit to five but Johnson County never had that good again as Williams and Jose Jubb quickly scored for CSI. Still, the Cavaliers

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4-4-20	Jackson 6-4-20, Williams 6-3-5-21
4-5-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-6-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-7-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-8-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-9-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-10-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-11-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-12-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-13-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-14-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-15-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-16-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-17-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-18-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-19-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21
4-20-20	Williams 11-2-21, Johnson 11-2-21

Bowl-bound teams make, spend more than ever

By Linda Robertson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

MIAMI — The University of Miami will receive a \$3.1 million check from the Sugar Bowl, but it will also spend almost \$1 million to transport, house and entertain 521 football players, coaches, cheerleaders and VIPs during a week in New Orleans.

College football bowl games, now referred to by their corporate sponsors, then by their traditional names, are the richest component of the big business of college sport. A major New Year's Day bowl is worth more than an NCAA Final Four appearance.

What the schools do with the \$58.3 million in revenue from the 18 bowls, and what they spend to attend provides a revealing look at how they use the holiday extravaganzas to promote visibility, stock athletic department coffers and spread goodwill among university trustees and donors.

"It's very true in college athletics that the better you are, the better you're going to get because of the publicity and revenue generated from bowls," Miami Athletic Director Sam Jankovich said.

Miami, which as an independent does not have to split its bowl revenue with fellow conference members, has been a major New Year's Day bowl every year since starting the string in the 1984 Orange Bowl Classic. Profits have been used to upgrade athletic facilities, support non-revenue sports, build reserve funds, and pay coaches' competitive salaries, Jankovich said.

"That, in turn, allows Miami to attract the best players and keep on winning. The same goes for perennial contenders Nebraska,

Oklahoma and Notre Dame. Michigan and Southern Cal will each receive \$5.5 million for competing in the Rose Bowl, the most profitable bowl.

Florida State earns \$3 million from the Fiesta, and the University of Florida gets \$500,000 from the Freedom Bowl.

Expenses for taking hundreds of people — and everything from drug testing to laundry to motorcycle escorts — out deeply into profits.

Bowl money usually winds up back in the athletic department budget, although Miami and Notre Dame have placed some in their general funds, and Florida State improved its library. Schools such as Colorado and Alabama can budget bowl money every year because the conference champion must share profits with fellow members.

The rich get richer, and also gain invaluable notoriety for the school.

Miami President Tad Foote is taking a "presidential party" of 50 to New York or Washington or Tallahassee for meetings.

Notre Dame is spending about \$30,000 on entertainment at the Orange Bowl. About 400 people are making the trip, which is costing Notre Dame \$500,000 in air fare because players are allowed to fly in from their homes across the country after Christmas.

"We usually have a fashion show and a president's ball, and those things are important for the officers of the university,"

said Joel O'Bryan, Notre Dame's business manager.

Jankovich would not provide a complete accounting of Miami's \$944,000 Sugar Bowl budget, but said "we cut corners wherever we could."

The last time Miami went to the Sugar in 1986, expenses were \$665,000. Hotel rates have doubled since then, said Lieberman, one of the officials who reviewed and approved Jankovich's budget request.

"Sam is very conscientious," Lieberman said. "Nothing I see is wasteful or extravagant."

Miami probably could have made another \$1,294,000 had it not lost to Florida State, thereby earning an Orange Bowl bid instead. Expenses for staying home still would have been about \$650,000, Jankovich said.

How bowl revenue is used has been a source of conflict between Jankovich and Foote and is an academics vs. athletics tug of war at many schools.

"The athletic department wants every penny of course, and that's understandable," Foote said. "But we try to make decisions based on the university's needs as a whole."

At Florida State, most bowl revenue gets funneled back to other sports, although President Bernard Sliger has the last word, and last year transferred \$300,000 to the library, according to law professor Charles Ehrhardt, chairman of the athletic board.

Jankovich said the Miami athletic department needs the money "because the day we decide to move forward will be a dramatic mistake."

"I believe it's been unfortunate not to keep the money we've generated through our success," Jankovich said. "The interest also should have been tagged to the athletic

department. Still, I can live with what's taken place."

Miami's policy is to put bowl revenue into an unbudgeted windfall into a reserve fund. By the end of the fiscal year in June, the Board of Trustees decides what to do with it, based on Foote's recommendation.

In 1985, when OB paying \$1.8 million, athletes received 44 percent of the \$800,000 Orange Bowl profit. After budgeting even in the 1985 Fiesta, athletes received much smaller percentages of the 1986 Sugar and 1987 Fiesta profits that totalled roughly \$2.8 million.

Last season, all the 1989 Orange Bowl profit went to athletics; 50 percent of the 1988 Orange Bowl profit went into Miami's general fund, Lieberman said.

"For the last two years, we have put as much as possible into an athletic department reserve to hedge against the distant possibility — say, late in the 21st century — when Miami won't win as many games," Foote said.

In the past two years, Jankovich also has used \$240,000 to improve the football practice fields and offices; \$200,000 to help build the Hall of Fame and \$75,000 to resurface the track.

After the Sugar Bowl, he hopes to put another \$1 million in reserve, build a permanent tower for football practice, and buy better football video equipment and new competing for the Hecht Athletic Center.

The Dolphins can get a wild-card berth if they win and the Colts, Browns and Steelers lose.

Football information directors the ones to watch this week

By DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

Forget about Sam Wyche and Jerry Glanville; Buddy Ryan and Mike Ditka.

The guys to watch in this final week of the NFL season are two pleasant chaps named Dick Maxwell and Peter Abitante, the guys who sell you who makes the playoffs.

"This is the craziest it's been in the seven years I've been doing it," says Abitante, information director of the AFC, which headed into the final weekend with 11 of its 14 teams having at least a sliver of a chance for making the playoffs.

