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Commonwealth replaces Soviet Union



AP Laserphoto

Russian President Boris Yeltsin signs the commonwealth agreement Saturday in Alma-Ata, effectively ending the existence of the Soviet Union.

Los Angeles Times
ALMA-ATA, Kazakhstan - In a historic decision marking the rise of a new political order on the ruins of the old Soviet Union, 11 former Soviet republics agreed Saturday to join in a loose Commonwealth of Independent States.

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The agreement emphasizes the independence of each member state but lays a basis for a joint defense structure, including future control of Soviet nuclear weapons.

Although Russian President Boris N. Yeltsin, under terms of the agreement, apparently will control the nuclear forces, differences among the four republics with strategic weapons - Russia, Ukraine and Byelorussia on one side and Kazakhstan on the other - must still be resolved.

The agreement signed here Saturday creates a Council of Heads of States to run the commonwealth, recognizes each republic's present borders and gives Russia the Soviet seat in the United Nations.

"Excellent!" Yeltsin said jubilantly after more than five hours of meetings in Alma-Ata, the snowy mountain capital of Kazakhstan in Central Asia. "We have the existence of the Soviet Union."

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White House congratulates former Soviet republics

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration congratulated the 11 former Soviet republics on forming a new commonwealth Saturday in place of the Soviet Union but stopped short of specifying when it would formally recognize the new governments.

"We hope the agreement will help to provide a stable and peaceful environment to permit the individual republics to pursue democracy and market economy reforms," said White House spokeswoman Judy Smith.

But Smith said decisions on extending diplomatic recognition separately to each of the republics will not be made until after Secretary of State James A. Baker III reports to Bush on his visits last week of five of them.

Also, "we will, of course, want to consult with our allies," she said.

Baker was briefed by Kazakhstan President Nysultan Nazarbayev, who

hosted the commonwealth conference, through a phone call to his plane while en route Saturday back to Washington.

"We're very satisfied," said a senior U.S. official aboard the plane, refusing to discuss specifics of the commonwealth accords.

Baker called Bush with a report on the conference after being briefed by the Kazakhstan president, but the connection was poor and the secretary planned to talk with Bush again immediately upon his return, the official said.

While a senior administration official said earlier that the United States would extend diplomatic recognition to several republics before the end of the year, Smith said only, "We intend to build close relations..."

"The United States," she said, "is prepared to assist reform-minded republics in their efforts and looks forward to working closely with them in the weeks and months ahead."

Angry veterans

Shrinking benefits have those who bore the battle up in arms

By Brad Bowlin
Times-News writer

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TWIN FALLS - The way Roland Gardner sees it, the men and women who fought for America shouldn't have to fight their way into hospitals when they're sick.

With cuts in medical benefits, and bed space in Department of Veterans' Affairs hospitals being taken by non-veterans, U.S. vets will have to become increasingly vocal role in protecting their rights, said Gardner, adjutant and finance officer for American Legion Post 7 in Twin Falls.

"The Legion and other veterans' groups aren't big on demonstrations," Gardner said, although quite a few vets showed up for a Nov. 16 rally at the Boise VA Hospital to protest a plan to allow non-veterans to receive treatment there.

"About the only thing they can do is write the president or their congressman, and that's the appeal that's been made," he said.

Veterans have seen a slow erosion of their benefits for much of the past decade, said Randy Russell of Twin Falls, vice chairman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Americanism Committee.

Now, with health care costs going

through the roof and aging veterans in more need of medical care, the problem is becoming critical, Russell said.

"The VA is the only source of care for many poor and uninsured veterans whom the private sector will not see," Gardner said. "If these ... veterans are turned away from the VA outpatient clinics, they have little or any alternate care options."

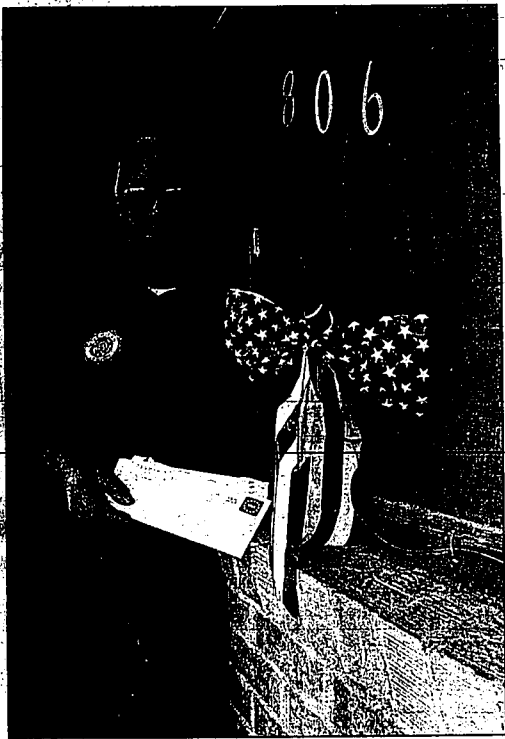
The VA hospitals used to treat all veterans. Several years ago, the income scale was implemented that excluded some veterans. Now, in order to receive treatment, the veteran must be 50 percent disabled and his ailment must be service-connected, Gardner said.

By paring down the number of vets eligible for care, the VA hospitals found themselves with plenty of extra beds.

Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Edward Derwinski sees those empty beds as a chance to pull more money in the system from non-veteran patients - an idea that has been roundly criticized by vets' organizations.

"If they would take all the veterans back in that they put out, they wouldn't

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MIKE BALBORTH/The Times-News

Roland Gardner of Twin Falls says he mails an average of 15 to 18 letters each day concerning veterans' issues.

Fed may be trying to cool tax cut fever

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Federal Reserve hopes to fire up the torpid economy by dramatically slashing interest rates, but analysts say it also may be trying to cool politicians' enthusiasm for big tax cuts.

"It's make take some of the steam out of the move toward some flood stimulus," said economist Allen Sinai of the Boston Consulting Group. "It would be tempting to wait to see how this dosage of Fed easing works."

But economist Paul Gorman of Regional Financial Associates in Weston, Mass., says it may be too late to deny the political momentum for enacting a tax cut in an election year.

"Right now tax legislation is written into the minds of Congress and the president. It's a question of when," he said. "That's what's already left the nation's chestnuts."

percentage point, to 4 percent.

From the start of the recession in July 1980, the Fed fought the downturn with small, conservative interest rate reductions, sometimes as little as a quarter point. But economists say the Fed, by abandoning its goal of monetary policy, apparently decided bolder steps were needed to restore business and consumer optimism.

But another motive, they said, may be to steer Congress and President Bush away from huge, stimulative tax cuts that opponents say could hurt the economy in the long run by ballooning the budget deficit.

The Bush administration is predicting a record deficit of \$348 billion in 1992. In a congressional appearance Wednesday, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan

sought to nip proposals for giving every American a one-time \$300 tax rebate, which would add an estimated \$30 billion to the deficit.

Central bank policy-makers fear the rebate, while serving as a short-term economic tonic, could act as a long-term drag on the economy, fanning inflation fears among investors who would bid up long-term interest rates such as those charged on fixed-rate mortgages.

With Friday's big discount rate cut, the first time in a decade the Fed has reduced the rate by a full point, Greenspan is telling politicians he'll do whatever is necessary to revive economic growth, said economist Robert G. Dedrick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago.

"The message that has come out of this is: If rates have to go lower, they will go lower. We're not playing games," he said.

Dedrick said it's better to fight a downturn with monetary policy than with fiscal policy. If the economy revives and inflation heats up, interest rates can quickly be raised, but a tax cut can't easily be rescinded, he said.



Christmas in the Park

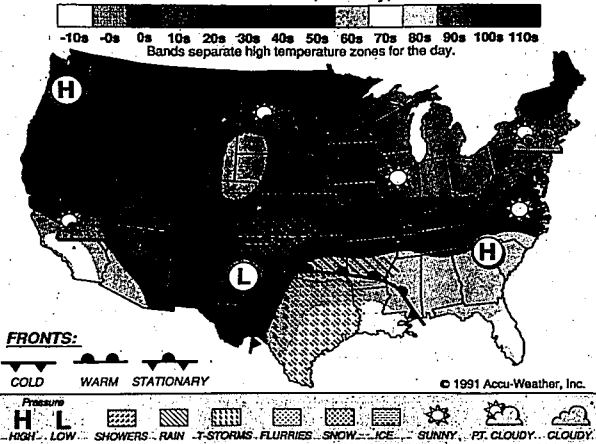
The final installment of Christmas in City Park is scheduled for tonight. The Maglechorde will sing tonight at 5 p.m. at the bandshell.

Cookies and hot drinks will be available during the program for \$1.

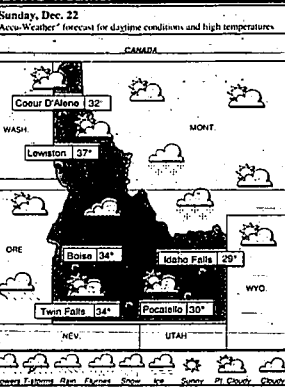
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NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Dec. 22.



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Temperatures

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	43	34	0.02
Atlanta	37	37	0.00
Boston	42	31-10	0.00
Chicago	35	27-01	0.00
Dallas	47	45-89	0.00
Denver	49	20	0.00
Des Moines	38	21	0.00
Detroit	42	32-18	0.00
Honolulu	81	69	0.00
Houston	64	61-29	0.00
Indianapolis	41	30-21	0.00
Kansas City	35	33	0.00
Las Vegas	59	35	0.00
Los Angeles	73	52	0.00
Memphis	51	38-33	0.00
Miami Beach	73	67	0.00
Milwaukee	39	27	0.00
Minneapolis	39	17	0.00
New Orleans	76	54	0.00
New York	44	34	0.00
Oklahoma City	39	38	0.00
Omaha	43	22	0.00
Phoenix	62	50-01	0.00
Pittsburgh	39	33-12	0.00
Portland, Me.	40	25-09	0.00
Portland, Ore.	41	38-56	0.00
Reno	40	15	0.00
St. Louis	37	35-20	0.00
Salt Lake City	36	18	0.00
San Francisco	58	43	0.00
Seattle	46	40-30	0.00
Spokane	34	24-08	0.00
Washington	52	38	0.00

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Twin Falls	36	16	0.00
Yakima	36	16	0.00
Portland, Ore.	40	25	0.00
Boise	34	17	0.00
Burley	36	14	0.00
Hagerman	40	17	0.00
Idaho Falls	29	04	0.00
Lewiston	42	32	0.00
McCall	17	-3	0.00
Pocatello	19	06	0.00
Salmon	19	02	0.00
Sun Valley	mm	mm	0.00

Weather summary

The National Weather Service says a weak Pacific storm system will pass through Idaho this weekend. The system brought light snow and local freezing rain to portions of northern Idaho Saturday morning. The main brunt of the precipitation was expected Saturday night and today as the storm system moved through. Precipitation amounts were expected to be light. A chance of freezing rain will exist in the lower western valleys. It was another chilly night Friday night across southern Idaho. Low temperatures were in the positive single-digits and teens over the valleys and mostly in the plus and minus single digits in the mountains. Fifteen below zero at Stanley was the coldest temperature reported. Other cold spots were 8 below zero at Spencer and 10 below at Dixie. Low temperatures over the Panhandle were in the upper teens and 20s while Lewiston fell into the lower 30s. Brisk east winds whipped through parts of northern Idaho, with gusts up to 33 mph at Lewiston. Drying conditions will spread over most of Idaho Monday through Wednesday. However, there will be a slight chance of rain or snow over the north and central mainly on Tuesday. Highs will be in the 20s and 30s. Lows will be in the teens and 20s valleys and in the single digits in the southern mountains. The warmest temperature in the state Saturday was 42 degrees at Lewiston. Stanley reported the coldest at -15 degrees. Elsewhere in the nation Saturday, the highest temperature was 83 degrees at Coral Springs, Fla. The lowest was -18 degrees at West Yellowstone, Mont.

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Today cloudy with a chance of light snow or freezing rain. Highs in the lower to mid-30s. Christmas day outlook partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 30s. Lows in the teens.

Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Today mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow. Highs in the lower to mid-20s. Christmas day outlook partly cloudy patchy valley fog. Highs in the 20s to lower 30s. Lows 5 below to 5 above zero.

Extended forecast: Southern Idaho - Fair except valley fog Tuesday through Thursday. Highs in the upper 20s and 30s. Lows 15-25 wet and 5-20 east.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah - Today increasing cloudiness and hazy. Patchy fog. Highs mid-30s. Tonight mostly cloudy and hazy. Slight chance of snow showers late. Lows upper teens to mid-20s. Monday cloudy with a chance of snow during the morning. Decreasing clouds and snow during the afternoon. Highs mid-30s. Outlook for Christmas day fair and hazy. Patchy morning fog. Highs in the 30s. Chance of measurable snow is 20 percent late today and 30 percent Monday.

Elko County - Mostly cloudy north today with a slight chance of showers. Snow level above 6,000 feet. Partly cloudy south. Highs today mid-30s to mid-40s. Highs today mid 30s to mid-40s.

Heavy rain swamps Texas, causes widespread flooding

Heavy rain pounded Texas again Saturday, causing widespread flooding. Snow fell in the Rockies, Maine and New York state, and freezing rain fell in Iowa, Ohio and Northern California. Heavy rain in central and southern Texas, including more than 9 inches in San Antonio since Wednesday, has caused rivers to overflow their banks and cover roads. Eight deaths have been blamed on the rain, including four people who drowned in floodwaters. Freezing rain coated roads in Ohio with ice. Police blamed dangerous roads for a traffic accident that killed three people

Vietnam vets keep to themselves despite benefits they may receive

By Phil Salm
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls County veterans' service officer Cheryl Ringenberg gets comparatively few Vietnam-era veterans asking for help. "Not that they don't have benefits coming to them, she said. "There are a number in the area who are eligible for benefits but don't get them," she said. In 1991, about 2,700 people have come to her so far for assistance. She guessed that one-quarter of them were veterans of the Vietnam era. "They just keep to themselves," she said. Vietnam vets are the silent majority of veterans' politics. Although the number of veterans who served between 1963 and 1975 doesn't equal the number of survivors from any other conflict, millions of Vietnam-era vets have simply opted out of the system. Stung by the reaction of their countrymen to the war and disillusioned with their treatment by the old Veterans' Administration, many have shied away from the traditional benefits that veterans seek. And only recently have they started to join the traditional

veterans' groups, such as the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, in large numbers. Ringenberg estimated that 6,000 veterans live in Twin Falls County, but didn't know how many were from the Vietnam era. Her job is to help veterans wade through federal Department of Veterans Affairs paperwork to try to get their benefits, but few from the Vietnam-era go through her office, Ringenberg said. "Either they're going somewhere else to get their benefits, or they're not going after them," she guessed. But Emmert Olmsted, veterans' field officer in Minidoka County, has noticed a sea change in the attitudes of Vietnam vets toward veterans' organizations. "There are several that are beginning to join other organizations because they don't have one of their own," he said. "They're doing a little bit better than we did before," Olmsted said. The past four commanders of the Burley VFW have been Vietnam-era veterans, he said. John Lopez, former commander of the Twin Falls post of AmVets, said Vietnam-era veterans had a hard time getting accepted by those who served in Korea and World War II. "It's taken since '74 for Vietnam

veterans to be accepted. Now they're starting to treat us like veterans," Lopez said. AmVets could learn to better accept veterans, he said. "The group, which accepts veterans from World War II, Korean and Vietnam wars, does not accept veteran veterans, but makes them join the AmVets Auxiliary, he said. "They're dead wrong that women can't serve but not a member," he said. Don Sipion of the Twin Falls post of the American Legion said his group needs to encourage younger veterans to join as many of its members who served in World War II grow older. "We've got to get involved in young people's views of the future," Sipion said. His group needs to get into community events geared toward younger people and younger veterans, he said. With 3.5 million veterans from the U.S. actions in Panama, Lebanon and the Persian Gulf, the American Legion must change its ways to get them to join. He guessed that 20 to 25 percent of local American Legion members are Vietnam-era veterans. "They're starting to come around and join up," Sipion said.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation reported icy conditions or patches of snow on many major routes throughout the state Saturday night. Conditions: Interstate 84 — Dry. U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry. Fairfield-Idaho Falls, dry. Idaho Falls-Ashton-wet, fog; Ashton-Montana line, broken snow floor, snow floor, fog. U.S. 33 — Nevada line-Carey, dry. Carey-Salmon, dry, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lost Trail Pass, icy spots, broken snow floor. Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Keetchum, dry. Galena-Summit, snow floor. Interstate 86 — Dry. Interstate 15 — Utah line-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet; Monida Pass, broken snow floor. U.S. 30 — Dry.

Veterans

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"I have all these empty beds," Russell said. If empty beds remained after all veterans were given a chance to receive treatment, then Russell said he doubts there would be much opposition to non-vets entering the hospital. Dorwinski has been unresponsive to veterans' complaints, so the only way to reach him will be an appeal to the man who appointed him, President Bush, Russell said. Although medical care is the most important of the vets' benefits that have eroded over the years, there have been cuts in other areas, too, Gardner said. Death benefits have been reduced. The families-of-veterans-who-died were once given the option of the standard government-issue marker for the grave or \$150 to go toward a monument, Gardner said. Now, they get only the marker, he said. Another example is last year's

handling of the cost of living-increase for disabled American veterans' monthly payments. Although Congress approved the increase, it didn't go into effect until Jan. 1, a month later than previous adjustments, Gardner said. "There's a zillion little things like that" which have contributed to the decline in benefits, he said, pointing to one study that estimated \$15 million each year was being cut from vets' benefits. All this despite the fact that membership in many veterans' organizations is higher now than at any time since just after World War II. Recognizing the problem may be easier than mobilizing people against it, Gardner said. "We really have to fight for our rights," he said. "But these issues generally get very little media attention." During peacetime, the general population tends to forget about veterans and the sacrifices they have made, Russell said.