Maxwell has it easier — he can sit at home and watch the game today — scenario and give you the 49ers, Giants, Vikings, Rams and Eagles as his playoff teams.

But it could get stranger with a couple of upsets.

The weekend started Saturday with three significant games. Buffalo, 9-7, beat the Jets 37-0 and clinched the AFC East.

Then Washington, 10-6, won 29-0 at Seattle, 8-8. The Redskins were out of the playoff picture and the Seahawks would have needed a victory and a miraculous combination of losses by other contenders to advance. Next came the AFC Central title game between Houston, 9-6, and Cleveland, 8-6-1. The winner clinched the division; the loser stays alive in the wild-card race with the Oilers having a better chance than the Browns to make it in the back door.

Seven Sunday's 10 games have some playoff significance.

The key games include Green Bay at Dallas; Indianapolis at New Orleans; Kansas City at Miami; the Raiders at the Giants; the Rams at



New England; Phoenix at Philadelphia and Pittsburgh at Tampa Bay.

The other three games Sunday are Detroit at Atlanta, with both teams out, plus Chicago at San Francisco and Denver at San Diego. The 49ers and Broncos have already clinched both their division titles and the home-field advantage in the playoffs.

Los Angeles Raiders (8-7) at New York Giants (11-4)

The Giants have already clinched a wild-card berth and took over first in the NFC East when the Eagles lost to the Saints on Monday night. All they need to do here is win or tie and they win the division; plus at least one home playoff game. They also could lose in if they and the Eagles both lose.

The Raiders blew their chance to clinch a wild-card when they lost 23-17 in Seattle last Sunday night to drop to 1-6 on the road, something that doesn't bode well for Sunday. One way to recoup is to win and hope that Cleveland and Indianapolis also lose, although other scenarios might suffice.

Cincinnati (8-7) at Minnesota (9-6) (Monday night)

The Vikings' position is simple. Win and they're the NFC Central champs; lose and they're out of the playoffs entirely unless Green Bay happens to lose in Dallas on Sunday.

Since the Bengals are in the AFC,

nothing is simple, even with their 61-7 blowout of Houston last week.

They may, in fact, be out of it even before the game begins. To make it, they need to win and have Houston lose on Saturday and Pittsburgh win on Sunday.

Green Bay (9-6) at Dallas (11-4)

"Whatever happens, it's been a great season," says Packers coach Lindy Infante, 4-12 a year ago.

It could get greater if the Pack, as it should, wins here and the Vikings lose Monday night. That would give Green Bay its first division title since 1972.

Dallas, of course, is setting negative records — it already has the most losses in its history and even with a win would still finish worse than any season since its first, in 1960, when it was 0-11-1.

"We can't just throw out hat on the field," says Infante, whose team beat the Cowboys 31-13 in Green Bay. "The Cowboys are a lot better team than the one we played the first time."

Indianapolis (8-7) at New Orleans (8-7)

The Colts suddenly need only a win to make the playoffs as a wild-card and could get the game at home, depending on how other things develop. But they must have been watching the Saints beat the Eagles Monday night — and if they were, they know extending the season another week won't be easy.

The Saints suddenly have found a quarterback in John Foureard, a veteran of 10 years in four leagues who made his first non-strike NFL start two weeks ago and now has 6 TD passes in his two games.

Indianapolis will be best staying Eric Dickerson — the Saints are first against the run, last against the pass.

Kansas City (7-7-1) at Miami (8-7)

The Chiefs were the coming team until they stumbled against San Diego last week, allowing Marion

Butts to rush for 176 yards. Now they have to stop Dan Marino's passing to have a shot.

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The Chiefs can make it with a win and various combinations of wins and losses involving the Bills, Colts, Bengals, Browns, Steelers and Raiders.

Los Angeles Rams (10-5) at New England (5-10)

This is the NFC so it's relatively easy — the Rams win and they're in as a wild-card team.

In fact, the only way they can miss is by losing and having Philadelphia, Washington, Green Bay and Minnesota win. That would leave them in a three-way tie for the second wild-card spot, which the Packers would win because they would have a better conference record.

The Patriots are playing for next year with the quarterback of their future and the Raiders' past — Marc Wilson.

Phoenix (5-10) at Philadelphia (10-5)

Assuming the Eagles can recover from Monday night's shock in New Orleans, they should make the playoffs — they need just to win against a team they beat 17-5 in Phoenix and they will be the NFC's home wild-card team. Should they win and the Giants lose to the Raiders, they win the division.

In fact, the only way the Eagles miss out is if they lose to the Rams, Washington, Green Bay and Minnesota all win. That would leave them in a three-way tie with the Redskins and Packers mid, as in the Rams' scenario, the Packers' 10-4 conference record would win out.

Pittsburgh (8-7) at Tampa Bay (5-10)

That the Steelers are here after losing their first two games by a combined score of 92-10 is a miracle. But despite the complicated

scenario, it's not that hard for them to make the playoffs.

They have to win, naturally. Then they need a Houston victory over Cleveland and losses by Cincinnati and Indianapolis, both of whom are underdogs.

Chicago (6-9) at San Francisco (13-2)

What was supposed to be a showcase game is now a no-case game.

The 49ers are resting up for a short workout and that's it. The Bears are gearing up for next season.

If the Bucs beat the Steelers or not out of the question — and the Bears lose, they finish LAST in a division that they had won for five straight years. In fact, out of the seventh week of this season, the Chicago had not been out of first place for more than 5 years.

Denver (11-4) at San Diego (5-10)

It's countdown to playoff time for

the Broncos, who will just tune things up. John Elway, with his ribs aching, may get no more than a workout.

For the Chargers, it's countdown to a new era — Steve Ormayer, the general manager, was fired this week and Bobby Beathard is the heir apparent. The way Beathard works, by next year at this time, we could be listing San Diego playoff scenarios.

Detroit (6-9) at Atlanta (13-12)

For Atlanta, which has had a dismal season both on and off the field, the only thing at stake is the first pick in the draft — the Cowboys gave theirs away by picking Steve Walsh in the supplemental.

The Lions are giving Barry Sanders a shot at the team's single season rushing mark in his rookie year and are also looking for an almost unheard-of fifth straight win. Are happy days here again?

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The Magic Valley Jaycees and area water skiers will be raising money during the 3rd annual "Freeze On Skis" by water skiing on New Years Day at Shoshone Falls, starting at 12:30.

The net proceeds will go to the Children's Medical Fund.

Anyone interested in skiing or making a donation should call President Henk Heeling at 734-5065 or 733-7762. Pledge donation form can be picked up at Century Boatland or Barton's Jewelry. T-shirt Shirts will be given to participants and prized will be awarded including a ski donated by Century Boatland to the top fundraiser.



Area man to speak at fertilizer convention

POCATELLO - "LISA is not my favorite girl" will be one presentation during the Idaho Fertilizer and Chemical Conference 1990 convention Jan. 16-17.

Todd Tremblay of Magic Valley Enterprises in Twin Falls will discuss low-input sustainable agriculture on the first day of the conference.

Other speakers during the two-day event will include John Bailey of the Snake River Chemical Co. in Twin Falls and Bill Whitton, Rupert mayor editor of Farm Times of Idaho. Dale Stukenholz of Twin Falls will discuss potash fertilization.

The conference will also feature experts speaking on chemical marketing, salesmanship, practical public relations, innovations, legal changes, the environment, fertilization and solutions to soil problems.

The conference will be at the Quality Inn in Pocatello. More information is available from 233-2200. Advance cost is \$45 per person.

Jerome woman participates in Goodyear awards program

LITCHFIELD PARK, Ariz. - Marcia Jara, Jerome, participated in the 42nd annual Goodyear Conservation Awards Program Dec. 15-18.

She is one of 100 board members nationwide representing grand award-winning conservation districts in competitions sponsored by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. in cooperation with the National Association of Conservation Districts.

The program recognizes conservation districts and individual conservationists in the 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands and Guam.

Grain group elects Rupert man to vice president

BOISE - Don Suchan of Rupert has been elected vice president of the Idaho Grain Producers Association.

He was elected to the position at the IGPA annual meeting, held during the first Interstate Convention of the Idaho, Oregon and Washington wheat and barley producers in Portland.

Southern Idaho Rural Council elects 1990 officers

JEROME - The Southern Idaho Rural Council has elected its 1990 officers.

Colleen Lockwood of Shoshone became president. Walt Mueller of Twin Falls was elected vice president. Barbara Jenks of Wendell was re-elected secretary. Sheri Mueller of Twin Falls will be treasurer and Dick Parrott was elected reporter.

Burks attends international agriculture equipment meeting

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Rod and Doug Burks of Burks Tractor Inc. in Twin Falls, and John and Bob Cameron of Cameron Sales Inc. in Rupert recently attended a Case International 1990 agricultural equipment business meeting. Participants viewed the full-line of Case International equipment, including recent changes on Magnum tractors and Axial-Flow combines.

They participated in a special dealer preview of the Maxxum tractor.

156 Idahoans receive refund checks around \$300

BOISE - One hundred fifty-six Idaho taxpayers have refund checks averaging \$300.84 each that have been returned to the Internal Revenue Service as undeliverable.

Taxpayers who believe they have checks among those returned should call 800-424-1040.

New income tax withholding laws take effect on Jan. 1

BOISE - Agricultural employers and workers should remember that farmworkers' wages subject to Social Security withholding are also subject to income tax withholding as of Jan. 1, according to the Merry Trudeau, IRS public affairs officer.

Employers should obtain a Form W-4 from each affected worker. It should become effective the first pay period following its receipt. If the employee does not provide a W-4 to the employer, withholding should be calculated at the single rate with no exemptions.

Wendell vet consults in home town

By MARK KIND Times-News writer

WENDELL - Veterinarian Bill Kearley may have debunked the adage that no prophet is respected in his own homeland.

"I've kind of wanted to prove that you can be a consultant in your own backyard," he said.

A native of Wendell, Kearley owns and operates Dairy Health Services, a consulting practice serving producers throughout Jerome and Twin Falls counties.



An occasional look at Magic Valley entrepreneurs, big and small

If success is measured in numbers, Kearley has earned some bragging rights. As a boy growing up on the farm where he now lives, he helped his parents care for a dairy herd of six. Now, he helps producers manage 10,000 cows in 30 different herds.

"I am a farmer. I think like a farmer. That's why I got into the dairy consulting business."

He calls what he does "dairy production, medicine." Rather than waiting for dairymen to call with their emergency veterinary needs, Kearley participates with farmers in managing their herds for maximum milk production.

"My goal is to help dairymen make more profit."

His basic objectives are the same ones dairymen have sought for years - good nutrition and disease prevention. In an age of computerization and genetic engineering, Kearley keeps abreast of developments in both fields. But the real trick is applying the new technologies to solving old problems, such as mastitis prevention.



Dr. Bill Kearley, left, goes over production records with dairymen Mike Quesnell as part of his consulting role

"We knew 30 years ago how to prevent mastitis and we're still having trouble doing it." Mastitis is a disease of the udders that reduces the quality of milk and can require destruction of the cow.

His computerized record-keeping service is probably most popular. Using regular measurements of milk production year-around, Kearley determines when a herd's production peaks. Then he tries to boost that peak higher.

"Every pound of milk added to peak production adds 200 to 250 pounds to the cow's lactation period," he explained.

Another option for farmers is to change calving season from springtime, when all dairies are producing milk full speed, to autumn, when milk supplies are low and demand is high. Such a management

procedure demands shelter for the cows to protect them from possible wet weather while calving and lactating, Kearley said.