Idaho lottery

BOISE (AP) — Here are the winning numbers from Saturday night's Idaho Super Lotto-Lotto-America drawing, worth \$2 million: 2-5-17-25-41. Power Play, thirteen, seventeen, twenty-five, forty-one.

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In new commonwealth, Russia remains dominant force

By David Remnick
The Washington Post

MOSCOW — After an interlude of 74 years, the history of Russia as an independent state resumed Saturday with the fall of the Soviet Union and the creation of a new commonwealth.

In the pact signed Saturday in Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan, the 11 members of the Commonwealth of Independent States may declare themselves equals, but Russia is more equal than all the others. It will inherit the world's largest nuclear arsenal and take a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council. In the coming years, the degree to which Russia succeeds in creating a democratic political system and an efficient economy will be likely be the central drama of European history.

"Russia will remain a great power. It may not be a superpower, but it will still be a great military power and part of the global strategic balance for a while, at least," former Soviet foreign minister Alexander Bessmertnykh said in an interview.

In a matter of days, both the Soviet Union and its president, Mikhail Gorbachev, will fade into political history. The old czarist double-headed eagle has come back into fashion, and the Russian tricolor will fly over the Kremlin come New Year's Day. At the Kremlin

Analysis

Saturday, Gorbachev met with two of his closest associates, Alexander Yakovlev and Eduard Shevardnadze, to work on a farewell resignation statement that he is likely to deliver as early as Monday, Kremlin sources said.

With Gorbachev gone, Russian President Boris Yeltsin's revived state will support the union as an enterprise that continues to trouble the West, despite the end of the Cold War. Immediately after the collapse of August's Kremlin coup, Yeltsin joined the chain of nuclear command, according to Grigori Revenko, Gorbachev's chief of staff. Yeltsin, like Gorbachev and top military leaders, was shadowed by aid carrying a briefcase with the "nuclear key" — the trigger capable of unleashing Soviet nuclear weapons.

"Russia will be the continuation of the Soviet Union in the field of the republic's foreign minister, Andrei Kozyrev. Of the other three former republics in which Soviet nuclear arms are deployed, Byelorussia and Ukraine have already agreed that Russia will be the sole remaining nuclear power, was shadowed by aid carrying a briefcase with the "nuclear key" — the trigger capable of unleashing Soviet nuclear weapons.



Yeltsin

much an internationalist as Gorbachev has been. He surprised the leaders of the West this week when he sent a message to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization urging that Russia be considered for NATO membership over the long term and he has tried desperately to repair the clumsy image he created for himself when he reportedly drank and stumbled through his first U.S. tour two years ago.

The text of the Alma-Ata agreement is filled with ceremonious language about cooperation, but some analysts fear that it is not so much a way to form a political framework to avoid disaster as these states draw away from each other over time. The cultural, political and economic differences between such places as Armenia and Uzbekistan are in most respects as radical as those between, say, Canada and Chile.

The question boils down to whether or not the process of

civilized disintegration will turn into a process of civilized cooperation," said Alexander Tsipko, a leading political analyst, in a round-table discussion published here. Unlike the members of the European Community, which are drawing together, the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States are all in the midst of what Tsipko says is an overwhelming frenzy for independence. They have little in common than their past ties to a centralized, militarized economic system and a culture of coercion.

To some degree, Russia's rise as the dominant power in this commonwealth changes nothing. Despite the Bolsheviks' ideological fiction of binding the Soviet Union's disparate components into a "friendship of peoples" under which more than 100 nationalities were meant to be equal, Russia and Russians were always pre-eminent. The minorities fared far worse under the Communist general secretaries than under the czars. So overwhelming was Russia's political position in the Soviet political culture that the only non-Russian ever to lead the union, Joseph Stalin, died a life far more Russian than the Russians) by waging all-out war on the smaller republics, including his native Georgia.

Russia dominated the Soviet Union on every level and in many respects, it was Russian cultural

imperialism that the republics were quickest to attack. In Armenia, Ukraine, the Baltic states and elsewhere, the first political groups to protest against Moscow centered their arguments on the use of Russian as the official language in schoolbooks, newspapers and government. The battle over language was a battle for empowerment on all levels, a seed of the massive campaigns for sovereignty and independence that would spread throughout the empire.

With the collapse of the August coup, Yeltsin showed the instincts of a Russian nationalist and immediately alienated the leaders of the other republics, especially Leonid Kravchuk of Ukraine and Nursultan Nazarbayev of Kazakhstan. Yeltsin's spokesman said that Russia reserved the right to challenge present borders, causing Ukraine to fear for its easternmost regions and Kazakhstan for its northern territories, where ethnic Russians are in the majority.

After months of trying to repair the damage from that incident and others, Yeltsin agreed Saturday with the other leaders of the former

republics that existing borders are inviolable. But despite appearances, he has not won the complete confidence of what was once called "the periphery" and does not always seem to care. Parliamentary sources said that Yeltsin's relations with Kravchuk and Nazarbayev remain extremely delicate. Nazarbayev's refusal to cede nuclear weapons to Russia may have been voiced with an eye toward economic and political concessions at next week's Minsk meeting.

In Russia and in the other republics, many politicians and analysts are concerned about the direction Yeltsin will take, the extent of his commitment to democratic values and means, the degree and quality of his Russian nationalism.

"You can't really say that any of these republics' leaders are democrats in the true sense of the word, and Yeltsin is no exception," historian Arsyent Roginsky said. "He seems to me very committed to some kind of Slavic-only Russian nationalism closer to Alexander Solzhenitsyn than the sort of Western liberalism that Andrei Sakharov supported."

Agreement

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signed the "Eurasian states." The agreement effectively brought to an end Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's role as a national and world leader, for he has no country left to govern. Gorbachev and Yeltsin had agreed last week that the Soviet Union would disappear as an entity by the end of the year, and Saturday's agreement virtually completed that process.

Yeltsin later told a news conference that "we respect Gorbachev and want him to retire smoothly," adding that the 11 republics will not agree that Gorbachev should be offered no role in the commonwealth, just a comfortable pension.

In a message to Gorbachev, the 11 leaders told him that the Soviet Union had formally ceased to exist and urged him now to resign, according to the independent Interfax news agency. "In the appeal, the republic leaders thanked Gorbachev for his large, positive contribution," Interfax said.

In Moscow, a presidential spokesman said that Gorbachev planned to study the decisions of the Alma-Ata meeting and then would probably address the country on television.

But his aides were cleaning out their offices in the Kremlin Saturday, and Gorbachev's resignation was clearly only a question of timing.

With eight republics signing the commonwealth treaty worked out Dec. 8 by Russia, Byelorussia and Ukraine, the commonwealth as it existed Saturday covered almost all of the old Soviet Union's territory.

"When we're not bound by chains," said Yeltsin, dapper in a dark, double-breasted suit, "when we're not tied by force to the center and the center is totally demolished, when the totalitarian dominant system is destroyed and the field for our actions is cleared of mines, it opens the way for democratic cooperation on a maximally democratic, civilized basis."

Of the 15 original Soviet republics, only Georgia and the now-independent Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania, all small in size and population, did not join Saturday, but some may later. Some speculation has even included Bulgaria and Romania as possible future members of the new commonwealth.

As the leaders of its member states outlined it, the commonwealth is meant to be a supremely non-binding amalgam of truly independent states. It will not have a unified budget, a common citizenship or even a central secretariat. It is an arrangement designed by people opposed to any central controls after so many years of rule from the Kremlin.

Ukrainian President Leonid M. Kravchuk, in particular, emphasized Ukraine's independence and the

commonwealth's role as a broad grouping of independent states, prompting Yeltsin to add quickly, "the commonwealth is not a state."

For all the commonwealth's looseness, however, the leaders clearly had trouble Saturday — as they had during the last two weeks — working out their future relationship, particularly in terms of military forces.

Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev, host of the meeting here, announced that the commonwealth leaders would have to meet again Dec. 30, this time in the Byelorussian capital of Minsk, to work out the final agreement on the armed forces.

Air Marshal Yevgeny I. Shaposhnikov, the Soviet defense minister, will continue commanding the 3.7 million-member armed forces until then; he was asked to propose ways to restructure the Soviet forces as they come under the authority of the commonwealth and its member states.

The main problem, delegation leaders said, is that the presidents of Ukraine and Azerbaijan, have each

declared himself commander in chief of the troops in his republic, except for the strategic forces, both are unwilling to accept a unified commonwealth command over conventional forces.

"Having your own armed forces is a necessary attribute of an independent state," asserted Ravim Musabekov, an adviser to Azerbaijani President Ayaz Mutalibov.

At the same time, Kazakhstan, one of the four republics who straddle its territory, is challenging Yeltsin's plan to move all nuclear arms into Russian territory eventually.

Ukraine and Byelorussia, the other two nuclear republics, both declared Saturday their desire to become nuclear-free areas and said they would adhere to international treaties prohibiting the spread of nuclear weapons.

But Kazakhstan's position, according to presidential spokesman Seitkaziy Mataev, is that "no republic, no matter how big, has a right to be the only republic to have nuclear forces."

Soviet Union U.N. seat likely to go to Russia

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Ambassador Yuli Vorontsov began the day Saturday representing the Soviet Union, but ended it with his job in doubt.

Leaders of 11 of the 12 former Soviet republics signed agreements Saturday for a new Russian Commonwealth of Independent States.

They agreed that Russia should receive the former union's permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council. But the states also pledged to push for all members to have their own representation in the General Assembly, said Seitkaziy Mataev, a spokesman for Kazakhstan President Nursultan Nazarbayev.

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Teacher's game imparts Soviet history

SMETHPORT, Pa. (AP) — Pst. Wanna good deal on the Kremlin? For a few million rubles, it's yours.

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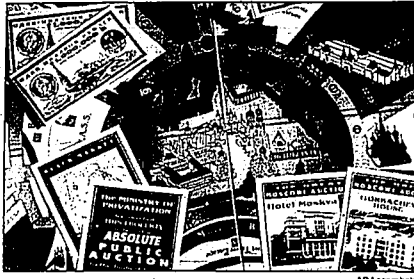
An educational tool he researched more than a year ago turned out to be prophetic.

"I wasn't doing research to do a game to sell. I was doing research to do a game for my students," said Porter, who teaches political science, world history and geography at Smethport Area High School, about 10 miles south of the New York state line in north-central Pennsylvania.

"The game went on the assumption that the Communists government would fail," Porter said.

His hunch was right on the ruble. The game's genesis was Porter's trip to the Soviet Union in 1990 with some students. He found the government then "a house of cards," he said. Seeking to illustrate what might happen, he developed the game.

His students were playing the game by March this year.



Moscow! Auction!, invented by Ross Porter, Smethport, Pa., includes ruble notes and photographs of Soviet landmarks.

"Sometime by the end of the month," Porter said, "it was so popular from a game point of view that I decided to produce it."

The game retails for \$28.50 and is for sale in East Coast college bookstores and by mail order from Porter's home.

He hopes to find a distributor next year.

The Kremlin dominates the center of the 19-by-19-inch game board,

encircled by headquarters of the Tass news agency, St. Basil's Cathedral and the GUM department store. The outer ring has KGB headquarters, an airport and the fanciful Capitalism Cafe — decorated with a C resembling half the McDonald's arch.

The game pieces include a white airplane and a red car. Players rotate roles as capitalist and KGB. Capitalist bidders move around

the board by the airplane. If KGB agents, traveling by car or subway, arrive at the auction before it ends, the spy agency gets the commission.

Escape cards can save commissions. Black market items are the wild cards. One card reads: "Visit a Lenin Monument. Lose a turn for being a hypocrite."

Another says: "You are chased by a butcher for taking photos of food lines. Sell photos to US magazine for 2 Million Rubles."

One depicting Russian President Boris Yeltsin on a military tank during the failed August coup attempt says: "Stand up for Democracy. Earn 2 extra turns & the leadership of the Russian people."

The game logo is a takeoff on the hammer and sickle, with an auctioneer's gavel crossing a broken sickle blade.

Key phrases are in both English and Russian, but one phrase on the game's logo and on all the property cards is in Russian only.

"It was the translator's choice of words," Porter said. "The party's over. The party's liquidated. Which is the game objective."

The game can be ordered by calling 814-887-5107. The address is: Porter Planet-3 Games P.O. Box 773, Smethport, Pa. 16749.

Noriega's accusers reportedly have troubles with credibility

MIAMI (AP) — Only one of six accusers whose grand jury testimony led to Manuel Noriega's indictment and ultimately the Panama invasion testified at his trial. Former prosecutors blame "credibility problems" for their absence.

Vanishing with the witnesses were details of Noriega's meeting with Fidel Castro and any testimony that he personally received a \$4 million bribe from Colombia's Medellin cocaine cartel.

The prosecution team is under a gag order, but privately they grumbled about having to work with the February 1988 indictment. "It was like Bob Vila's 'This Old House' — all rotten on the inside," said a federal official who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Richard Gregorie, a former top Miami federal drug prosecutor who

took the case to the grand jury, said he has nothing to apologize for. "The judge upheld every one of those counts," Gregorie said. "There hasn't been one charge changed or altered."

One count was dropped before the trial began in September. It accused Noriega of authorizing a May 1984 money-laundering flight by Panamanian drug pilot Tony Azpura.

He was the highest-paid U.S. informant against Noriega, receiving more than \$500,000. Gregorie refused to say why the count was dropped.

The most glaring absence from the trial was grand jury witness Jose Blandon, a former intelligence adviser to Noriega. He has said he accompanied Noriega on a 1984 flight to Cuba and sat in when Castro allegedly patched up a dispute between the Panamanian leader and the cartel — a key charge in the indictment.

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Americans' thoughts focus on economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — America at Christmas 1991 is at once festive and troubled. The lights glitter as always, the familiar music is in the air. There is peace in the land. But there is an unease.

It is the end of a year in which many things went right — the Gulf war, the vanished Soviet threat, the release of all U.S. hostages held in Lebanon.

Yet much of America is, as San Franciscoan Morris Plack put it, pessimistic, down and depressed.

In telephone interviews, ordinary Americans spoke about the mood that permeates every section of the country. They all knew about the General Motors impending layoffs and it scared them, although few live in communities directly affected.

Now were aware that the Federal Reserve reduced a key lending rate in

a desperate effort to jump-start the economy. They knew that in November alone a quarter of a million people just like them lost their jobs.

These are the thoughts of Americans this Christmas.

Tom Doyle, a businessman in Charleston, S.C.: "It really scares me. Everything is so gloom and doom. Here it is a week before Christmas and the local paper has pictures of people losing their jobs. Their welfare benefits have been cut off. A paralyzed fellow lost his job, his home in a fire and his wife left him."

Actress Sharon Farrell: "Here I am 40 years old-plus and I'm playing the best role I've ever played in my life. I've been having a ball. I'm having such a good time. I'm afraid to say it because the gods will strike me down."

Chuck Reardon, a stockbroker in Albuquerque, N.M.:

"I thought it was very interesting how the mood of the people went from being very patriotic and proud of what was going on with Desert Storm. Now that is old news. People are not remembering those things. All they are looking at are the day-to-day economic issues rather than the bigger picture. It was like somebody turned the switch off."

Something has turned the switch off.

"As a whole, people seem generally bummed out. It's because of all the bad news about the economy," said Doyle, who runs a horse-drawn carriage tour business in picturesque Charleston. "Those who aren't directly affected by it seem to be just marking time waiting for that moment when it will fall on them."

Doyle says his own business, Palmetto Carriage Works, is doing well. But he can't ignore a constant stream of job-seekers.

"They come saying 'I'll do anything,'" he says.

Actress Farrell, secure in an insecure industry, looks at the world from her own perspective.

"It's the best Christmas I've ever had. I've been having a ball," she says between takes on the hit CBS soap opera "The Young and the Restless."

Happiness in Scarpino is a three-year contract and the fat role of Flo, an ex-alcoholic prostitute whose tortured journey included an affair with her daughter's ex-husband. But off the set, Farrell knows "a lot of very talented people are out of work. I wake up in the morning and look at good things and count my blessings."

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Answers to high homicide rates elude police

The Associated Press

In Birmingham, Ala., acting Police Chief Johnnie Johnson tried to stop the killing for just one week, ending in a record-setting 1990. He designated Nov. 23-24 a "non-violent weekend," and urged Birmingham residents to put away their weapons. Four people died.

"We just didn't get to everybody," Johnson said afterward. "We are going to have to work a little harder to convince people that life is worth living."

Now Birmingham, with 125 people dead so far in 1991, is among more than a dozen U.S. cities that have set homicide records this year. And it is among the many cities searching for solutions to a vexing, tragic problem.

Already, 11 cities have been the deadliest year ever in San Diego, Dallas and Phoenix. The nation's two largest cities - New York and Los Angeles - are a few titchy fingers away from breaking their homicide records, as is Washington.

In Youngstown, Ohio, the Dec. 15 killing of a 17-year-old marked the year's 58th homicide. For all of 1990, 19 homicides were committed in Youngstown; until this year, the record was 37.

Records have been set in Milwaukee, Columbus, Ohio; Anchorage, Alaska; Jackson, Miss.; New Haven, Conn.; Chattanooga, Tenn.; Colorado Springs, Colo.; Rochester, N.Y.; Charlotte, N.C.; and Little Rock, Ark.

To be sure, some cities have seen declines in killings this year. In Boston, for instance, 115 people have been killed so far, compared with about 150 in 1990.

But in most places, the declines have been modest and have come on the heels of peak years.

The rise in homicides is generally attributed to several factors: Gun drugs, gangs, and an increasingly casual

Homicides

The number of homicides reported for 1990-91 by the nation's 10 largest cities and their all-time record.