Getting started as an expert in the same town where he grew up wasn't easy. Occasionally, farmers still remind him just how well they know him.

"It takes a while to establish itself," he said. "Some of my clients have known me since I was born."

But now as farmers compare their results, more are interested in learning about his management system. And veterinarians around the United States are taking notice.

"We're in an expansion phase," he said. "Part of my goal is to help other veterinarians start this type of program."

Another veterinarian works with him in a more traditional role of surgeon and

emergency practitioner. Kearley attributes his success to an effort to tailor his services to individual farmers' needs.

"I always sit down and go through the goals with a dairymen before selling my services to him. My goal is never to sell something that's not worth it."

Kearley earned his doctorate in veterinary medicine from Washington State University in 1976. He worked in other practices before opening Dairy Health Services in 1985.

"I wanted to work in a little different area. They were using the term 'production medicine' and starting to define it. I've tried to gain some knowledge and share that knowledge."

Farm water export plan worries Colorado leaders

The Associated Press

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. - A plan to send farm water from Colorado, Wyoming and Utah to growing cities in California and Arizona has the support of four former western governors, but worries current Colorado water leaders.

Dubbed the "son of Galloway," the plan being circulated by the Golden-based Reservoir Conservation Group Inc. would pay farmers to forego irrigation water once every three years. The Galloway proposal, abandoned several years ago, called for using southwest states' funding to build reservoirs in western Colorado and ship the

water downstream. The profits from the new plan would go to investors and to the states where the water originated, said Clyde Martz, a retired Denver water lawyer and consultant to the group.

Backing the plan are four former Western governors: John Love of Colorado, Ed Herscher of Wyoming, Scott Matheson of Utah and Bruce Rabbitt of Arizona, and other well-placed water lawyers and investors from across the country.

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Bill McDonald, director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, said, "I've seen absolutely nothing in this that persuades me the state should have any part in the scam."

"It's simply not in Colorado's interest to dry up (farm land) to send water to the lower basin," he added.

But proponents hope that by mid-1990, they'll win nods of agreement from the seven Western states in the Colorado River

basin: Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico in the upper basin, and Nevada, Arizona and California in the lower basin.

Kent Borchard, a Meeker attorney and vice president of the group, said the plan will have something in it to benefit each state.

"For the upper basin states, there will be new money flowing into farmers' pockets and state coffers. For the lower basin states, there will be new water that has been used to irrigate fields in the upper basin."

Martz envisions securing rotating lease contracts with farmers in Colorado, Utah and Wyoming, who will agree to not take

Yeutter calls 1989 one of best years for farmers

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter says that 1989 has been "one of the best ever" years for the American farmer and that 1990 is being circulated by the Golden-based Reservoir Conservation Group Inc. would pay farmers to forego irrigation water once every three years. The Galloway proposal, abandoned several years ago, called for using southwest states' funding to build reservoirs in western Colorado and ship the

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changes in all of these programs in the 1990 farm bill because those may be desirable in their own right ... we're not going to unilaterally disarm internationally in that legislation," Yeutter said.

"So, whether we're talking about sugar, the wheat program or an other program, I determined that we not forgo any of our negotiating leverage in that 1990 legislative debate," he added. "But at the same time, I am not prepared to accept the arguments of any individual industry to the effect that says all changes in the program are off-limits."

Yeutter, who joined President Bush's Cabinet last January, was U.S. trade representative in the Reagan administration and has been in the thick of Uruguay Round negotiations since those began Sept. 20, 1986, in Punta del Este, Uruguay.

"I'm always an optimist, as you know," he said about the final push during talks in 1990. "But, certainly, I do not underestimate the negotiating challenge. It will be significant indeed."



CLAYTON YEUTTER Says 1990 to be critical time

Bloated USDA office network needs trimming, says GOA report calling for another try

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Some day, some year, Congress will have to trim the sprawling network of USDA offices maintained by the Agriculture Department that programs in 1988, for example, USDA spent more than \$1 billion and employed more than 170,000 full-time employees.

"Various administrations and USDA analysts have been saying for 44 years that a remodeling is long overdue," said the report. "The General Accounting Office says it's time for another try."

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Farmers earning less than economists say

WASHINGTON (AP) — Newly revised income figures by the Agriculture Department show that farmers haven't been making as much money the last few years as agency economists had been reporting.

The Economic Research Service, the department's professional agency that keeps the financial books on agriculture, on Wednesday issued revised estimates raising higher expenses than had been used in the earlier computation.

"It doesn't change what actually happened, of course," said agency economist Greg Gajewski. "It changes our perception ... but I can't see that it changes the direction of anything."

One of the effects was to reduce the net cash income of farmers — the money left over after deducting cash expenses from gross cash proceeds during the calendar year. It includes government payments and proceeds from crops grown in earlier years.

The revisions, based on 1987 figures from the federal government, showed that net cash income in 1987 was \$54.5 billion instead of the \$57.7 billion reported as recently as a month ago.

In 1988, according to the revisions, net cash income of farmers rose to \$57.2 billion — not to the \$59.9 billion stated previously.

This year, according to the agency's new report, net cash income of farmers may be in the range of \$52 billion to \$57 billion. That is unchanged from the earlier forecast.

Gajewski, who oversees preparation of the monthly

report, said that the 1987 census benchmark now being used showed that farm expenses run out about 3 percent higher than had been estimated earlier.

"It suggests farmers did a little less well than we thought they were doing," Gajewski said in a telephone interview.

But he noted that despite the downward revisions, the new income numbers for those years are still records and that "the rebound from the financial crisis is still very real."

The revised figures also prompted changes in another method of farm accounting used by the agency. That involves "net farm income" which measures the value of production, including federal payments, in a specific year. Changes in the value of crop and livestock inventories are part of the annual accounting.

Under this method, net farm income in 1987 was \$43.5 billion instead of the \$47.1 billion reported previously. In 1988, net farm income was revised to \$47.7 billion from \$45.7 billion.

This year's estimate was pegged at \$48 billion instead of in a range of \$48 billion to \$53 billion used a month ago.

Gajewski said the revisions are "part of the profession" of economics and are done regularly, year after year.

"When the government stops revising numbers, that's when you have to start really worrying," he said. "To some extent, it takes a lot of courage to go back and lower income numbers."

Encouraging imagination use produces winning toys, profits

CLEVELAND (AP) — In an age of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Nintendo, two women who started a toy company in their basement have created a growing business that relies on an endless source of entertainment — a child's imagination.

Phyllis Brody and Evelyn Greenwald, owners of Creative Activities Inc., banked on children's curiosity and ingenuity when they founded Creativity for Kids in 1979.

"So many of the other toys are entertaining you ... With our toys, rather than a child being passive, they participate," said Mrs. Brody, 53, a former social worker. "People go into one of the toy supermarkets and buy what the kids says they want from television ads rather than buying something that is more in line with the kids' interests."

The idea has paid off. The business has moved into a Cleveland warehouse as sales have increased 30 to 40 percent each of the last five years. The two Cleveland Heights owners say it is accurate to estimate that sales exceeded \$2 million in 1989, though they decline to give specific sales figures.

The company's 40 kits contain materials to transform old boxes into cars or dollhouses, safety pins and sequins into bracelets and cardboard tubes and clothepins into dolls, puppets and monsters.

Harry Guckert, publisher of Playthings, the New York-based trade magazine founded in 1903 for the toy industry, said Creativity for Kids has carved out a special niche in the toy market.

"Creativity for Kids is excellent," Guckert said. "We call them specialty retailers. The two gals have researched the market and their company is strong. There are a lot of companies in this differentiated market that are not."

The company's products have won seven Parents' Choice awards, a toy industry award for excellence.

Many of the kits are just a collection of household items, the kind of stuff parents used to assemble for play on a rainy day — feathers, glue, colored paper, corks, paint, fabric, wood and yarn. She said the kits satisfy the needs of working parents who don't have the time to spend hours with their child to offer children creative opportunities.

Ten employees work at company headquarters, mailing orders to about 1,000 small toy shops nationwide that feature educational and specialty products.



Phyllis Brody, top, and Evelyn Greenwald founded 'Creativity for Kids' in their basement 12 years ago

The employees order hundreds of pounds of feathers, millions of brightly eyes, pine cones and an array of other items. The suppliers ship the items to a sheltered workshop program where handicapped workers assemble the toy kits.

"The kits are a combination of facts, playing and learning. They make up their own rules — no one tells them how to do it," Ms. Brody said.

For \$7.95, the Let's Pretend Travel Kit includes maps, passports, postcards and tickets. The Let's Pretend Restaurant offers dinnerware, menus, placemats, order pads and other items needed for a restaurant.

Mutual fund questions Tradewinds for the 1990s raised

NEW YORK (AP) — As they plan their strategies for the 1990s, mutual fund investors might well find themselves in a quandary.

Should they place their bets on aggressive stock funds, hoping that the next decade will keep up the bull-market dramas of the '80s? Or should they take a more defensive approach, reasoning that the next ten years lie ahead?

For the ordinary investor not equipped with the power to foresee the future, advisers say a compromise could be in order — a fund that pursues the dual objectives of growth and income.

But the category invests heavily in the stock market. But they generally shy away from shooting for big winners in speculative, high-risk issues.

Rather, they tend to focus on growth and income in other, steadier stocks whose size and record suggests they are unlikely to experience a sudden nosedive.

In addition, many of those stocks offer more generous dividend yields than can be found in younger companies, which keep most or all of the money they make to plow back into the business for growth.

A healthy dividend yield theoretically provides support should the stock market in general run into a prolonged period of weakness.

Sounds pretty good, doesn't it? One brokerage house goes so far in its current promotional literature as to bill growth-and-income funds "the best of both worlds."

Looking for long-term growth of capital and income, without excessive price volatility? It says: "Growth and income funds may be for you."

The skeptical reader might detect a whiff of exaggeration in any claim of that sort. Normally, to get high dividend income, you have to accept relatively modest prospects for capital gains, or vice versa.

As in my compromise, in other words, you expect to give up something to get something in return. Later, however, growth and income funds have been defying that

time-honored logic.

According to the Wiesenberger Investment Companies Service, which monitors the performance of more than 900 mutual funds, growth and income funds averaged a total return — capital gains plus dividends — of 125 percent from the end of 1983 through the third quarter of 1989.

That surpassed the 109.1 percent gain posted by long-term growth funds; 98.2 percent for funds seeking maximum capital gains, and 97.3 percent investing in stocks, mainly for income.

Since they occurred over a span of nearly six years, it's hard to dismiss these results as a temporary aberration. Managers of the best growth and income funds must have been doing something right.

Also, analysts say, they had help from market conditions. In the latter half of the 1980s, there has been an extended vogue for the kind of big-name stocks that growth and income funds like to own.

Price indexes of utility stocks, another favorite holding, recently soared to new highs. Perhaps most important of all, these funds have thrived on a combination of rising stock prices and falling interest rates — trends that have not always coincided in the past.

Can they keep it up in the new decade? Most observers agree the answer depends in large measure on whether investment fashions change.

From the mid-1970s until the summer of 1983, the atmosphere favored low-dividend, rapid growth stocks. Sales of mutual funds specializing in that sector of the market soared just as they were approaching their peak.

Were stocks to fall and interest rates rise in some future period, growth and income funds could find themselves hit with a double whammy.



MICHELLE BRECHT
New manager of Maurice's
A Burley native has been promoted to manager of Maurice's, in the Blue Lakes Shopping Center. Michelle Brecht has worked with Maurice's since August.