	1990	1991	Record year
1. New York	2,245	2,058	2,245 (1990)
2. Los Angeles	943	982	1,024 (1980)
3. Chicago	852	883	970 (1974)
4. Houston	617	638	701 (1981)
5. Philadelphia	525	450	525 (1990)
6. San Diego *	135	161	144 (1988)
7. Detroit	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
8. Dallas *	444	476	444 (1990)
9. Phoenix *	138	146	138 (1990)
10. San Antonio	218	197	218 (1990)

* Indicates this year has already exceeded record for that city.

sual attitude among young people toward violence.

"The only thing I can tell you is it seems to be an increasingly violent society we live in," said Lt. Joe Hladky of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department homicide division.

His division has handled more than 500 homicides so far this year. Last year, there were a record 472.

A recent report for the District of Columbia police found that in 1986, 21 percent of the people arrested on homicide charges in Washington were younger than 20. In 1990, 48 percent were under 20.

"Especially in our cities, among our teens, there's an attitude of, 'Who cares? What's the difference?'" observed James A. Fox, dean of the College of Criminal Justice at Northeastern University in Boston. "There's a feeling in our cities... that life is cheap."

To combat the rising homicide rate, some cities have turned to schools and youth organizations for help. Youngstown tried staging family outings and offered summer sports leagues in an effort to stop the violence.

"We feel that the social problems

- the breakdown in family, and so on - are the biggest problems," Youngstown Police Chief Randall A. Wellington said.

Police in both Jackson and Colorado Springs have begun working in public schools to steer children away from crime and violence. Other cities are targeting their efforts largely at the drug trade, reasoning that drug traffic is causing the violence.

In Charlotte, the police department recently received a grant from the state to create a six-person team that tries to spot illegal drug activity in public places such as airports and hotels.

In Columbus, police began a program in which uniformed officers saturate a neighborhood and question people on the streets about drugs and other crime.

However, that effort has drawn complaints from the American Civil Liberties Union, which says it may violate constitutional protections against illegal search and seizure.

New York City police have tried offering cash for guns. New Haven and Washington have begun new "community patrol" programs to get more cops on foot into troubled neighborhoods.

And in general, according to Herbert Williams of The Police Foundation, police departments are putting more officers on the streets, concentrating more on street crime and beefing up their homicide squads.

Will it work?

Even advocates of innovative police tactics say they can have only a limited effect on homicide. Any successful approach, they say, must attack the problem from all sides and involve all the institutions of society.

Duo won't let holiday spirit tumble

DICKINSON, N.D. (AP) - Debbie Jeannotte and her daughters proved you don't need a Christmas tree to get into the Christmas spirit. On the prairie, whatever rolls by the front window will do.

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Turner, Fonda wed

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"It is a fact - that long-rumored wedding," his Cable News Network reported.

Miss Fonda wrote the couple's vows and was given away by her 18-year-old son, Troy Gato Hawks.

The two had been cryptic about their plans for months.

"You'll know when it happens," Turner, 53, said in an October interview. "We think that's a private thing - We don't want helicopters buzzing over our house. It'll be small and private with just family and close friends."

He had said the couple planned to marry a year after their engagement, which they announced Dec. 7, 1990, when Miss Fonda displayed a diamond and opal ring.

The marriage is the third for both Miss Fonda, a two-time Academy Award-winning actress, and Turner, chairman of Turner Broadcasting System Inc., parent company of CNN, and owner of the Atlanta Braves and the Atlanta Hawks.

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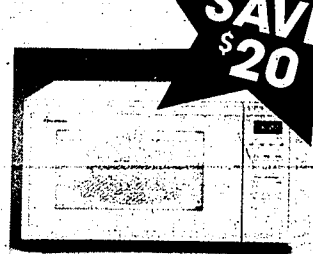
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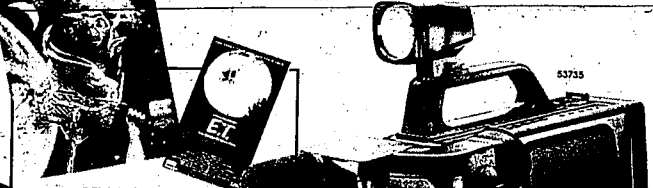
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World

Talks end; Mandela expects new constitution by Christmas 1992

JOHANNESBURG. South Africa (AP) — Black leader Nelson Mandela said Saturday he expects a new constitution in place by Christmas 1992 as black and white groups ended their first round of talks on dismantling apartheid.

President F.W. de Klerk refused to offer his own timetable but told reporters: "We are in a hurry."

Despite sometimes acrimonious exchanges, both sides emerged from the Convention for a Democratic South Africa (CODESA) convinced they were well on their way to burying their differences and apartheid.

A total of 19 political organizations, dominated by the white-led government and Mandela's African National Congress, held two days of talks to begin negotiating the country's political



Mandela

future. The goal is to write a constitution giving the black majority voting rights.

"We firmly believe that from what we have achieved to date, we can have a new constitution in place by Christmas 1992," Mandela told a news conference after CODESA adjourned.

De Klerk, at his own news conference, said the timing would depend on the pace of negotiations on several issues, such as an interim government to oversee the transition to democracy.

Within CODESA, differences remained over the signing of a declaration designed to guide the conference. A total of 17 participants signed, but the ANC's bitter rival, the Inkatha Freedom Party, refused.

The authoritarian government of the nominally independent black homeland of Bophuthatwana also refused, agreeing with Inkatha that the declaration gave CODESA too much power.

One of the major issues dividing the ANC and the government remains the establishment of an interim government.

Mandela reiterated his demand for it, and said he would not endorse the lifting of financial and economic sanctions against South Africa until it is in place.

De Klerk stressed that any such change would have to be approved by the current Parliament, which excludes blacks.

Elaborating on a proposal, de Klerk said he envisioned all South Africans voting in a referendum on a transitional government plan. But he continued to stress the white minority must improve any constitutional changes.

Farm subsidy impasse still haunts U.S., EC

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) — U.S. and European officials admitted defeat Saturday in their latest effort to break an impasse over farm subsidies, delivering a sharp setback to world trade negotiations.

"There are still substantial differences... That is a disappointment," Dutch Prime Minister Ruud Lubbers said after a meeting between European Community representatives and U.S. officials, led by Secretary of State James A. Baker III.

"There was some progress but not enough," said Lubbers.

Following nearly a year of talks, the giant trading partners have stepped up the pace of negotiations to reach a compromise on government payments to farmers. The 12-nation EC opposes deep cuts in agricultural supports, saying it would hurt small farmers.

The deadline has threatened to derail the work of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, or GATT, in Geneva and elsewhere.

The 108-nation group has been trying since 1986 to negotiate reforms aimed in part at lowering trade barriers, which could help energize the global economy and lower prices for

Meantime, other obstacles to a GATT accord emerged in Japan and South Korea, which pledged to resist rice imports.

U.S. Trade Representative Carla Hills said it was too early to declare the negotiations doomed. But she stressed that no accord can be reached without a deal on farming.

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Taiwanese approve go-slow approach

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — In a historic election Saturday, Taiwan's voters gave the ruling party that backs eventual unification with China a resounding victory over an opposition party that wants to split China and Taiwan forever.

Nationalist Party candidates won 254 out of 325 seats in the National Assembly, while the opposition Democratic Progressive Party took 66 seats. Smaller parties and independents won the remaining five.

It was the first time in 44 years that Chinese directly elected the majority of any governmental body. For those decades, legislators were frozen in office under a system created by the late Nationalist strongman, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek, to keep his party in power.

Analysts said the results were a victory for the liberal wing of the party led by President Lee Teng-hui, who has gradually steered Taiwan toward democracy since becoming president in 1988.

With a majority in the assembly, the Nationalists will most probably be able to control the direction of constitutional reforms the assembly will adopt next year.

Under Lee, the Nationalists have gradually instituted democratic reforms, while maintaining that Taiwan will one day reunite China and that they are China's legitimate rulers.

The opposition Democratic Progressive Party, however, seeks to establish an independent republic, abandon the dream of reuniting with China and impose radical democratic reforms — changes that many Taiwanese fear.

Communist China has threatened to invade Taiwan if the island abandons the dream of unification.

Many businessmen fear that Taiwan's economic strength, evidenced by glittering skyscrapers and a world-high \$80 billion in reserves, could be wiped out by radical changes.

Waite comes home to hugs.

BLACKHEATH, England (AP) — Former hostage Terry Waite hugged old friends, sang Christmas carols and met Santa Claus Saturday during his first stroll through his home village of Blackheath in newly-freed England.

"It's great to be back," he said as he stopped to visit old friends and favorite haunts in this quaint corner of southeast London. Streets and shops were decorated with yellow ribbons and posters welcoming home Blackheath's most famous resident.

The 52-year-old Church of England envoy, freed by his Lebanese captors on Nov. 18, returned home Friday night from a two-week vacation on Queen Elizabeth II's estate at Balmoral in Scotland.

During a 40-minute stroll through the village with old friend Doug Wallace, who owns an antique shop, children presented Waite with flowers and chocolates.

Lottery pays \$1.3 billion

MADRID, Spain (AP) — The lottery that bills itself as the world's richest rained \$1.3 billion in tax-free winnings on thousands of lucky ticket-holders Saturday in a holiday tradition dating back almost two centuries.

The grand prize in Spain's Christmas lottery, known as "El Gordo" (the Fat One), paid \$3 million to holders of each of 95 tickets bearing the winning number 47996.

Since each of the 95 winning tickets cost \$200, most of them were split among friendly families, work mates and club members.

The annual drawing marks the start of the holiday season, and is more popular in Spain than soccer or Santa Claus. The jackpot is billed as the world's largest.

Protesters clash with police in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia (AP) — Protesters staging the largest riots in nearly 20 years attacked police stations and clashed with security battalions Saturday, forcing a Khmer Rouge leader to remain abroad and stalling the peace process.

At least one person was seriously wounded when police fired on stone-throwing students protesting the arrest of fellow demonstrators, witnesses said. Residents and foreign visitors sought to flee the capital as the violence spread.

It was the fourth consecutive day of unrest, which has included workers and civil servants protesting corruption and abuse by the Vietnamese-backed government.

Guerrilla sources in Thailand said the riots forced Khmer Rouge leader Khieu Samphan to cancel his return to Phnom Penh for meetings of a leadership council formed to oversee democratic reforms.

The first meeting for the reconciliation council in Cambodia, scheduled for Saturday, was called off after the

Khmer Rouge reportedly complained about security. The council comprises the government and the three main rebel groups that waged a 13-year civil war.


Some of the recent violence in Cambodia has been directed at the Communist Khmer Rouge, whose authoritarian rule from 1975 to 1978 is blamed for up to 1 million deaths. Khieu Samphan was nearly lynched last month shortly after returning to the nation. He later fled back to Thailand.

On Saturday, about 5,000 protesters took to the streets after police arrested a medical student who was discussing previous demonstrations, witnesses said. Students claimed the police beat him severely.

Police opened fire when about 1,000 demonstrators attacked a police station, witnesses said. One man was wounded in the chest, but there were no reports of deaths, they said.

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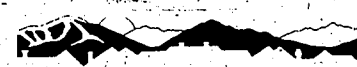
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Opinion

Bush picks bad time to find recession

Don Williamson

fewer than 1 million for the first time since World War II, which is also how long it's been since there has been such a sustained period - 17 months - of negative-to-flat economic activity.

If the business statistics are bad, the human toll is worse.

One in ten Americans is on food stamps. Emergency food requests rose 26 percent in major cities this year, and requests for emergency shelter went up 13 percent.

If it took the coming election to get George Bush to acknowledge what may be the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression, it seems only fair to wonder what, if any, motivation will exist if Bush wins in 1992 and blessed third-term limitations make it impossible for him to run again.

Cities could not meet 17 percent of the food requests and 15 percent of the shelter needs.

The number of affordable housing units declined by 1.3 million since 1970, while the number of low-income rental households rose by 3.2 million. More than 1 million additional people were without health insurance last year, which means that nearly 35 million are uninsured.

State and local governments are bleeding red ink, and the biggest cuts are hitting programs designed to help the neediest Americans.

Forty states froze or cut Aid to Families with Dependent Children, which was the biggest cut in a decade. Of the 30 states that have supplemental welfare programs, 14 reduced them and affected 500,000 people.

Emergency payments to prevent homelessness were cut in 11 states; 9 cut

programs to help those already homeless, and 24 froze or cut benefits for low-income elderly, blind or disabled.

All that is just too much to ignore, and it's not as if it happened all of a sudden. We've been going down a deep hole for more than 12 years, and George Bush has been No. 1 or No. 2 in comfort for the whole ride.

There is a direct correlation between the Reagan-Bush policies of abdicating federal responsibility in many key social areas and the severe, life-threatening plight of more and more poor and middle-income Americans.

The other day, while celebrating the 200th anniversary of the Bill of Rights, Bush reiterated his belief that the role of government is limited to taxation, public works, civil litigation, and law enforcement, and said it is wrong for specific social services or standards of living to be considered rights.

"The framers did not evaluate acquisition of even the most vital goods and services to the status of rights ..." said Bush. "They understood that paternalism is just a sugar-coated tyranny."

The framers also understood an agrarian economy, where people worked, grew their own food, and owned slaves. The world is different today, and the role of government has to mirror some of those differences - because to do otherwise leads to non-sugar-coated anarchy.

The timing of the Bush administration's current focus on the domestic economy is, of course, all about the 1992 presidential election and Bush's diminished ratings in opinion polls. If there had been any basic understanding or concern for the difficulties that make many Americans doubtful about the future, domestic concerns would have been a priority much earlier.

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The motivation and follow-through are suspect. It's because the timing is so bad.

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Editorial

Q Bar debacle shows need to use qualified appraisers

If you needed your appendix taken out, you wouldn't have your accountant do the job - no matter how good an accountant he was.

And if you needed your house revived, you wouldn't call a chiropractor - even if she was the best chiropractor in town.

So why, when a group of Magic Valley counties bought the old Q Bar building to use as a juvenile jail, did they have the property appraised by a heating contractor, a pump dealer and a retail clothier?

Under an archaic Idaho law, counties may buy real estate after obtaining an appraisal signed by three "disinterested citizens of the county."

That system is badly obsolete in this age of professional real estate appraisers, and to our knowledge it isn't used much.

But the county officials who have presided over the disastrous search for a juvenile center site chose to rely on it. As a result, they paid \$119,000 for a building that probably is worth considerably less.

Now that the Twin Falls City Council has ruled the building can't be used to house juvenile offenders, the counties must unload it to get back the money they'll need for a new site.

That may be hard to do. Even though the market for commercial property has been fairly brisk in Twin

Falls, the Q Bar languished on the market before the counties bought it. Could it be that the asking price was too high?

In fact, one of the citizen appraisers, former Mayor Emery Peterson, later admitted to having had doubts about the appraisal he signed.

We certainly won't fault Peterson and the other two citizens who appraised the building. Each is honest, knowledgeable in his own field and well-respected in the community. But none of them is a qualified appraiser.

For that matter, neither are we. We can guess at the Q Bar's value, but hiring a professional is the only route to confidence.

If the county officials had been on the ball, they would have followed that prudent course. It would have cost \$2,000 to \$3,000 - a small price compared with the bath they're likely to take when they renege the property.

The Q Bar debacle shows that the Legislature needs to examine the law regarding county land purchases. If county officials won't hire qualified appraisers on their own, maybe the law should require them to.

This year a new state law set certification standards for professional appraisers. Applying those standards to county real estate purchases would be a simple matter.

It's worth a look. After all, we don't let accountants perform surgery.

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Letters

Baxter should remember

To K. Ellen Baxter, Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney:

I know you'll remember me when you hear my story. About 4 1/2 years ago, a child abuse case came to you. I feel you did your best in handling the case, but nothing could be done because of the child's age. I will not go into detail because the wounds are still open and all this would do is add salt. But I think you remember.

While after the case was dropped, the governor had a task force go around the state asking people how laws should be changed. I spoke at the meeting when they came to the College of Southern Idaho.

I told the story of what happened to me and my daughter and then I walked out crying. You met me at the door and gave me a hug and said I did a good job.

Well, I think that you have been doing a good job, too. But in the last few years, you seem to have lost the caring for these victims of abuse. Please remember how you used to feel about these problems and remember the children of all ages that you're protecting.

RAY M. WHEELER
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Study INEL risks

A recent flurry in the news has occurred over an internal Department of Energy memorandum issued several weeks ago by

Secretary Watkins. The secretary directed a view of issues involved in recent U.S. District Court decisions and the potential impacts on DOE activities at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. The directive was both predictable and responsible.

Idahoans have taken great pride in playing a partnership role with the federal government over the past several years. Achievements include pioneering the nuclear power industry and the nuclear Navy, development of reactor safety hazards and procedures, medical research and a host of other scientific advances, many non-nuclear.

The partnership with the federal government has also benefited Idaho. The laboratory provides thousands of jobs and has brought billions of dollars into the state of Idaho.

If the present impasse between the state of Idaho and the DOE is not resolved soon, I am concerned the INEL will likely go into an irreversible decline at a high cost to the people of Idaho.

Recently, I urged the governor and members of the Idaho congressional delegation to join in requesting an independent body of scientific experts be impaneled to make an assessment of any potential risks to the environment or public health and safety, the storage of various kinds of radioactive waste and spent fuel at the laboratory may create.

Once again, and even more strenuously, I urge that such action be taken. We need to resolve once and for all, based upon credible scientific evidence, if we are dealing with

safety issues or political issues as we debate whether Idaho will continue to play a partnership role.

The DOE will make decisions on the location of the future programs and facilities. Given the current economic climate in this country, there will undoubtedly be fierce competition for those projects among other laboratories and facilities experiencing a decline in defense and research and development spending.

The ultimate position taken by the citizens of the state of Idaho should reflect a clear understanding of the potential risks based on the best available scientific information. If the debate is not focused on these issues but continues to focus on political rhetoric, the argument in the years ahead will be over who and what was responsible for the resulting loss to the state of Idaho.

STATE SEN. JOHN D. HANSEN
Idaho Falls

Abolish nuclear arms now

Now is the time to abolish atomic weapons. The Cold War is over. We no longer face a monolithic adversary. Communism is discredited. In fact, Gorbachev stated in response to President Bush's proposals for reduction in atomic armament, "They hold a lot of promise for serious steps toward a nuclear-free world."

It can be proven in legal argument that there is no such thing as a just war using atomic

weapons. All atomic wars are illegal; we ought to abolish atomic weapons worldwide. The International Atomic Energy Commission of the United States could be the inspector.

What do you do with decommissioned atomic bombs? They can be remanufactured to make reactor fuel-grade plutonium. This can be done to prevent any easy way to make the plutonium into weapons grade again. The fuel-grade end-product of remanufacturing of bombs can be buped in nuclear reactor generating plants.

The strategy is to take the Department of Energy to court with a cease and desist with a stop order on New Production Reactors. If the legal case established that all atomic wars are illegal, the production of an NFR is outlawed.

It is a changed world. We should not have to live a Mutual Assured Destruction strategy. The Soviets would like to see a "nuclear-free world." Why shouldn't we be the first to provide it?

ROBERT R. MURPHY
Twin Falls

Abstinence first

Whoever writes the editorial in the Dec. 18 edition of The Times-News either didn't attend the meeting referred to in the article or he/she did not have listened very well.

The writer says, "Parents told an ad hoc committee on AIDS education Monday in no uncertain terms that they want one message and one message only conveyed to youngsters: Abstinence."

I was there and heard many speak in favor of a pro-abstinence sex ed curriculum. However, no one said anything about "abstinence only." It was clear to me many who spoke realized information concerning AIDS needs to be presented. The concern is this:

What subject matter is going to be covered, how is it going to be presented and who is going to be teaching the course?

You see, there are numerous ways to present sexuality information; and it sounded to me like the group of concerned parents at the Monday night meeting want to encourage the most fool-proof way of preventing AIDS (and unplanned pregnancies) to be the centerpiece of our sex ed curriculum in Twin Falls and that happens to be abstinence.

We need teachers and a sex ed curriculum absolutely committed to preserving the health and well-being of our young people. Human sexuality is a great gift, but there's a time and a place for it.

Spend quality time teaching the whys and wherefores of abstaining from sexual activity, rather than the whys and wherefores of being sexually active, present factual information on AIDS and other aspects of human sexuality without "telegraphing" the idea that you expect them to be sexually active.

Let's be sure our young people understand there is no such thing as "safe sex" and act like we believe it!

DUANE LUCHSINGER
Twin Falls



Idaho should learn from California's costly economic errors

Idaho needs to focus on its strengths and the ability to compete in an international economy in the 1990s.

What are our strengths?

- A good work ethic; welfare is not yet considered a way of life.
- Relatively low electric rates.
- An improving education system that produces results above the national averages at less cost.
- We have generally demanded "bang for the buck" out of local and state government.
- Lower medical costs, both as a percentage of income and in real terms, than most states.
- Idaho Workmen's compensation benefits are more rational and therefore act as an incentive for business to move to Idaho.
- Idahoans are less likely to settle an issue through the courts than many of the citizens from other states.
- We have less government regulation than many states.
- Access to recreation is excellent and our lifestyle is superior to most regions.
- A generally low crime rate.

Alex Sinclair
Reader
comment

Minimal racial tension. Why is Idaho growing when the national economy is hurting?

The real reason is California residents and their businesses are moving to Idaho.

The economy of Southern California has fallen off a cliff. Businesses are moving out of California at a steadily accelerating rate, jobs (both military and others) are declining. Welfare recipients and minorities are moving in.

This has all hit home rather suddenly. As of July 1, 1991, California taxes were raised \$7 billion and spending was trimmed an additional \$7 billion. This has greatly accelerated the taxpayer departure. Current estimates indicate that the new budget is out of balance a further \$7 billion and the numbers are worsening every month.

Without action, I think their deficit could be \$7 billion to \$10 billion more.

Southern California housing prices are off 20 percent and the decline is accelerating. Prices will probably fall another 20 percent before they stabilize. The stability will remain only if their government dramatically cuts spending.

This will cause additional short-term negative effects but is the only avenue that will allow California to successfully compete in the '90s.

A friend of mine in the construction business in California said that his workmen's compensation is 24 percent of payroll and it costs him \$50 per hour to a carpenter on the job. California is very liberal with workmen's comp benefits and even allows stress claims.

This has opened a Pandora's box and created an environment where lawyers are actively soliciting employees to sue their employers. I was on the airplane with a man who moved his business to South Dakota and said that his workmen's comp costs, which were approximately \$500,000 in California, would drop 80 to 90 percent, through a combination of factors (lower wages, lower rates, lower treatment costs, more productive workers, etc.).

The real problem is simple — when taxes get too high and welfare too good, the welfare recipients move in and the taxpayers leave. Witness New York first, then Massachusetts and now California. They all suffer from the same disease.

Let me give you an example of what happens in a more advanced stage of this type of decline. Holyoke, Mass., the home of both Vassar and Holyoke Colleges, in the education belt, has had dramatic cutbacks due to their economy. According to a recent Wall Street Journal article, the teachers in his class sizes have gone from 25 to 40, they have eliminated many classes, and there is no financial support for athletics.

The problem for the national economy is, somewhat the same; there is too much debt to have much growth. The only avenue to an improved standard of living is getting our government lean and mean, which will help our businesses compete internationally and produce new jobs; near term we must accept slow growth and reduce our deficit over time.

The secret to economic vitality is successfully competing in the world

economy; this means that the most efficient country and the most efficient regions within that country are going to prosper, while the others struggle.

For Idaho, as we have more residents from California, who are used to many state services, we must be constantly vigilant to educate them, that we believe we are better off in Idaho if we take care of ourselves. Growth in Idaho state government, in particular, has been dramatic over the past three years.

Instead of the One Percent Initiative, maybe we should pass an initiative that limited the increase in per person state expenditures to the inflation rate. Then our representatives would figure out which services are truly necessary.

Let's not make the same mistakes that many of not most states, have made. Continue to demand "Bang for the Buck" in Idaho government. It will produce economic vitality and our children deserve it.

Alex Sinclair is president of Sinclair & Co. Inc., a commodity brokerage firm in Twin Falls.

U.S. tanks Officialdom makes unwarranted attack on JFK film

too big for Japanese soldiers?

TOKYO — The Japanese would never accept the argument that they couldn't sell their cars in the States because they were too small for American drivers. But the Japanese baldly declare that they can't buy American tanks or warships because

David Evans

they're too big for Japanese soldiers and sailors.

As an example, the Japanese are producing domestically a new tank, designated the Mark 90, to equip their single armored division. It's hardly worth setting up the production line to build the 130 or so tanks they need.

Why not just buy the M-1 tank from the U.S., I asked Katsuhiko Tsukamoto, who served in Japan's ground self-defense forces before retiring as a lieutenant general. The M-1 can be had for half the Japanese tank's \$6 million price.

The American tank, Tsukamoto declared, "doesn't suit the size of the people."

Tsukamoto was somewhat more convincing when he added that the M-1 is "too big to operate in Japan." With a combat weight pushing 70 tons, the M-1 would collapse the local highway bridges, which can handle around 55 tons.

However, the Japanese could buy plenty of used M-48 tanks from the U.S. and save Japanese taxpayers tens of billions of yen.

The same argument that American weapons are too big is applied to warships. The Japanese are building a warship that looks amazingly like the Navy's new Arleigh Burke-class destroyers. In this case, the Japanese are building the ships and importing the very latest version of the Aegis radar air-defense system going into the Arleigh Burke ships.

Tsukamoto and warship experts at Japan's defense ministry all said they can't buy the Arleigh Burke ships outright because the American destroyer is not suited for Japanese sailors.

"The living spaces, the corridors, the steps are too big. That means a small area for other purposes," Tsukamoto declared.

This argument suggests that an American shipbuilder couldn't modify its design.

By building their own weapons, importing only those components they need, the Japanese keep their hand in leading-edge military technology. The Aegis radar is a perfect example. Even some Japanese military experts say their navy doesn't need this advanced radar, which was designed to defeat massed Soviet air raids on U.S. carrier battle groups.

That may be so, but the Aegis radar also is a superb air-traffic control radar, with enormous commercial potential.

It seems that the Japanese are getting the best of our defense technology, with a domestic military production base that keeps most of the money, and jobs, in Japan. The arrangement is in many respects a one-way street going the wrong way.

Indeed, the present arrangement, where the Japanese take American military technology and build it into weapons made in Japan, proves the axiom that you can have your rice cake and eat it too.

David Evans is military affairs writer for the Chicago Tribune.

WASHINGTON — Before you see the film "JFK" (which, if you've any sense, you will), you should know something about the city that lurks and hovers menacingly throughout Oliver Stone's riveting tale of murder and deceit — this one.

It's important because of an ironic twist to the politics of Stone's latest work, which, as art, is simply magnificent; as historical drama, is honest on a level few here will understand, and as polemic, is devastatingly effective.

This is the city whose best and brightest failed to solve the assassination of a president to the public's satisfaction, and to the minimum standards of thoroughness and logic, despite nearly a decade of all-out support for its official investigation from the journalistic and political establishments.

And yet, after nearly two decades of continual pummeling of the still-official version in the world of print (suffered nearly in silence), much of the town is aghast at the appearance of this film and has taken after Stone with a vengeance.

The irony is multiple and ludicrous. The town whose main industry has been failing with monotonous regularity since the day John Kennedy was murdered dares to condemn a dramatization of one

ridiculous position. Washington's attack upon Stone consists of two major points:

- He alleges a conspiracy so vast (military, intelligence, industrial, right-wing fratricide, Cuban exiles, the FBI, Texas authorities, even Lyndon Johnson) as to be ridiculous.
- Stone does no such thing to my eyes. He uses a spellbinding blend of drama, documentary, and even dramatized documentary, he suggests possibilities through his characters and then illustrates them. His point of view is clearly that President Kennedy's murder originated in military

of its most despicable failures. The town whose paralyzed government is the undeserved — but of national humor doesn't even understand that its media mobilization against Stone can only backfire spectacularly.

The town whose remaining defenders of the One-Lone-Nut-Murdered-Baby-One-Lone-Nut version of the crime (including, by the way, presidents and Congresses who routinely refuse to report the case) insist that the rest of us believe them and also refuse to help make public the remains of evidence in the case that will otherwise remain locked up until the year 2129.

As ever undeterred by its

intelligence opposition to post-Cuban-missile-crisis changes in policy away from the Cold War, against a second invasion of Castro's Cuba, and, above all, against Vietnam.

However, Stone leaves one free to accept all or none of his suggestions; only critics of Washington would assume a mass audience of zombies, incapable of viewing a political film carefully and critically.

He has built his story around a fabricated hero — Jim Garrison, the former New Orleans district attorney who was an incompetent buffoon who stundered a local businessman in the pursuit 24 years ago of an imagined network of assassination conspirators in the city's low-life community.

Not so, "JFK's" Garrison has visible, and large, warts, and is well within the boundaries of dramatic license as portrayed by Kevin Costner. The passage of time, moreover, has strengthened the real Garrison's basic case. The businessman (the late Clay Shaw) lied in denying ties to the CIA, and witnesses insist to this day they saw

him with Lee Harvey Oswald and the bizarre character Garrison believed drove to Texas in time for the assassination to be the real killers' getaway pilot (the late David Ferrie).

History is not always what is left when falsifications and rumors are professionally discarded; history can also be the product of political power's warping tools. The Warren Commission's 28-year-old report is at least in part that; it failed in its declared purpose long ago.

In conversations here and in California, Stone told me he sees "JFK" as myth in the classical sense of the term, meaning allegory that points to an inner truth.

As such, it is credible; it is honest. Stone asks us to consider the possibility that John Kennedy's murder was, in effect or in fact, a coup d'etat. We don't have to, but it is interesting that Washington's attack on him does not include any hint of a willingness to let us see that long-suppressed evidence.

Thomas Olliphant is a Boston Globe columnist.



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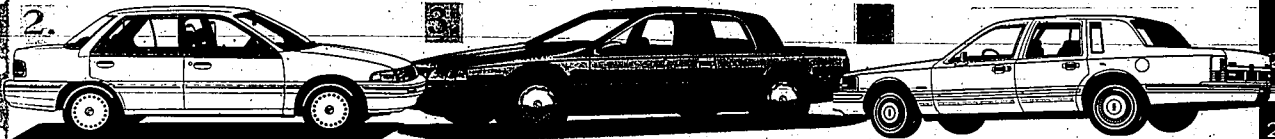
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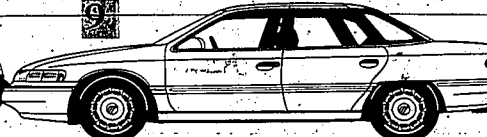


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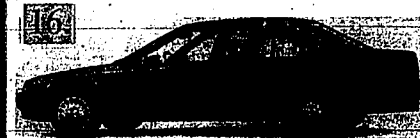


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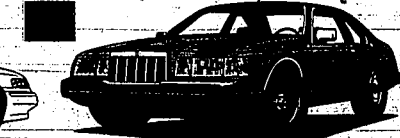


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The tough go shopping on Dec. 24

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The true spirit of Christmas is to wait until Dec. 24 to set foot inside a store.

Steve Crump
Don't ask me

It's only then that you'll find truly fantastic buys on polka-dog curling ribbon, lime-green foil wrapping paper, electro-plated gold statuettes of mermaids with clocks where their stomachs ought to be, Birkenstock bowling shoes and Ginzui knives made in Puerto Rico.

But the real purpose of waiting until the day before Christmas to shop is the thrill of the hunt.

Anybody can do his Christmas shopping by, like, planning. What's the fun in that?

If you'll check your Christmas bylaws (ie, "The Night Before Christmas") you'll note that St. Nick did his Yule thing after everybody else was already in bed on Christmas Eve.

Awsome. The man probably had to do all his shopping at 7-Eleven.

Christmas is about caring, faith, hope, fellowship, generosity, and one more thing:

Panic.
Heck, even the Three Wise Men were way late.

The popular myth among the organized is that if you wait until Christmas Eve to do your shopping, you'll pay through the nose.

That's bunk.
By Dec. 24, merchants are dying to unload all this stuff.

Most of them are going to be spending Christmas Day marking it all down for the day-after-Christmas sale anyway, so why not save them the trouble?

In case in point: Two years ago, my wife instructed me not to show up on Christmas morning unless there was a new drip coffee-maker under the tree. At 4:07 p.m. on Christmas Eve, I began my quest.

The first store I went into looked like the side that finished second in "The Day After Tomorrow."

A few customers and a handful of clerks wandered dazed among the wreckage, picking their way through boxes, crates, overturned shopping carts and Richard Clayderman's Greatest-Hits tapes.

One clerk was clinging to an empty display case in the housewares department whimpering, over and over again, "But we don't have any more 8-inch Revereware skillers."

I stepped up smartly and said, "Yes, my good man, I want your best drip coffee-maker and hang the coupon." He said, "That's a return," he said uncertainly, straightening his tie. "It leaks."
"So, like, technically, it's still a drip coffee-maker," I replied sensibly.
"Yes, I suppose it is," the clerk said, smiling weakly.

I got a \$79.95 coffee-maker for 79 cents, and when it spilled its contents all over the tile floor the morning after Christmas, I had total deniability.

"Gosh, hon, that's a shame. The clerk said it was their top-of-the-line model."

My wife found out, of course, when she went back to exchange it, but she was a remarkably good sport about the whole thing.

Last year, she even let me open my gifts early, on Christmas Eve.

After all, you can't expect Santa Claus to squeeze down the chimney carrying a mop and a bucket.

Steve Crump is The Times-News city editor.

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CSI faces possible faculty shortage

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As professors hired to teach the baby boom generation retire, Idaho colleges including the College of Southern Idaho could have staff shortages, CSI President, Gerald Meyerhoeffer and a state report say.

The report called, "Faculty Supply and Demand in Idaho," found that Idaho's faculty is swiftly shrinking as an aging staff retires.

"We have somewhat of an aging faculty," Meyerhoeffer said.

In the next 10 years, CSI could see a shortage, although currently the college has had ample applications for faculty positions, he said.

CSI's staff has had a good reputation of longevity, but that same faculty is nearing retirement, Meyerhoeffer said.

The state report by Jerry Engstrom, management information officer for the Idaho Board of Education, predicts the shortage will drive up costs.

The seeds of the shortage were sown in the 1960s when American higher education expanded rapidly as "baby boom" children entered college, the report says.

"Now, 30 years later, the large number of faculty hired in response to the baby boom increases is nearing retirement age," the report says. "Greatly increased hiring in the 1960s, has led to a greater need for replacement faculty in the 1990s."

However three major factors make their replacement more difficult:

• The graduation rate of students with new

doctorates has been stable over the last decade and will not meet the projected need.

• An increasing number of new doctoral graduates are from other countries where they will return after graduation.

• Enrollment is expected to increase, requiring colleges to increase their faculty.

Most faculty will be retiring in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the report says.

Faculty between the ages of 30 and 39 fell from 39 percent to 24 percent from 1980 to 1990.

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A matter of control



MIKE SALSBURY/The Times-News

Nurse Karen Lewis and patient Mary Goldman discuss how to fill out a living will form on Friday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Free to choose

Patients usually can dictate their hospital care

By Kirk Mitchell
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Traditionally, doctors have called the shots on whether patients received treatment after it was clear they wouldn't recover.