Joanne Moore and Ann Sparks, agents and customer service representatives with Hamilton Insurance & Associates, recently earned the Certified Professional Service representative designation. Moore and Sparks had to complete six classes to earn the designation from Northeastern University, the National Association of Insurance Agents and PIA of Idaho.

But for now, at least, they can boast that they have allowed "single-liner" investors to outscore their counterparts who swing for the fences.

The ES has them in neatly all of the counties.

In all, the four agencies operate approximately 10,600 county offices. Additionally, the Federal Crop Insurance Corp. operates through a network of government office and private insurance agents who are "often located close to or with one or more of" existing USDA field offices, the report said.

Although GAO found many senior department officials agreeing on the need for streamlining the delivery system for farm programs, most thought it too difficult politically.

"For example, two officials, who believed the current structure was costly and ineffective and needed to be changed, also believed such change would be politically unpalatable and too disruptive," the report said.

As early as 1945, proposals were made to streamline USDA's field structure, the GAO said. And there have been eight major studies the past 20 years.

Of the various kinds of streamlining, GAO found "collocation" of offices under one

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irrigation water every third year.

"They'll get more money for their water than they would have on their crop," Borchard said.

Other water would come from unused water in existing reservoirs, like Fontanelle in Wyoming, and from the three states' unused share of water allotted in the Colorado River Compact.

Martz said it should add up to 500,000 acre-feet a year, enough water for 2 million urban dwellers.

Best-tasting corn is also hardest to grow

PARMA (AP) — The problem with growing delicious, tasty sweet corn, farm researchers say, is that corn that tastes the best is the hardest to grow.

"The really tender, crumby, sweet varieties... tend to be the ones that produce the poorest quality seed, although the industry has made major strides toward overcoming this problem," said Dale Wilson, seed physiologist at the University of Idaho farm research center at Parma.

More than 90 percent of the nation's sweet corn seed, and nearly all of its supersweet corn seed, is produced in a southwestern Idaho's Treasure Valley.

University of Idaho scientists

studying the problem of poor emergence in supersweet corn seed have found that protecting the seed against fungi sharply increases its survival rate.

Seedling blight typically kills up to 50 percent of fungicide-treated seedlings within several weeks of planting, said Wilson. Research this year shows that leaving the seed unprotected makes the problem even worse.

Wilson and plant pathologist Krishna Mohan found 50 randomly selected seedlots produced surviving rates ranging from 7 to 88 percent one month after planting, if left unprotected by fungicides.

All the seedlots were grown in

Idaho, except for two each in California and Washington.

The researchers also found wide variations in response to fungicide seed treatment, apparently due to planting date and soil conditions.

Wilson said seed treatments should include one chemical highly effective against pythium and related fungi, one that is wide spectrum protectant and one that acts systemically to control seed-borne fungi.

"There is some flexibility in exactly which chemical they apply, but they need one from each of these classes," said Wilson. Still, he said fungicides didn't enhance seed emergence in all locations.

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biggest job source in town.

"Most of USDA's farm service agencies were established during the 1930s in response to the Great Depression," the GAO report said. "In that era, communication and transportation systems limited the geographic boundaries covered by any single field office."

Because of these and other reasons, USDA established a highly decentralized field office system to serve the large number of small, widely dispersed, family owned farms. From 1932 to 1948, USDA employment grew from 22,000 to 79,000.

The GAO review included a look at a number of department agencies, including the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS), Farm Home Administration (FmHA), Soil Conservation Service (SCS) and Extension Service (ES).

According to the review, the ASCS and SCS maintain offices in about 85 percent of the nation's 3,150 counties; the FmHA has offices in more than 60 percent, and

roof — which leaves the structure generally intact — to be the most successful.

"Collocating offices often reduces program delivery costs through sharing equipment, technical expertise and tasks," the report said. "Program recipients also benefit by being able to transact all their USDA business in one location."

In a 1985 study, the department found that ASCS, SCS, FmHA and ES were totally collocated in 1982 in 476 counties. Not counting ES, the agencies were collocated in 1,438 counties.

However, the report stated that from 1982 to 1985, collocated offices were separating more frequently than offices were collocating, and that collocation did not necessarily lead to increased cooperation among the agencies," the GAO said.

Moreover, it said, USDA "no longer tracks collocations in the detail needed for management to determine the extent to which counties are collocated."

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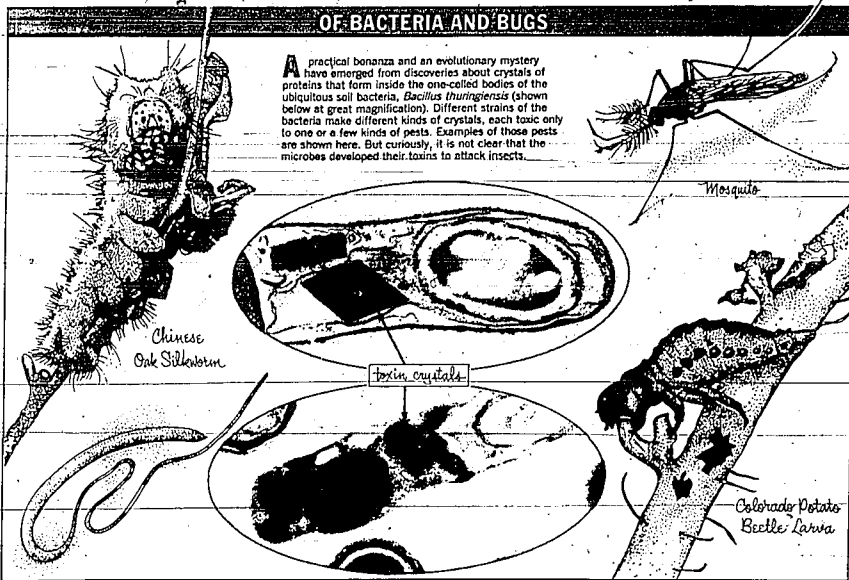
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Bacteria Bt fights insects with natural toxin Researchers looking into it's use

The Washington Post

The scientists studying *Bacillus thuringiensis* and the companies spending millions of dollars to bring it to market say they are absolutely sure about one thing: Bt, as it is known — a species of microscopic bacterium found in almost every handful of soil the world over — has the potential to replace an entire generation of chemical pesticides.