That's changing fast.

Now that sophisticated machinery can sustain life after a person can no longer think or even breathe on his own, patients are getting more involved in dictating their own care, attorney Paula Brown Sinclair of Twin Falls says.

"Many people see the utility of being kept alive on a machine when there is no hope of recovery," said Sinclair, who specializes in law for the elderly.

It's the patient's decision, but only if he meets certain conditions under the

terms of a new federal law and a state statute passed three years ago.

It's possible that a person who does not want extraordinary means taken to preserve his life might be kept alive by heroic measures unless he makes his wishes known to his doctor and to the hospital in writing and in advance.

To ensure their wishes are respected, Sinclair said, people must anticipate situations in which they may be unable to state their wishes — during a coma, for instance.

Such "advanced directives" are called living wills.

The federal government through the Patient Self-Determination Act of 1990 requires that people receiving medical care be told their right of "self-determination."

Under that law, hospitals, nursing homes and home-health companies must ask adult patients whether they have living wills. If they don't, they are given a pamphlet that explains what they are.

Laurie Kelley-Klayton, social services director of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The law was passed by Congress in the wake of the widely publicized Nancy Cruzan case in Missouri.

Cruzan was a comatose, terminally ill patient kept alive for eight years with medical equipment. She died three years ago after a judge ruled comments she had made to friends before an automobile accident were proof that she would have wanted the equipment that kept her alive turned off.

Please see WILL/B2

Blaine County ponders proposal to settle ACLU lawsuit over jail

The Associated Press

HAILEY — The Blaine County Commission is considering a settlement of a lawsuit filed by the American Civil Liberties Union alleging substandard conditions in the county jail.

The lawsuit was filed last January, and negotiations have been under way for several months. The settlement would give the county three months to alter some jail procedures and six months to make required structural changes.

"I'm happy with the consent decree and feel we can live under those guidelines and time limits," Blaine County Sheriff J. Walt Femling said.

Stephen Pevar, regional counsel in the ACLU's Denver office, expressed satisfaction with the settlement. He filed the lawsuit "on behalf of two former jail inmates." "It brings the jail up to federal and Idaho Sheriff's Association standards," he said.

The settlement caps jail population at 25 but the facility could house only 14 full-time prisoners.

The agreement also covers other issues such as jail staff, inmate health care, medical needs, recreation and mail. Among other things, the agreement calls for a brighter lighting system, and improved ventilation.

The agreement still requires some

adjustments and Femling said he had no cost estimate.

The settlement doesn't eliminate the need for a new jail, and stipulates that the county must pursue options for building a new facility.

But Femling said voters have made it clear they don't want to finance it through a bond issue and property taxes.

The sheriff said he is working on a bill for next month's legislative session allowing counties by a two-thirds voter approval to levy a 1 percent sales tax, with proceeds earmarked for a specific project.

"That way it is everybody paying for the facility," the sheriff said.

Don't take that broken Christmas gift lying down

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

What if, despite your best efforts, that Christmas gift turns out to be a lemon?

Fight back, advises Michael Bibby, an attorney by training who now works as an associate professor of management at Boise State University and teaches classes on the legal rights of consumers. Consumers generally have more rights than they realize.

Bibby talked last week about what to do about Christmas gifts that just fall short of expectations.

Q: Say you buy, or receive, a big-ticket item that just doesn't work. What are your options?

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A: "Well, your first option, obviously, is to take it back to the store. Nine out of 10 times, you'll get satisfaction. But if that doesn't work, there are a number of alternatives."

"You can take your complaint to the Better Business Bureau, which is active throughout most of Idaho, or to various trade

organizations. After that, you have recourse to the attorney general's office, which has one assistant attorney general assigned full-time to consumer complaints.

"Finally, there's the option of taking the business to small-claims court. If the value of the item is \$3,000 or less (the limit in Idaho), you can do that for very little money."

Q: What if the item was purchased through the mall?

A: "That's a little more of a problem. Most mail-order companies are reputable, but some aren't, and almost all of those are located out of state."

"The problem with that is that if it comes down to trying to force some action by a company, the company may be outside the

Study will peer under INEL land

By N.S. Nockensted
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — A pair of Idaho scientists hope a three-dimensional picture of the Snake River Plain Aquifer will reveal some secrets of the earth beneath the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

Idaho State University geologists Michael Curry and John Welhan, with technology borrowed from the oil industry, will try to paint that picture in a new way.

What they find could be of intense interest to the Magic Valley. The aquifer, which flows beneath INEL and its buried radioactive waste, supplies a significant amount of the valley's water for drinking and agriculture.

U.S. Geological Survey and Department of Energy studies over the past 40 years have created a two-dimensional view of the aquifer that shows only the water table and the rate of movement, said Welhan, who teaches hydrogeology at ISU.

But aquifer, one of the nation's most productive, is actually a system of separate aquifers, he said. The Snake River Plain is made up of alternating layers of fractured basalts from ancient lava flows separated by sediment layers.

Curry and Welhan believe that water in each layer moves through cracks in the basalt at different rates and is separated from other layers by sediments.

By isolating each layer, they will be able to determine the rate of movement in each layer, how groundwater interacts with the rock, changes in the natural water chemistry and how that chemistry affects contaminants and their transport in the water.

The two, both members of the Idaho Geological Survey, will use a groundwater sampling device long used in the oil industry. The gadget has an opening and pump between two inflatable seals.

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Officers arrest Twin Falls man in drug sweep

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — A Twin Falls man was arrested on drug charges Saturday in connection with the 40 grand jury indictments handed up earlier last week, said Don Walden, project manager for Magic Valley Drug Task Force.

Stu Robinson of the Idaho Bureau of Narcotics arrested Robert Gonzalez, 28, in Twin Falls after the police department received a tip, Walden said.

A 16-member panel handed up Gonzalez's indictment on delivery of cocaine earlier in the week.

The task force and bureau coordinated the dragnet, entitled "Operation Valley Storm," in which 27 people were arrested Friday.

Walden said law enforcement officers have been working steadily for two weeks on the case; so they took Saturday off.

"I'm sure things are going to pick up on Monday," he said.

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jurisdiction of the Idaho courts. And it gets a lot more expensive when you have to deal with an out-of-state court system.

"If you have a problem with a mail-order product, the best thing to do is to put it in writing and send your complaint to the company, including all the documentation you have: receipts, canceled checks, order forms or whatever. If you have a written record, you're most likely to get action."

"Don't waste your time trying to settle the complaint over the phone. You can get a commitment to fix your problem over the phone, and there's no record of it. The seller sure isn't going to keep a record of the conversation."

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Idaho County sheriff faces felony charges

CALDWELL (AP) — Describing Idaho County Sheriff Randy Baldwin as "one of their own," the Canyon County Prosecutor Richard Harris says officers who arrested Baldwin during a sting operation weren't expecting to bag a sheriff.

"We knew that the burglary was going to take place, but (the law enforcement officers) had no idea that it would involve the Idaho County sheriff, that he would be one of the perpetrators," Harris said Friday.



Randy Baldwin
Faces four charges

Baldwin and Lamont Duane Jack of Boise were arrested after officers observed them allegedly breaking into a Nampa home about 3:30 a.m. Friday and trying to steal \$7,500 in cash, three pounds of marijuana and two ounces of cocaine.

As Baldwin, 37, and Jack, 45, were leaving the house "one of the police officers on site recognized (Baldwin) for who he was and that he had the texture of this sting operation changed dramatically," Harris said. "Because now you're not dealing with an ordinary burglar, you're dealing with a sheriff duly sworn to uphold the laws of the state of Idaho and who was involved directly in the commission of a crime."

The officers on the scene expressed a great deal of satisfaction they were able to apprehend one of their own gone bad.

Baldwin, Jack and Patti VonBargen, 34, a lieutenant with the Idaho County Sheriff's Department, had an initial hearing Friday before 3rd District Judge Gary DeMeyer in Caldwell.

Baldwin and Jack were charged with burglary, grand theft and two

counts of drug possession. VonBargen was charged with aiding and abetting a burglary, grand theft and drug possession.

Bond for Baldwin and Jack was set at \$500,000 each. Bond for VonBargen was set at \$100,000.

A bond review hearing was set for Friday and preliminary hearings were set for all three for all three before 3rd District Magistrate Gregory Culet.

Baldwin and VonBargen live in Grangeville. Jack is a former Grangeville resident. He owned the Three Mile Creek roping arena and made the news in 1990 for a failed attempt to boot Wayne Jennings for a concert there.

Detective Alan Creech, supervisor of the City-County Narcotics Unit in Canyon County, said Friday that drug agents had Jack under surveillance for about three weeks in connection with a series of break-ins to obtain cash and illegal drugs.

Agents learned Jack was traveling to Nampa Thursday night, Creech said while Jack was under surveillance, he met with Baldwin and VonBargen in an Idaho County patrol car.

Creech said surveillance officers

then observed Jack and Baldwin allegedly break into the Nampa home. Jack, who was armed with a semiautomatic handgun, was arrested at the scene. Baldwin fled on foot but was captured about two hours later behind the Nampa bus depot, about a mile away. He also was carrying a semiautomatic weapon, but no shots were fired.

Creech said VonBargen was arrested at the parking lot of a local supermarket, where she was waiting in the patrol car.

Creech said the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration received the original tip on Jack and was part of the investigation and arrest. Also cooperating was the Idaho Bureau of Narcotics, he said.

The Idaho County patrol car was impounded, as was Jack's vehicle, a 1984 Dodge van, Creech said.

In Grangeville, residents expressed shock at Baldwin's arrest.

"I feel like I could puke," said one woman who asked not to be identified. "But it wouldn't do any good. The bad taste would still be there. The thing is, how am I supposed to tell my kids that they shouldn't be doing this sort of thing when the sheriff is involved?"

More students attend Dietrich this year

By Pat Voloshen
Times-News correspondent

DIETRICH — Superintendent Mike Stefanic said at a recent Dietrich School Board meeting that enrollment is up to 194 students this year.

Forty of those students live out of the district.

Stefanic reported that the average daily attendance is nine students, which is up about 20 percent from last year.

Increasing the teaching staff to compensate for the enrollment increase is also possible.

Wanless Southwick of the science and computer department has volunteered time to help with the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory Scholastic Tournament, which does not take place during school hours. Help is also needed from a parent. It will begin in February.

In other business, Dietrich is

working on a solution to eliminate all school bus turnarounds and all backing up. They've come up with a plan which has not yet been finalized.

The district has agreed to allow the city of Dietrich to use the school's well as a back-up source for water as long as the city assumes responsibility.

The city must have a back-up water source in order to qualify for a grant to drill a city well.

Stefanic recommended the appointment of Genesee Shaw as junior varsity boys basketball coach. He also holds the positions of junior high and high school girls basketball coach.

A proposed policy concerning sexual harassment was discussed. Stefanic sent a letter home to all parents stressing the importance of the enhancement of self-esteem and the use of positive and constructive criticism rather than negative

LaRocco: Treat INEL closure memo seriously

BOISE (AP) — Idaho's GOP senators should treat a study threatening the future of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory as they would a potential military base closure, Democratic Rep. Larry LaRocco says.

"What Sen. (Steve) Symms and Sen. (Larry) Craig should do is go to the Republican administration and ask, 'Is this a base closure-type action?'" LaRocco said Friday.

U.S. Energy Secretary James Watkins has ordered a study of the future of the INEL and the possibility of transferring some of the facility's

duties elsewhere. Gov. Cecil Andrus has called the review "blackmail" and a ploy to scare Idahoans into accepting additional storage of high-level nuclear waste out of fear for the loss of 13,000 INEL jobs.

Watkins' action was logical in light of Andrus' court battles with the Energy Department over shipment of sent nuclear fuel rods from Public Service Co. of Colorado's Fort St. Vrain reactor, Symms spokesman Dave Pearson said.

Craig's chief of staff, Greg Casey, said Craig is responding by continuing to plan a proposed summit

on the INEL with Andrus and Deputy Energy Secretary Henson Moore.

"Referring to cutbacks at the INEL, Greg said, 'Everybody's saying, 'Oh my God, it's happened.' Well, it's not happened. We will do everything in our power to prevent that from occurring.'"

"The Biblical passage, 'What ye sow, so shall ye reap,' makes sense to me," Pearson said. "If the mission of the DOE understands it, is no longer capable of being accomplished at INEL, they have no choice but to look at alternatives where they can accomplish the mission."

Andrus has won recent federal court decisions on the shipment of commercial waste from Colorado to the INEL.

Watkins called for the review Nov. 13 in a memorandum written after U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge ordered the Energy Department to apply for a state air quality permit.

LaRocco said he was "very dismayed" by the Energy Department's refusal so far to comment on the memo. "I smell a rat," LaRocco said during the taping of Boise television station KTVB's "Viewpoint" public affairs program.

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Living wills are intended to avoid leaving those decisions to somebody else. "It can make the difference between having control over your life or not," Kelley-Kinyon said.

Sinclair considers the self-determination issue so critical that she tells her clients they should show copies of their living wills to their doctors and watch the physicians' faces to see if they approve.

If not, it may be time to get a new doctor, she said.

"It's better find out now than later, when the family might have to fight about the enforceability of living wills," she said.

The living will is only applicable under narrow circumstances.

The patient must be incapable of communicating his wishes, must be in a persistent vegetative state or have an incurable injury, disease or illness or have a condition considered terminal by two doctors.

Moreover, the person must need life-sustaining procedures to prolong his life artificially.

A living will form approved by Idaho law leaves people with three basic options:

- Do everything possible to sustain life.
- Withhold life-sustaining treatments except for liquids and nutrition.
- Withhold all treatments including liquids and nutrition.

In Cruzan's case, liquids and nutrition were finally withheld before she died.

People also should designate someone else to carry out their powers-of-attorney if they become incapacitated, Sinclair said.

'It can make the difference between having control over your life or not.'

— Jamie Kelley-Kinyon, MVRMC

An individual with the power-of-attorney would make decisions about the sick person's health care when he is unable to do so.

Doctors can feel pressure to keep a patient alive because of their sworn duty to save life and out of fear of liability, Sinclair said. Under Idaho law, an properly executed living will frees physicians of liability for complying with the patient's wishes, she said.

The two biggest concerns elderly have are the cost of medical care and the possible need for long-term nursing care, Sinclair said.

"Many see it as an extreme waste of family resources, which sustain a life that is of a quality that is less than acceptable to that person," she said.

Health-care workers must also advise patients of their rights to make general decisions about their own health care, Sinclair said. The hospital cannot refuse to treat patients who do not have living wills.

Instead of filling out the living-will forms in the hospital during an emergency, Kelley-Kinyon suggests patients wait until they return home and are feeling better.

It's something to use to anticipate a health-care crisis, and not to be filling out when you are in the middle of one," Kelley-Kinyon said.

Services

Ellen A. Vaughn-Piska, of Tiffin, Ohio, and formerly of Kimberly, 11 a.m. Monday, Basilica of Our Lady of

Consolation Catholic Church in Carey, Ohio, (Stombach Memorial Funeral Home in Carey, Ohio).

Lois Ann Diehl, of Wendell, 11 a.m. Monday, New Life Community Church, (Hansen Mortuary of Rupert).

Hospitals

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted
Jedediah Nix and Virginia Nix, both of Elko, Nev.; Lucille Asplund of Twin Falls; Carla Jean Cummins of Murtaugh; Emily Forester Finkins of Jerome; Jerome Ophra Meyer of Gooding; Cindy Jo Petersen of Wendell; and Ernest-Ellison Willoughby of Kimberly.

Released
Tracie Jones and daughter, Joyce Tison and Nicholas Michael Carlson, all of Twin Falls; Dawn Marie Stauder and son of Jerome; Janice Mary Crosby and Edith Rosa, both of Buhl; and Lisa Ann Evans and Emma Jageck, both of Filer.

Births
Daughters were born to Wayne and Lisa Hawkins of Jerome; and to Brian and Cindy Petersen of Wendell. A son was born to Daniel and Carla Cummins of Murtaugh.

CASSIA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Admitted
Madcan Hollis, Mae Horne, Mary Martinez, Oliver Mousseau, Dalton Taylor, William Blauw, Betty Brann, Katherine Gummow, Richard Hanks, Kathy Hill and Ethel Hodgson, all of Burley; David Joyce, Kimberly Laroque, both of Rupert; Vanessa Tamayo of Paul; Von Eklund of Oakley.

Released
William Blauer, Angela Contreras, Juan Contreras, Max Crichtfield, Mae Horne, Frank Rogers, Hermelinda Sanchez and Quema Winkla, all of Burley; and Witmu Barton of Paul.

Births
Babies were born to Mr. and Mrs. John Rodriguez and to Marcella Robellozo, both of Burley.

Glenn sets up committee

BOISE (AP) — Ada County Commissioner Gary Glenn has formed a campaign committee in anticipation of the Republican primary for Idaho's 2nd District congressional seat.

Although Glenn has not officially declared his candidacy, he said he filed his name with the committee to provide a formal accounting and reporting structure for donations and expenses.

So far, only Idaho state Sen. Michael Crapo, R-Idaho Falls, has announced his candidacy for the seat being contested by Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings, who is running for Steve Symms' Senate seat.

"Many Idahoans do not support the announced candidate's record of support for higher taxes, increased government spending and taxpayer-friendly tax raises for incumbents," Glenn said.

Study

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When lowered to a predetermined depth, the seals are inflated to isolate a particular layer and water, pumped from that layer, is sampled.

The study will use primarily existing sampling wells, but may need a few new ones drilled at some time in the future.

"There are more than enough to keep us busy," Wellman said.

But the thousands of existing well-holes add complexity. Any open hole risks the layers of the aquifer mixing with other naturally separated layers, Wellman said.

Each of the layers may have a different source, a different chemical composition, and a different transmissivity—the rate at which water passes through a substance.

The scientists will use existing borehole logs to determine where to sample the various layers.

The information gathered will be used to generate a three-dimensional picture of the aquifer.

By isolating each layer, water samples will show the individual characteristics of that layer, rather than an average of water from several layers.

In this way, Wellman and his associates hope to isolate the aquifer layers where radioactive waste from INEL was injected and to understand how that waste interacts with the groundwater.

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Obituaries



Robert J. Soran
KIMBERLY — Robert J. Soran, 76 of Twin Falls and Kimberly, died Friday, Dec. 20, 1991, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center following a sudden illness.

Bob was born Jan. 12, 1915, in Emmett, the son of John Soran and Ruth Hill Soran. He was raised and schooled in Emmett and graduated from St. Joseph's High School in Boise a valedictorian of the class of 1932. He attended college at Eureka State College in California. He was in the wholesale grocery business when he married Mildred Ann Turdy of Buhl on Sept. 12, 1942. He served in the 3rd Marine Division during World War II. His tour of duty included Guadalcanal and Guam, where he was wounded and received the Purple Heart. In 1947, he and Jack Davidson of Boise started Pacific Products, Inc., a food packaging business in Twin Falls. The business became Southside Bean Co., where he was active until his death. He was also in business with his brother, Leo Soran. Together they purchased the Depot Grill in 1959 and the Turf Club in 1968, where he was active until 1971.

Bob was an avid sportsman and enjoyed trap shooting, fly fishing

and bird hunting. He loved the Wood River Valley, and in 1946, he built a cabin on Silver Creek which is still enjoyed by his family. His interests included wood working, gardening, golf, reading and bridge. He was a member of the Lake Lakes Country Club; and in 1978, he and his brother, Pat Soran, won the BLCC Invitational. He was a member of St. Edward's Catholic Church. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by all his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred of Twin Falls; his children, Mrs. Rodney (Janet) Bolich of Jerome, Mrs. Randy (Linda) Hamilton of Boise; James Robert Soran of Kimberly; and Mrs. Bill (Sally) Parsons of Warrington, Pa.; four brothers, Pat Soran of Modesto, Calif., Leo Soran of Twin Falls and Bill Soran and Dan Soran, both of Caldwell; one sister, Theresa Hopkins of Caldwell; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and a sister.

A vigil service will be held at 7:30 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Mass of the Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1991, at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls with Father Joseph Schmidt officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials to the Mountain States Tutor Institute. Contributions may be left at or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

and later moved to Twin Falls, where she has since lived. She was a member of the Rebecca Lodge.

She is survived by two sons, Delbert Puddy of California and LaVain Puddy of Seattle, Wash.; seven grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986 and one son.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls with Father Joseph Schmidt of St. Edward's Catholic Church officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Russell R. Fowles
MILNER — Russell Ronald Fowles, of Milner, died Thursday, Dec. 19, 1991, in Burley of injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

He was born Oct. 27, 1973, in Twin Falls, the son of Ronald and Elaine Ward Fowles. He attended schools in Burley and was currently a senior attending high school in Murtaugh. He excelled in football, track and scouting, where he achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a past member of Future Farmers of America and 4-H. He was a member of the LDS Church and was employed with E & D Repair in Murtaugh.

Survivors include his parents of Milner; two sisters, Peggy Patricia Shelley of Pleasant Grove, Utah, and Becky Carrie Fowles of Logan, Utah; and one brother, Scott M. Fowles of Pahoa, Nev. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Wesley B. Ward.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, 1991, at the Star Ward LDS Chapel, 200 W. 100 S. of Burley, with Bishop Leonard Beck officiating. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main in Burley, and from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

U of I initiates director search

MOSCOW (AP) — Seven months after laying off its president, the University of Idaho's technology transfer arm is launching a nationwide search for a director.

The board of the Idaho Research Foundation had approved a job description for the new position and advertising of the opening nationally.

The board laid off its president, Richard Callahan, last May because of the foundation's poor financial condition. Callahan's salary was more than \$100,000 per year.

Earlier this fall, Stanford University consultant recommended the foundation become a technology licensing office and that the University of Idaho responsibility for seeking private support for its research.

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1991. During the same period, faculty older than 50 increased from 25 percent to 30 percent.

That compares closely with what the rest of the country has been seeing, the report says.

"Since the supply of faculty is not increasing, a delay in faculty replacement need for faculty in other states and institutions will affect recruitment efforts in Idaho," the report says.

To compete for the shrinking supply of faculty, state colleges can raise salaries, delay hiring faculty hires, have fewer faculty hire part-time, temporary faculty and use non-salary inducements to attract faculty.

Meyerhoeffer said CSI has hired business professionals to teach some classes. The college has also hired part-time professors to teach classes, he said.

The college will also likely increase the number of scholarships it awards to students planning on becoming college professors, Meyerhoeffer said.

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Official worries about safety in front of Shoshone high school

By Pat Voloshen Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - Shoshone School District Superintendent Stephen Palaniuk said he was concerned about safety of children in front of the high school. He told board members at a recent meeting he had contacted state highway engineer George Oberle about getting a traffic light installed at the intersection. During games, school and other activities, students frequently darted across the highway without a thought about traffic, Palaniuk said.

Oberle wasn't able to commit to the project, but Palaniuk said he talked to a representative from the city, and they are willing to negotiate if the School District will consider paying half the costs. In another matter, Palaniuk reported that the district has been successful in beginning to build surplus funds for a rainy day. At the moment, the district is approximately \$18,000 in the black. Palaniuk also told the board he will pick up the new 14-passenger van on Dec. 30. It will be transporting students when they return from Christmas vacation.

It is to be used for one of the longer bus routes and for small-group student trips. The old 33-passenger bus will be advertised for sale. Palaniuk said that Shoshone School District is the recipient of a \$3,200 science grant. He also stated that many districts are hiring professional grant writers since vying for state or federal funds has become so competitive. Shoshone high school student Ruth Gedeboerg, accompanied by her journalism teacher, JaNene Buckway, attended the meeting.

Ruth entertained the board and guests with a presentation of a speech competition held in October. Buckway explained that competitive speech consists of drama, journalism and debate. Students study and prepare for these competitions on their own time. Buckway donates her time to coach them. The competition involves schools of all sizes. Last year, seven Shoshone students competed statewide, and four brought home honors. In other business, the board accepted the

resignation of Garnet Oneida and voted to hire Barbara Duffin as a teacher's aide. They also hired Anita Pike as a cook. The board approved purchase of a duplicator. Palaniuk proposed that the district put down \$500 and pay the balance of \$4,200 out of the next fiscal year budget. A member of the staff requested a two-day extension of Christmas vacation. She explained that the two days at the end of the week is not really enough time to get students in the swing of things again before having another two days off. This request was denied.

Jerome kids get lab for computers

By H.R. Weixel Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Washington Elementary School received a federal grant to introduce younger children in Jerome to computers.

Kids from kindergarten through third grade will use the computers in a new lab to be built with a \$19,000 grant. Parents will be brought into the program to help teach computer skills at home.

"The vision for Washington Elementary students is for all children to experience success every day in both academic and social skill development," said principal Ann Reynolds. "We want to form a safety net around children to ensure success and encourage progress."

With the grant funds, officials hope to start the high-tech program in about two months.

Other events will raise funds for a VCR, camcorder, printer, polaroid camera and listening center equipment. Reading and writing software will be purchased from the grant funds.

According to an application for the grant, the school thought the funds because of a higher percentage of needy children.

Achievement scores of Washington students are below average for the nation and state, the application stated.

The school has 74 limited English speaking children, a "dramatic increase for a school that was a very homogeneous English-speaking institution until several years ago," the application revealed.

Fifty to 60 percent of the children attending Washington school live in single parent homes, the application stated. Sixty-two percent of the students receive free or cost-reduced lunches.

Other plans are to hold evening classes to train parents to operate computers. Parents would be allowed to take home the school's current Commodore computers; so they can work with their children, Reynolds said.

Washington school is a 54-year old building housing approximately 245 students and 30 faculty and support personnel.

State gives to charity

BOISE (AP) - State employees have pledged \$315,436 to United Way. More than \$15,000 over the \$300,000 goal.

The campaign produced a 20 percent increase over last year's state employee contributions of \$260,000. Dick Vernon, Corrections director, chairman of the drive, said the Department of Commerce had three contributors with a total of \$116 in 1986; this year, Commerce had 100 percent participation and gave nearly \$5,000.

Santa's surprise



Kirk Larsen, playing Santa Claus, tries to persuade Kim Ropp to sit on his lap, then gives her an engagement ring, then kisses her after she accepts his marriage proposal Friday in Albany, Ore. The couple attends college in San Diego.

Ballots will decide Sun Valley merger

By Michael Hofferber Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY - The Sun Valley City Council has decided to pursue a merger with the independent Sun Valley Water and Sewer District. The council voted 3-0 on Thursday to direct the city staff to prepare the groundwork for a city-wide referendum that will decide the issue, Councilman Joe Humphrey, a member of the Water and Sewer District Board that opposes the merger, was out of town on business.

"I think there's money to be saved," said Councilman Dave Wilson, referring to a staff report indicating a cost savings of \$50,000 or more through joint administration. "We need to save money for everyone in the city so that we don't have to raise taxes in the future," he said.

A special resolution adopted by the Sun Valley Water and Sewer District Board on Tuesday opposes the consolidation, stating that "no appreciable savings" would result from dissolution of the district.

The resolution also questioned the city's ability to manage the water and sewer facilities. The security of bonds issued by the district could be imperiled, it stated.

Merger talks between the two governmental bodies have broken off.

Councilman Steve Luber said the merger effort was not a comment on how the district was being run, but an issue of "a multiplication of layers of government when we should be looking at consolidating." Luber expressed dismay at the Water and Sewer District's resolution. "I'm sorry that it's come to the point where the organization is more important than the people they are serving," he said.

"It looks like it's going to be left to the people to decide. It won't be simple because it won't be friendly, and I'm sorry for that."

In other business at its Dec. 19 meeting, the city council approved a pass-through rate increase for trash collection in the city. Wood-River Rubbish requested the fee hike to offset rate increases at the Blaine County Landfill.

The quarterly bill for trash collection in Sun Valley increases from \$21 to \$25.

Mayor Ruth Lieder noted that county residents are now being billed by Blaine County for the landfill service.

But because the city of Sun Valley has mandatory collections, its residents are not subject to that fee.

"If any resident of Sun Valley gets a (landfill) bill from Blaine County and they question it, don't pay it; call Blaine County," she said.

Canyon jail audit finds problem

CALDWELL (AP) - An audit of the Canyon County Jail has determined that some inmates have left the facility without getting money owed to them.

In report requested by Sheriff Gary Putman in October and presented to the County Commission last week, auditors found "serious problems in that it appears the deputies in the detention center are not following,

through with the established procedures." The audit said a \$625 fund was found in the sheriff's office belonging to prisoners previously released.

On at least four occasions, expenditures were improperly made from funds belonging to inmates previously released. Records showed 92 prisoner accounts which were not

returned, ranging from 2 cents to \$41. "On three occasions, expenditures were made to cover shortages in prisoner funds. On one occasion, a travel advance was paid, but it was returned."

The sheriff said existing policy should have prevented it. "Our policies and procedures are adequate and should have prevented this from happening," he said.

Gifts

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Q. What about consumer electronics? Is it a good idea to buy something expensive, like a computer, at a large discount store?

A. "If it's a reputable business, sure. But to a certain extent, you're on your own in deciding what products are good and what products aren't. At many large discount stores, the chances are pretty good that the clerks are not going to know much more about the product than you are. It's best to ask questions and get the information you need before you go into a store, or take somebody along who is knowledgeable on the subject."

Q. Are you protected if the product carries a warranty?

A. "Yes, consumers have many rights under the Magnuson-Moss Act, which has been in effect since 1975, that defines what a seller must do and what rights the buyer has. But that's not the only protection."

"Under state law, there are various kinds of implied warranties, meaning when a merchant sells you a product he assumes certain obligations to make sure it does what he says it will do. "All those filigreed certificates that fall out of the box when you buy a new product should be kept. But keep

in mind that not all warranties do the same thing.

"Some of them offer partial or limited guarantees, others will pay for parts and not for labor, others will pay for parts and labor - you have to read the fine print."

Q. Should you return those reply cards that are attached to warranties?

A. "Yes, but whether or not you return the card doesn't necessarily affect whether or not the warranty is in force. Most of them are intended to provide consumer information for the company, such as where the product was purchased, what you paid for it, why you chose this product over another one and so on."

Q. If all else fails, is it worth taking a merchant or a company to small-claims court?

A. "Absolutely. Small-claims courts are intended to provide redress for people at low cost. There are no lawyers allowed; it's just the two parties involved and the judge."

"Take your receipts, all the documentation you have, any witnesses you may have, and if you have a legitimate complaint the odds are pretty good you'll prevail."

In Idaho, small-claims courts are handled through the regular district court system. County clerks can provide information and the appropriate forms, and give you instruction how to fill them out."

Q. Just because you get a small-claims court judgment, does it mean you'll get your money?

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"In the case of a business that is the defendant in a small-claims court action, the thing to remember is that it's going to cost them as much or more than it costs the plaintiff. The business has to take people off the job to defend the case and compile the information."

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Idaho/West

Endangered snail stirs up nest of trouble in southern Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A tiny snail with a shell of gold has disturbed the peace in the only place on the planet it calls home — a few acres of oasis in the desert of southern Utah.

Aukiloma Kanab Ennis may have been around since prehistoric times, but only lately has it picked the protective instincts of wildlife agents, the heartbreak of a local landowner and the gizzards of a gaggle of geese.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and retiree Brandt Child have been haggling over the Kanab Amber Snail since February 1991.

That was when Child found out his \$400,000 investment in a patch of desert and three small lakes outside Kanab encompassed the world's only Amber Snail habitat and could not be used for the campground and golf course he envisioned.

Negotiations, land appraisals and snail studies followed, and the geese dragged on quietly until this month, when someone turned loose 10 geese and a large drake, known snail gobblers all, on Child's lakes.

"That stirred up a big furor. I was the one that reported it. I knew if I didn't, they'd think I was an accomplice," Child said.

FWS employees scratched their heads, deciding first to shoot the birds, then abruptly changing their minds. The reasons vary.

Clark Johnson, an agency biologist

field supervisor, said he ordered the birds removed, not destroyed, immediately after hearing of plans to shoot.

But state Division of Wildlife Resources officer Scott White said the removal idea came after he and a highway patrolman arrived to kill the birds and discovered they were domestic geese.

White and Trooper Russell Whitaker decided not to shoot the birds and left after reports from the weekly Southern Utah News showed up to photograph the cartage.

As it turned out, eight geese were trapped and brought to the nearby Best Friends animal sanctuary run by Faith Maloney. Two or three birds remain at large.

"Someone unknown released 10 domestic geese onto the lake and two ducks," Maloney said.

"The snails are what they eat. Various rumors are flying around as to how the geese got there. Nobody really knows."

Maloney said she was approached by FWS biologist Larry England to take the geese.

"I agreed to so they would not have to be destroyed. They could not stay there on the ponds, because of their penchant for the amber snails."

Officers are still seeking the

person who placed the geese on the lakes, particularly since the perpetrator would face a maximum penalty of a \$50,000 fine, plus jail time, for each snail ingested by a goose, Johnson said.

Wildlife officials have been to Maloney's place to examine goose droppings for snail shell fragments or other evidence. They found nothing.

Child said he believes the birds were, tumbled by some local resident who "either wanted to attack the environmentalist idea of preserving endangered species or wanted to make a joke."

He suspects the latter.

Despite the scare, Johnson said the geese probably did not devour any snails since the wet meadows around the lake were frozen. The snails stay under the ice so the geese couldn't have gotten to them.

But once again there's another veer.

Child maintains the water hasn't been and isn't now frozen. He said wildlife officers told him the snails were spared because they were hibernating. And he also claims the fugitive geese are still foraging around his ponds.

"It's irresponsible that the geese have to give up their habitation, so to speak, for another species. Once it goes over to habitation of only the snail, everybody loses that beautiful recreation area and the snail has it forever."

Gem mills face smoke penalties

MOYIE SPRINGS (AP) — More than a dozen northern Idaho sawmills that violate state and federal smoke emission regulations face stiff penalties, expensive equipment upgrades, or both.

Some of the operators say excess federal requirements could force them to shut down.

One small operation, Mesenbriek Lumber Co., Moyie Springs, will shut down next week for up to six months, to install new equipment.

During the last four months, the federal Environmental Protection Agency has set notices of violations to 15 sawmills that burn wood waste. In general, the violations relate to smoke opacity — the thickness of plumes billowing from mills' waste burners.

EPA hasn't fined any mills yet, but has threatened to do so.

"You can't have thick, black smoke coming out of your stack," said Ann Pontius, chief of EPA's air compliance and permitting section in Seattle.

Pontius said the EPA and the state's Air Quality Bureau continually

monitor opacity at sawmill smokestacks.

Violators, so far, primarily are small operations with aged equipment or those that burn wet wood waste at relatively low temperatures.

For family-owned mills such as Mesenbriek Lumber, the air quality violations could drastically increase the cost of doing business. Herman Mesenbriek said he received a letter from EPA earlier this month that essentially ordered him to stop burning wood waste or face fines up to \$25,000 per day.

"As far as I can tell, I have to shut down on the 25th," Mesenbriek said. He spent \$200,000 earlier to buy a used wood chipper and storage bins for wood waste, so he won't have to burn wood waste.

The owner of Neumayer Mills near Sandpoint said he might have to go out of business, if forced to spend large amounts of money on equipment upgrades.

"That would pretty much kill us," said Jim Neumayer, whose sawmill provides income for himself and four sons.