Just about everything else about the bacteria is a mystery. Even in the past two or three years, as Bt has achieved almost-celebrity status among those who make a living thinking of better ways to kill bugs, and as scientists have embarked on a worldwide hunt for new strains of the microbe, the questions surrounding Bt have only grown.

For one thing, most of the numerous varieties of Bt contain a chemical, carried in the form of a crystal, that is lethal to a specific kind of insect while harmless to all others. How some scientists would like to know, did this seemingly innocuous soil bacterium develop such a powerful and selective weapon against insects?

There are theories, of course. But they are all so speculative and sometimes so contradictory that it seems likely Bt will make millions for its manufacturers long before it is fully understood by scientists.

"I don't have any explanation for Bt," said Jewel Payne, who as a senior scientist for one of the world's largest Bt research projects — run by San Diego's Mycogen Corp. — should, if anyone does, "The more you learn about Bt, the less you believe that the classical answers really are the answer."

Since it was discovered in Japan at the beginning of this century, Bt has been something of an oddity. While viruses, fungi and man-made chemicals are all capable of killing insects, bacteria usually aren't.

Every single-celled individual of Bt, however, carries a crystal, made of a number of fairly powerful toxic protein molecules. The toxins bind to the gut of an insect and poke holes in its intestines, literally draining the life from it.

For years it was thought that these toxins worked only against caterpillars, and as a result Bt was touted as an environmentally safe garden pesticide.

In the past decade, however, researchers have stumbled onto hundreds of previously unknown varieties of Bt, each with crystals of different shapes carrying different combinations of toxins.

In Israel, scientists found a Bt strain that kills mosquitoes. In Germany, a strain that kills certain beetles was found, followed by the discovery in California of one that kills nematode roundworms. With hundreds of strains of Bt still untested, at least a half-dozen companies around the world are conducting screening programs to see what else the bacteria can kill.

"I would bet my bottom dollar that there are Bt isolates for virtually any insect you can name," said Arthur Aronson, a biologist at Purdue University. "This is a bacteria that can exploit anything it can get into."

The advantage of using Bt as a pesticide is that the toxins are believed to be harmless to humans, can be targeted to kill narrow groups of insects pests and do not persist in the environment.

Enthusiasts say Bt also offers a remarkably flexible tool for agricultural researchers. Each of the Bt crystals is made of several toxins. Each is the product of a specific gene.

If researchers want to make a more concentrated dose of Bt poison, they can create genetically engineered varieties of Bt by deleting genes for less potent toxins or adding genes for more potent ones. Or they can add a gene from a different Bt, giving the bacteria the ability to kill, say, beetles and caterpillars.

Even more sophisticated are the delivery systems being devised for the bacteria. Mycogen puts a powerful Bt crystal in a sprayed coating that allows it to be sprayed on fields. Other firms have taken individual toxin genes and inserted them directly into the genomes (gene set) of individual crops, giving the plants their own natural

protection against certain pests. Advocates of this approach say these techniques promise a new era in agriculture, in which many traditional chemical pesticides could be replaced with safer alternatives.

But scientists are not closer to a general puzzle about the origin of this bacterium's remarkable powers. Surely, scientists argue, the Bt crystal must serve some practical function, since the cell uses as much as half its energy making the toxins and evolutionary theory teaches that no organism expends that much effort on an idle pastime.

But what could it be doing? One explanation is that over the course of evolution, Bt developed its ability to kill insects to compete against other soil organisms for food. If Bt could kill anything that ate it, the theory goes, then it could feast, and multiply in profusion, on the carcasses of its victims, freed from having to scramble with other soil-dwellers for microscopic table scraps.

The problem with this theory is that when Bt actually does kill an insect, according to tests on fields sprayed with the live bacteria, it doesn't take advantage of its kill.

"It spends all that energy making the (toxin) proteins, and then it doesn't grow once it's killed the insect," said Payne. "From an evolutionary point of view, it doesn't make any sense."

On top of that, about half or more of the known Bt don't kill anything, which doesn't make evolutionary sense either. Finally and perhaps most bafflingly, Bt strains don't always show up in the regions where their target insects live.

"I find Bt where I don't find insects, and where I find insects, I either don't find Bt or I don't find the kind of Bt that would kill them," said Phyllis Martin, a research microbiologist at the Agricultural Research Service in Beltsville, Md., who has studied Bt from around the world.

Wheat crop aid calls not likely

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the 1990 wheat crop is already suffering, can Congress federal-drought aid be far behind?

Probably not, government officials say. A weekly weather-and-crop bulletin by the departments of Agriculture and Commerce said winter wheat was in "fair to good" condition across the country, although Russian wheat aphids were at work in some areas.

"The Great Plains remained dry" the week of Dec. 4-10, the report said. "Snow provided some needed moisture and reduced insect activity in the central and northern Great Plains."

But farmers in Kansas and other Plains states are looking at the possibility of drought for the third straight year. Winter wheat farmers, particularly, are concerned for the crop they planted this fall and will harvest next summer.

Collectively, farmers were paid \$3.9 billion in federal aid for 1988 drought losses and stand to get \$897 million under 1989 provisions. As of Nov. 30, about \$319.7 million had been paid out for this year's losses.

Bob Dole, R-Kan., was asked last month about the possibility of Congress being asked again for disaster aid if winter wheat filtered because of drought.

"I would guess if there is another disaster, we're going to respond," Dole said. "Now it looks like if we don't get some moisture fairly soon, it's going to be a repeat performance."