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Symptoms of depression include:

- Loss of interest in normal activities
- General sadness
- Difficulty making decisions
- Inability to concentrate
- Irritability
- Change in eating/sleeping and sexual habits
- Feelings of worthlessness
- Recurrent thoughts of death
- Withdrawal from social contact

Depression tends to run in families, which indicates a possible genetic link to the problem.

The disease is so prevalent it is considered the common cold of emotional illness and most often occurs in women between the ages of 25 and 45, and men 55 to 70.

Twenty five percent of all women and nearly twelve percent of the men in this country experience at least one episode of depression in their lifetimes.

It is also estimated that at any given time, approximately 10 million Americans suffer depression.

Because depression frequently incapacitates people and makes them unable to act on their own, others often have to take the initiative. This may be difficult because depressed people are often angry and withdrawn.

Friends and family members should encourage the depressed person to get professional help. The National Institute for Mental Health estimates 80-90 percent of depressed people can benefit from professional care.

If you recognize symptoms of depression in a loved one, don't be afraid to ask for help for them, preferably from a psychiatrist.

A psychiatrist is a medical doctor who has received additional training diagnosing and treating these types of problems.

Mental Health Minute with Kim Gilbert is over on Twin Falls television Mon., Wed. & Fri. and is presented as a community service of Canyon View Hospital.

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Lieutenant governor to push again for single administration

LEWISTON (AP) — Lt. Gov. Butch Otter says he is dusting off the single-university plan he promoted as a state legislator during the 1970s.

Otter lacks a vote in the state Senate except to break a tie, but he's working on legislation that would bring the state's four-year colleges and universities under a central administration.

It will be submitted when the 1992 session begins next month. "I'd do what I could at least through my responsibility in the Senate (as that chamber's presiding officer) to get it

to the Senate committee," Otter said Friday. "Obviously, beyond that, I can't do a whole lot other than encourage its review and encourage its handling."

Otter said he's working with Janet Hay of Nampa, former House Education Committee chair and state Board of Education member. Boise State University public law professor Willard Overgaard is drafting the bill, he said.

Each of Idaho's universities and colleges are run by presidents, who in turn answer to the Board of Education. Over the years, there have been proposals to create a centralized

chancellorship or to create a single University of Idaho system with campuses scattered across the state.

Otter, a House member during the early 1970s, promoted that kind of idea three of the four years he served in the Legislature.

Lawmakers also have considered plans to divide the Board of Education into separate entities responsible for public schools and higher education.

None have mustered the two-thirds majority needed to put the question to voters in the form of a constitutional amendment.

But Otter said controversy over the board's firing of BSU president John Keiser could change that.

"It was not just the Keiser situation, but that brought it back to the fore not only for me but for a lot of people who are interested," Otter said.

The controversy highlighted the divisions within the higher education system, he said.

"They're competing for the attention. They're competing for the bucks," Otter said. "Unless you have a system that can provide the kind of leadership and the kind of

futuristic direction, you're going to continue, I think, the problems of putting the emphasis on the institution rather than the system."

Otter said details of the legislation have yet to be worked out, but one of the angles he's pursuing is to review objections raised to centralized management in the past. He said the proposal would recognize the current "brick and mortar" and work toward a gradual transition.

In any plan, the key will be the state Board of Education, but Otter said his proposal would not mirror criticism of the board.

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Bounced checks could get you in trouble

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The car's running, the baby's crying and the last thing on your mind is recording the amount of the check you just wrote.

So you rush out of the supermarket, throw the milk and bread in the back seat and drive home to cook dinner for the family.

The only problem is your spouse forgot to deposit a payroll check last week and you haven't balanced the checkbook for months.

Oops. You're overdrawing.

Americans bounce millions of checks each year, and their failure to keep tabs on their accounts is troublesome, expensive and sometimes lands them in jail.

Most bad checks, however, aren't written intentionally. Galen Harris, owner of Check Guard, a collection agency in Idaho Falls, said 70 percent of the checks through his office are the result of "honest mistakes."

"We have a whole lot of people running around out there that don't know how to handle a checkbook because nobody ever taught them," he said. "We do a lot of educating in here."

Harris said most people remember to enter their deposits, but forget to write down their withdrawals. Problems also arise when a husband and wife both write checks on a single account. "It's his mistake because she spent too much for groceries," Harris quipped.

Writing bad checks also can be financially draining. State law allows merchants to sue check bouncers for a minimum of \$100 or three times the value of a check if they fail to make it good within a given time.

Collection agencies like Check Guard charge \$15 to recover a check, and banks have similar fees. That means the cost of bouncing a check usually is more than the milk

and bread you just bought.

Harris said the average check that comes through his office is for \$20.50. "It's cost prohibitive to write bad checks," he said.

People who regularly bounce checks have trouble cashing them, and may be unable to get a loan because of their poor financial record. "At a certain point, most banks report bad check writing habits to a collection agency and they report to the credit bureau," said Anne Mason, vice president of

consumer sales and marketing for First Interstate Bank in Boise.

If a customer regularly writes bad checks, a bank can either extend a line of credit or cancel an account, so it can't be overdrafted, Mason said.

Some check-cashing schemes are more serious. People who write checks on closed accounts, use fraudulent identification cards or write checks knowing that they don't have any money are guilty of a felony punishable by up to three years in jail and a \$5,000 fine.

Campus cop will pick up mop pending appeal

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — Eastern Washington University's police chief plans to be taking a bite out of crime instead of crime while he appeals the elimination of his job.

Chief Barney Issel said Friday he'll work as a campus janitor until the appeal is resolved. The custodian job pays between \$16,000 and \$20,000 per year. He earned \$44,000 as police chief.

Issel, 60, has been the campus police chief for 18 years. Four weeks ago, administrators eliminated his job effective Jan. 1, citing a lack of work. As a classified state employee, Issel can apply for any available same-level or lower-paying job at EWU.

With no other jobs, equal to his

position under a different title, Watson said.

That new job, tentatively termed director of safety and parking services, has not been filled.

Issel has been told he could apply for that job.

Watson contends Issel's appeal has strong merit because the administration can't prove a true shortage of work for that position.

"If it looks like a duck, and sounds like a duck, you have to conclude that what they're creating is the same as a duck," he said.

Issel was one of about 16 EWU classified employees whose jobs were ended during reductions ordered in the past six weeks.

Tom Watson, a representative of the state Federation of State Employees, said he hoped to resolve the issue before Jan. 1, when Issel would take over janitorial duties. "But that's a tough one. Most of the key players are gone during the Christmas break," he said.

Issel said it's unlikely the issue will be worked out in time for the start of winter quarter on Jan. 6. He's proposed that the university place him on faculty status during that quarter as he prepares a course syllabus.

The administration's claim that Issel's job was eliminated because of lack of work is questionable, since it has given the chief's duties to another

position under a different title, Watson said.

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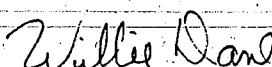


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Homeless reporter tells story

Radio station hires 'Hooks' to tell facts

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A radio station scrapped its plan to send reporters to the streets to cover the city's homeless — instead, the station opted to hire the real thing.

Harry "Hooks" Swets, who earned his nickname after losing both hands in an accident, has lived on the streets of San Francisco for 2½ years. He began his journalism career last week as a reporter for radio station KGO.

"We're trying to make visible the most hidden homeless," said the 49-year-old Swets, whose crash course in broadcasting included learning to hold a microphone with his prosthetic hooks.

His beat is one of the city's most pressing problems. The city estimates its homeless population at 6,000, but advocates for the homeless say the number is several times higher.

KGO hired Swets after dropping plans to assign two reporters disguised as a homeless couple to spend two weeks on the street. It has not been decided how long Swets will work for the station.

"I want to get the perspective of what it's really like," said KGO news director John McConnell. "Not from a pre-established opinion, but from somebody who is actually there."

Swets said he initially was suspicious of the offer.

"At first I was real scared that I was being set up, that they were saying, 'Let's go out and use up his life a little bit,'" he said. "But they're following through. They've given me full access to the studio and the personnel."

Swets describes himself as homeless by choice, a sort of volunteer social worker. He said he gave up a firewood business in Mendocino on the Northern California coast and moved to San Francisco after watching television reports on the homeless.



Harry 'Hooks' Swets, a homeless reporter for a radio station, conducts an interview in a San Francisco coffee shop.

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— Harry 'Hooks' Swets, a homeless man hired by a radio station to cover the homeless

"I saw pictures of the homeless. I didn't have anybody to take care of anymore, so I said 'Let's go down on the streets and see if we can figure out what it's all about,'" he said.

One of his four daughters, 19-year-old Shiloh, is also a homeless activist who lives on the streets.

She helped him with his first story about homeless youngsters. He found that many are running away from abusive homes, only to find more abuse on the streets.

"The kids or adults they run into are what they are going to become. Prostitutes and drug dealers are the main things," Swets said.

Swets survives by sleeping in a churchyard at night and doing volunteer work by day for the advocacy group Coalition on Homelessness. The \$50 he gets per story supplements his Social Security benefits, which he says amounts to about \$200 a month after paying child support.

He said living on the streets has changed his view of the homeless. Before, he thought they were drug addicts and alcoholics who were to blame for their ruined lives. But not anymore.

"I've realized these people are human beings, that most of them come from abusive childhoods," he said. "Most have never known a loving relationship and they don't have any trust in humanity."

'Space dog' finally is found

YAKIMA, Wash. (AP) — A stray dog with its head stuck in a fish bowl wandered around town for three days, looking like a primitive astronaut.

Finally on Friday some employees at a car dealership caught the 2-year-old retriever-shepherd mix and pulled off the bowl.

"He did look like a space cadet running around out there. But can you imagine starving to death because of that bowl and not even being able to get a drink?" animal control officer Marjorie Garrett said.

Ben Justo, a parts department employee at Lynch Motors, said the dog was resting comfortably.

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COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — Ralph Orlutt of Hayden Lake didn't hesitate to sign a petition in support of the 1 percent initiative as he left the county treasurer's office this week.

He'd just paid the first half of his 1991 property taxes.

"I hope this does me some good," Orlutt said as he signed. "It will, promised O'Neal Burns, Spirit Lake.

Burns and a handful of volunteers for the Kootenai County Property Owners Association collected about 680 signatures in the lobby of the county courthouse through noon Thursday.

They were targeting residents who had just paid their taxes. The dead-end **Coeur d'Alene man suspected of stealing**

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — A Coeur d'Alene man has been charged with grand theft for allegedly stealing Christmas mail.

Ronald Bruce Russell, 22, who was arrested at his home Thursday, also is suspected of stealing Christmas packages from mailboxes throughout Kootenai County. Coeur d'Alene Police Capt. Karl Bergh said Friday.

"Hopefully, we'll be able to get the people the presents they so rightfully deserve," he said.

Russell was being held in the Kootenai County Jail in lieu of \$5,000 bond after being charged Friday.

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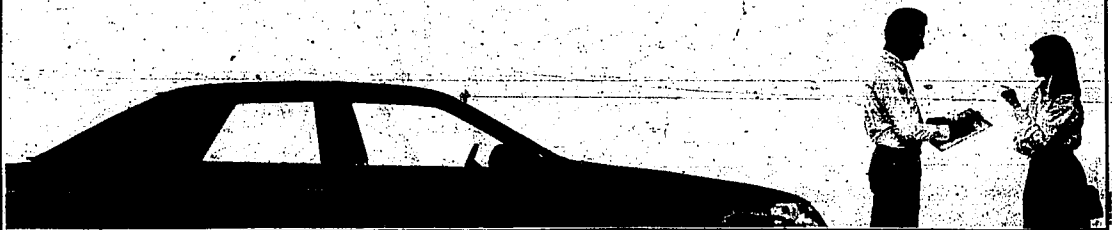
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Couple arrested may have held girl captive

SEATTLE (AP) — A girl listed as missing was held captive for two years by a couple who abused her and refused to let her go farther than one block from their house, prosecutors allege.

While the girl was living with them, the Kent couple denied to state Child Protective Services workers that they knew where she was and said they had even searched for her, court documents say.

The girl was rescued after a newspaper delivery boy saw bruises on her and called police.

On Friday the couple — James and Laura Muntz — were charged with one count each of second-degree kidnapping. They are to be arraigned Dec. 30 in King County Superior Court. They are accused of holding the girl, now 14, from July 4, 1989 to July 11, 1991.

Laura Muntz refused comment Friday and referred calls to the couple's lawyer. "I have nothing to say on this," she said.

Her lawyer, James Gooding of Kent, could not be reached for comment. Calls Saturday to his office, the only telephone listing for him, went unanswered.

The Muntzes are free on personal recognizance pending arraignment.

According to documents filed by deputy prosecutor Kristin Richardson, the girl's parents separated in 1988 and left her with the Muntzes, friends of the family. The girl's father went to Europe, where he was born, and her mother went to California.

The girl, who was 11 at the time, stayed with the Muntzes through the spring of 1989, when her mother tried to retrieve her. But the girl told Child Protective Services her parents abused her, and she was allowed to stay with the Muntzes pending their application for a foster home license, prosecutors said.

The license was denied, and the girl was placed in a licensed foster home. But she ran away twice and ultimately ended up at the Muntzes home in July 1989, prosecutors said.

But when CPS workers tried to find the girl, and on two occasions brought the Muntzes into court to ask them of her whereabouts, the couple denied knowing, court papers said.

"They claimed they drove around looking for her because (the girl) apparently had run away," Richardson said in court papers.

Reservation casino could bring economic stability to tribe, area

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — Western Washington's only casino opened to brisk business, ushering in hopes of economic revitalization for the Lummi Indian tribe.

Tribal officials said the reservation casino brings promise of year-round employment, new revenues

and self-sufficiency. Some 50 to 100 players crowded around 22 poker and blackjack tables during the Lummi Casino's first afternoon Friday.

The casino's management company, First Astri Inc., has agreed to pay the tribe \$10,000 a month or

65 percent of net profit, whichever is more.

The tribe is projected to clear \$3 million to \$5 million the first year.

"It's a resource to our tribe," said Alice Solomon, 73, who lives on Lummi Indian Reservation.

The casino debut was among the

most momentous tribal events in her life, and big success could put the casino at the top of the list, said Solomon, who won \$13 on Friday.

The casino is an incarnation of one that the tribe operated for several weekends in early 1983.

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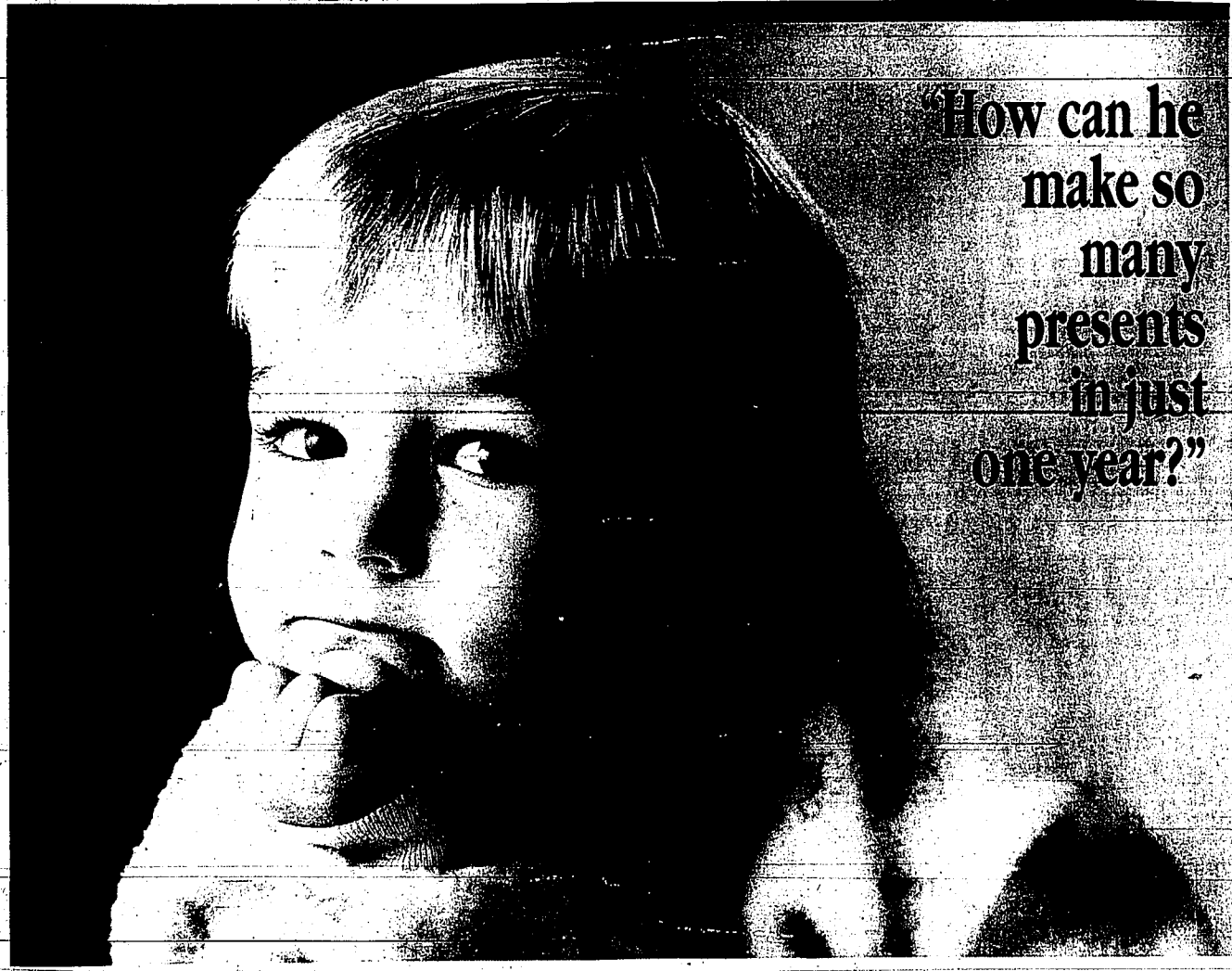
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8 p.m. — Channel 13, NFL football, Los Angeles at Seattle

Briefly

Sun Valley skier takes 3rd in slalom event

BEAUPRE, Que. — American teenager Kristina Koznick won her second straight North American Championship Series slalom Saturday, leading a 57-sker field by nearly a full second.