Dole acknowledged that many in Congress, including himself, want farmers to start relying on federal crop insurance to take care of bad harvests, but he said that won't happen until lawmakers improve the program.

Every year we make these statements. No more disaster aid. It's going to be crop insurance. We haven't reached that point yet," said Dole. "It may come up in the farm bill next year."

Earlier this month at the National Press Club, Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter was asked about

Dole's comments. Kansas historically is the No. 1 wheat producer.

"If drought conditions persist, Congress will inevitably look at drought aid. That is as — you can bank that as easily as death and taxes — assuredly so," Yeutter said. "And it's unfortunate that dry conditions do persist once again out in the winter wheat producing areas."

Congress is in the midst of writing a new farm bill to replace the 1985 law that expires next year. Yeutter said the whole question of crop insurance and "so-called ad hoc disaster assistance programs" should be reviewed.

It was said that disaster aid for farmers in 1988 was increased by it being a presidential election year. But there were no national elections this year, when a scaled-down relief measure was adopted.

Although the number of farmers continues its long-term decline, farmers and their organizations retain considerable clout on Capitol Hill. Whether that can translate into political advantage for one party or the other is open to question.

Former Truman aide and the line with farmers July 15, 1948, when he accepted his party's presidential nomination in Philadelphia.

"Confidence and security have been brought to the people by the Democratic Party," Truman said. "Farm income has increased from less than \$2.5 billion in 1932 to more than \$18 billion in 1947."

Truman added: "Never in the world were the farmers of any republic or any kingdom or any other country as prosperous as the farmers of the United States, and if they don't do their duty by the Democratic Party they are the most ungrateful people in the world."

Some time after his stunning win against the GOP's Thomas Dewey that fall, Truman noted that he lost four Southern states to "Dixiecrats" but carried 13 of the biggest urban states and seven major farm states — Missouri, California, Iowa, Illinois, Texas, Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Scientists developing different chip spuds

ABERDEEN (AP) — Idaho's small but growing potato chip industry has a new potato adapted especially to western irrigated agriculture.

Seed producer Dexter Douglas of Arco dals Gemchip "the best chipping variety that has come on the scene for some time."

Kurt Acor, who also grows Gemchip seed at Arco, said, "Everybody seems to like it quite a little bit. One more year ought to tell whether it will take off."

In American Eggs, broker Garn Theobald of R&G Potato Co. said he doesn't know how it could be improved. "So far, we can't find any faults," he said.

According to Joseph Pavek, potato breeder for the USDA Agricultural Research Service at Aberdeen, Gemchip not only generously out yields Norchip, the North Dakota variety usually grown for chipping in Idaho, but produces one-third more U.S.-No. 1 potatoes.

It has a higher percentage of solids than Norchip, which means less greasy chips to consumers. Its fried color is just as good, and it is

more resistant to verticillium wilt, although slightly more susceptible to common scab.

Douglas estimates that 20-30 Idaho seed producers now grow chipping potatoes. But when R&G Potato Co. first entered the market in 1978, Theobald said there was very little interest.

"Round whites just weren't a potato for this area, because it's so russet-oriented," he said. "We went out and developed a market for chipping potatoes for other areas and other companies."

Theobald said in the last 5-10 years, the quality of chipping potatoes grown in Idaho has grown acceptable to the chipping industry.

This year, R&G Potato contracted 1.1 million sacks of chipping potatoes, mostly Norchip, compared with 100,000 sacks in 1978.

After growing 200 acres of Gemchip this year, Theobald said it is his feeling that it will replace Norchip. But the potato that is now Gemchip was a wallflower for a dozen years before its potential was recognized. Its parents were first crossed in

'Shotgun' approach to disease tried

MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho researchers say they're taking a "shotgun" approach toward solving disease problems in wheat plants.

Bob Zemets and Philip Berger, scientists at the UI College of Agriculture, are using a new piece of equipment that uses a 22-caliber charge to shoot millions of tiny, DNA-coated tungsten particles into the cells of the parent plant.

The machine, called a "gene gun" by the technicians who use it, gets around the problems of regenerating plants that can't be solved using other techniques.

Zemets said the tool allows scientists to introduce desirable traits into a wheat plant from sources that conventional breeding methods cannot employ. "We're not limited to breeding

from one wheat plant to another," he said. "We can use genetic material from plants that belong to another family, or even from insects or animals."

The two scientists hope to use the machine to breed a wheat variety that has resistance to barley yellow dwarf, a viral disease that causes yellow-stunted plants and affects wheat, barley and oats.

They are shooting wheat cells, a conglomeration of wheat cells grown from a desirable parent plant, with tungsten particles coated with a gene from the virus that causes the disease. They hope the gene will cause a healthy wheat plant to "tell" an attacking virus that the disease is already present, thus eliminating the virus's ability to infect it.

Soviets to buy more U.S. grain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Soviet Union will be able to buy an additional 2 million metric tons of U.S. wheat at prices subsidized under an Agriculture Department program. Undersecretary Richard T. Crowder said the wheat will be made available under the department's Export Enhancement Program, or EEP. The new amount is in addition to 14,200 tons Moscow had

remaining under a previous allocation announced last May 2.

The Soviet Union is committed to buy minimum quantities of wheat and corn under a long-term grain agreement, which began its seventh year on Oct. 1 and will expire Dec. 31, 1990. Moscow has bought about 800,000 tons of wheat for delivery in 1989-90, according to USDA records.

Beef Promotion Board adds Nampa woman

BOISE (AP) — Linda Naugle, partner in Naugle Hereford Ranch of Nampa, has been named to the Cattlemen's Beef Promotion and Research Board.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter announced the appointment this past week at the annual meeting

of the board of directors in New Orleans.

Ms. Naugle will represent Idaho beef producers on the national board which oversees beef promotion, information and research. It is funded by the \$1 per head assessment paid by all beef producers and importers.

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