Koznick, who lives in Apple Valley, Minn., and turned 16 just a month ago, won both runs at Mont Ste. Anne Ski Area to lead a U.S. sweep of the top four places. Her total time was 1 minute, 33.93 seconds.

Marie Steinberg of Sands Point, N.Y., was second with a time of 1:34.80. Picabo Street of Sun Valley, Idaho, the reigning NorAm women's champion, finished third in 1:35.41.

Detroit's Flieder turns down 4-year, \$17 million package

DETROIT — Slugger Cecil Flieder rejected a four-year, \$17 million offer from the Detroit Tigers, according to a newspaper report on Saturday.

Flieder, who is eligible to file for salary arbitration next month, cited the \$29 million, five-year contract fee agent Bobby Bonilla received from the New York Mets. The Oakland Press of Pontiac reported.

Flieder, in his two years with the Tigers, has hit 95 homers and driven in 265 runs. He won the American League home run title with 51 homers in 1990 and shared it with Jose Canseco this year. He was tops in RBIs both years, with 133 this year. In both years, Flieder was runnerup in voting for the American League Most Valuable Player award.

Tigers president Bo Schembechler was turned down when he flew to Chicago to make his offer to Flieder's agent, the newspaper said, citing unnamed sources.

Utah's Karl Malone to host weekly sports program

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah Jazz All-Star forward Karl Malone has agreed to host a segment of a new weekly sports program on Utah's CBS affiliate.

KSL-TV executive vice president and general manager and Bill Murdoch said the program, called "SportsBeat," will premiere Jan. 18 at 10:30 p.m. MST.

"Karl will host a segment called 'Mailman's Mailbox' in which he'll respond to viewers' questions, by interviewing his teammates and airing the answers on the show," said station sports director Doug Miller, and run Saturdays thereafter.

LSU football coach reports 'inadvertent' infraction

BATON ROUGE, La. — Football coach Curley Hallman recruited during a dead period and has reported his infraction to the Southeastern Conference, Louisiana State athletic department officials said.

Hallman committed an "inadvertent violation of NCAA rules regarding contact with prospects," assistant athletic director Herb Vincent said Friday. "We self-reported the violation to the SEC office and the commissioner accepted the recommendations on the matter.

Compiled from wire reports

Sportsquote

“To be honest I'd rather play Tampa Bay than Washington needing a win to reach 10.”

— Philadelphia tackle Ron Heller

Wood River exacts revenge over Bishop Kelly

HAILEY — Wood River's Wolverines ended a tough week's basketball grind right where they wanted to be: probably No. 1 in the next AP Class A-2 state basketball poll.

The Wolverines, pulling from behind in the closing four and one-half minutes, avenged their only loss of the season by beating Bishop Kelly 60-55 Saturday night. That meant a sweep of No. 2 Burley on Tuesday, No. 1 Kuna on Thursday and No. 5 Bishop Kelly.

"It probably was about the best basketball this high school has ever seen," summarized coach Norm Cook when asked to recap the week. "We were a little tired and leg weary. They hadn't played in about 10 days and they were raring to go. But our guys just hung in."

The difference in the week's schedule may have influenced the early minutes when Kelly jumped ahead 8-0 and had an 18-8 advantage at the first rest.

But the Wolverines managed to cut

back to within a few points and Travis Williams' three-pointer at the buzzer cut Kelly's halftime lead to 29-28.

The Knights refused to wilt in the third quarter and moved back out to six and eight-point leads. Although Wood River was within three going into the final period, Kelly managed another seven-point lead before the Wolverines put together their comeback.

Tom Davies sparked it with a field goal and then came up with a steal that made it

a one-point game. After a couple of basket matchings, the Wolverines pulled into the lead and Kelly couldn't threaten coming to the wire.

Bishop Kelly won the preliminary.

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Bishop Kelly—Cross 5, Grady 2, Grant 2, McCarthy 18, Hegman 12, Walker 4, Clayton 3, Leslie 6, Totus 20 11:48 20:55, Three-pointers—McCarthy 3.

Wood River — Horner 2, Williams 7, Davies 8, Aldinger 2, Morgan 18, Parkinson 7, Johnson 9, Totus 20 25:38 22:50, Three-pointers—Horner, Williams.

Oilers lose to Giants, await Denver results

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The road to the Super Bowl for Warren Moon and the Houston Oilers may have gotten tougher because the New York Giants finally played the Oilers on a day the Oilers didn't.

Rodney Hampton scored a touchdown and capped his first 1,000-yard rushing season with a career high 140-yard performance, and Phil Simms threw a touchdown pass in a record accuracy performance as the Giants upended the Oilers 24-20 Saturday.

The loss prevented the Oilers (11-5) from clinching a first-round bye in the playoffs and earning a franchise record 12th victory. Houston still could get the first-round bye — if San Diego beats Denver Sunday.

If not, the Oilers go back to work next week, something they didn't do well against the Giants (8-8), a team that has flourished in its first season under Ray Handley.

"This hurts, no doubt about it," Oilers guard Mike Munchak said. "We're in the playoffs, but we're not happy today. We'd like to have clinched the bye. We've accomplished a lot this year. We won the division (AFC Central). If we have to play one more game to get to the Super Bowl, we'll have to play an extra game."

For the Giants there won't be any more games this season. But in breaking a three-game losing streak in the regular-season finale, they played their best game of the season.

They shut down Moon most of the way with a two-man defensive front, and a ball control offense that was reminiscent of last season's Super Bowl win over Buffalo.

"We just didn't make the plays we'd been

making," Oilers defensive end William Fuller said. "Don't ask me why. I don't know what happened. We missed tackles, backs were breaking for five yards a pop, a lot of things. You have to give those guys credit. They played like Super Bowl champions."

New York had scoring drives of 80, 65, 59 and 62 yards while rolling up 383 yards in total offense. The Giants turned the ball over only once and had only four penalties for 30 yards.

Turnovers and penalties hurt them all season. "I don't think there was that much of a disparity in our play from last year," Giants center Bart Oates said. "It was just a play here and a play there. We make those plays and we're in Houston's position (in the playoffs)."

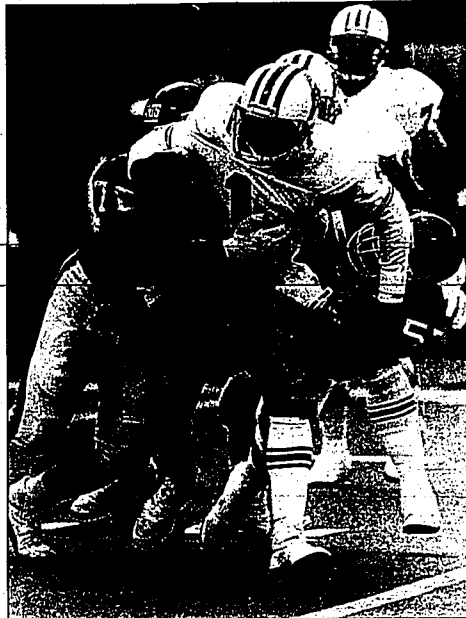
Simms and Hampton were the leaders on offense. Simms hit a team-record 15 of 17 passes (88.3 percent) for 200 yards and a 12-yard touchdown to Howard Cross.

Hampton's second-year pro, carried 28 times and scored on a 2-yard run. He finished the season with 1,059 yards.

New York built a 17-6 halftime lead on Hampton's score on the first series. Simms' TD pass to Cross and Matt Bahr's career-long 34-yard field goal late in the second quarter. A 4-yard touchdown run by Lewis Tillman stretched the advantage to 24-6 before Houston made it close in the final period on a 6-yard run by Moon with 6:06 to play and a 5-yard TD pass from Moon to Ernest Givens with 1:28 left.

Oilers wide receiver Haywood Jeffries caught his fourth and final pass of the game on the NFL TD drive and became the fifth player in NFL history to catch 100 passes in a season.

He finished with 100 receptions for 1,181 yards.



Houston's Warren Moon is sacked by Giants' defenders Leonard Marshall, left, and Corey Miller during New York's 24-20 win Saturday.

Packers embarrass Minnesota, 27-7

The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Green Bay Packers coach Lindy Infante gave his Minnesota Vikings' counterpart a most unusual retirement present — the most lopsided home loss of Jerry Burns' career.

Vince Workman scored twice Saturday as the Packers finished what might also be Infante's last season with a 27-7 victory.

The Packers (4-12) reportedly are considering making a coaching change after their third losing campaign under Infante, who has a 24-40 mark in four seasons.

Burns announced his retirement two weeks ago and the Vikings (8-8) responded with successive victories over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Los Angeles Raiders. But Burns sent Burns out of the NFL the same way it welcomed him into the league; the Vikings lost his debut in 1986.

In between, Burns won more games than he lost, finishing with a career record of 52-43. But the Vikings never seemed to win as much as their talent dictated.

Minnesota players spent much of the week preceding Saturday's nationally televised game talking about how much they wanted to win for Burns, the only Viking introduced before the game.

Instead, they played miserably and almost sustained their first home shutout since 1962.

Only Rich Gannon's 29-yard pass to Terry



Green Bay's Mike Tomczak is tackled by a host of Minnesota defenders. The Packers won, 27-7.

Cris Carter fumbled on Minnesota's opening drive, leading to Chris Jacke's 42-yard field goal, and Minnesota had turnovers that set up touchdowns run by Workman and Keith Woodside.

The Vikings also committed nine penalties for 82 yards.

The game marked the return of Green Bay quarterback Don Majkowski, who replaced injured Mike Tomczak midway through the second quarter.

But Majkowski, who had missed six successive games with hamstring problems, displayed little of the "Majik" that helped Infante to his only winning season (1989). Majkowski completed five of 10 passes for 64 yards.

It was Tomczak, the Chicago Bear retreat, who got Green Bay its first TD with a 12-yard pass to Workman for a 10-0 first-quarter lead.

The Packers then began capitalizing on Minnesota mistakes to make it a rout.

After Jacke made a 39-yard field goal late in the third period, Darrin Nelson literally booted the kickoff into the arms of Green Bay's Jackie Harris. Two plays and an interference penalty later, Workman scored his 11th TD of the season on a 1-yard run to make it 20-0.

In the fourth period, Chuck Cecil intercepted Gannon's pass and returned it 32 yards, setting up Woodside's 10-yard run.

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Langer catches up to Azinger

The Associated Press

MONTEGO BAY, Jamaica — Bernhard Langer led Paul Azinger for the lead Saturday as howling winds forced scores to soar above par for the second straight round in the World Championship of Golf.

"I imagine everybody is feeling beat up," Azinger said after a late rally produced a third-round 2-over-par 73. "I know I do. This wind just wears you out."

"It's like a boxer who's been beat up for 11 rounds and he has one more round to go."

A second consecutive day of gale force winds, 40 mph or more, left the leaderboard without a single number in red, the color that signifies scores below par for the tournament.

Azinger and Langer shared the 54-hole lead at 214, 1-over-par. Langer, the first-round leader, regained a share of the top with a 70, the only subpar round of the day at the Trawl Resort course.

They were followed by Fred Couples at 72-215 and Australian Craig Parry, 71-216.

Nick Faldo of England and Greg Norman of Australia were next at 217. Each played the third round-in-73-on-the-course that was reputed to be too short and too easy for golf's greatest players.

"All that talk about shooting 59," Norman said, "and now everybody here would be tickled to death to shoot 69."

He, too, likened the struggle with wind, narrow fairways and knee-deep rough to a boxing match.

"It's tough out there, like going 15 rounds with Mike Tyson," Norman said. "It wears you out mentally, and it wears you out physically."

The winds were expected to be about the same for Sunday's final round of the chase for \$225 million in total prize money with \$25,000 to the winner.

"If it is, 4-over-par could win the tournament," Norman said. "I haven't seen many tournaments in my entire career where 4-over-par would win."

Losing may mean winning for Colts

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — There have been no big games for the Indianapolis Colts this season. Until Sunday.

Teams usually improve their draft position by losing. But the Colts can nail down the first and second picks in next year's draft by winning in Tampa Sunday. Win or lose, Indy has the first picklocked up. But it also owns the Tampa pick courtesy of that Chris Chandler trade last year.

As a result of tiebreakers, the Colts pick first and Bucs second even if along with the Cincinnati Bengals they all finish 2-14.

But if the Bucs win and go to 3-13, the pick can drop to No. 4. Assuming the predicted mass exodus of juniors happens, the two players the Colts would likely take.

1-2 are Washington pass rusher Steve Emtman, who has not yet announced his intentions, and Stanford offensive tackle Bobby Whitfield, who announced last week that he is coming out.

The Colts are also hoping for great offense workouts by Houston quarterback David Klingler and Notre Dame's Rick Mirer, if he decides to skip his final year, that would elevate them to top of the round. The Colts then would deal one of their picks to a quarterback-deficient team — Jeff George trade in reverse — but want to drop down no lower than sixth or seventh.

The 1958 Chicago Cardinals were the last team to pick 1-2 in the draft. They took King Hill and John David Crow. Nobody has picked higher than 2-4 since the Colts in 1982. They took Johnnie Cooks and Art Schlichter.

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NBA rookie report: Some good, some not

The Associated Press

Larry Johnson and Dikembe Mutombo, the class of the best rookie class in more than a decade, are showing they have what it takes to be NBA stars. Just ask them.

"My goal is to dominate," Mutombo said, and by the relative standards of the Denver Nuggets, the 7-foot-2 rookie has dominated.

Johnson also has the cocky self-confidence that characterizes many NBA superstars. "There's no pressure on me because I know how to play," Johnson said. "I knew what to expect. I knew all about how physical it is. I felt comfortable from the start."

After a slow start, Johnson is coming on very strong in the Rookie-of-the-Year race, averaging 17 points and 12 rebounds. Fears that he was too short at 6-5 to play inside in the NBA have disappeared.

"The guy's automatic when you get him the ball, 6 feet from the basket," Hornets coach Allan Bristow said of his 250-pound forward. "We don't have any reservations with who we got (with the No. 1 pick). If we had it to do over again, we'd do the same thing."

In his meeting with Larry Bird on Nov. 16, Johnson had 27 points and 15 rebounds to 25 points and 11 rebounds for Bird, who had eight assists compared to one for the rookie.

"He's strong, quick and a great team player," Bird said of Johnson. "He takes his time and when it's his time to score, he's there."

Mutombo, the fourth pick in the 1991 draft, is averaging 19 points and nearly 14 rebounds. He got early season tests against two of the best veteran



Kenny Anderson
'Impressive, but not consistent'
centers in the NBA — Hakeem Olajuwon of Houston and David Robinson of San Antonio. Mutombo combined for 48 points and 30 rebounds in the two games.

"David was really surprised how big and physical he was, and David has the fat lips to prove it," Spurs coach Larry Brown said. "Mutombo plays with his hands up and when he stands behind you, it's hard to even see the basket."

"I can tell you one thing, his elbows are sharp," Robinson said.

The rookie talent does not by any means stop with Mutombo and Johnson. Billy Owens of Golden State, Steve Smith of Miami, Stacey Augmon of Atlanta, Kenny Anderson of New Jersey, Terrell Brandon of Cleveland, Greg Anthony of New York, Dale Davis of Indiana, Victor Alexander of Golden State, Rick Fox of Boston and Robert Pack of Portland all have been impressive, although not always consistent.

Not since 1981 has the rookie class shown this kind of depth.

The 1981 class included Isiah Thomas, Buck Williams, Mark Aguirre, Rolando Blackman, Tom Chambers, Larry Nance, Kelly Tripucka, Herb Williams, Danny Schayes and Alton Lister. All but Tripucka are still in the NBA.

In perhaps the season's biggest irony, Golden State coach Don Nelson, notorious for his reluctance to rely on rookies, is using Owens and Alexander (No. 17) extensively and also has gotten some help from a third first-year pro, Chris Gatling (No. 16).

"The No. 1 thing I look for in the draft is guys who know how to play basketball," said Nelson, who acquired Owens from Sacramento in a trade for Mitchell Richmond.

"Larry Bird is a 10, but Billy Owens is right up there, an 8½ or a 9. He was the best basketball player in the draft."



Denver's Dikembe Mutombo, left, has proven he can compete in the NBA. At right is Minnesota's Felton Spencer.

MacPherson's peers say he's top coach

By Will McDonough
The Boston Globe

Surprise: Cleveland's Bill Belichick didn't get more recognition.

BOSTON — Win or lose in the season finale, Sunday, Dick MacPherson's peers feel he has done a superb job bringing the New England Patriots back from the grave this season.

In the annual NFL coaches poll conducted by this reporter, with all 28 head coaches voting, MacPherson was chosen AFC coach of the year, edging out Denver's Dan Reeves by a single vote.

In the NFC, Washington's Joe Gibbs was the landslide winner over Wayne Fontes of Detroit, who has done an outstanding job bringing the Lions to the playoffs.

All the coaches were asked to vote in three categories: coach of the year, offensive player of the year and defensive player of the year. The coaches could vote for coaches and players only in their conference, and could not vote for themselves or any of their players.

ANALYSIS:
AFC coaching: Reeves had the greatest reversal of fortune of any head coach, winning at least six more games than he did a year ago. MacPherson, a rookie, has won five more games than the Patriots did a year ago.



MacPherson

Despite Jim Kelly having another great season in Buffalo, this year the coaches saluted Thurman Thomas, the brilliant all-around running back. Bernie Kosar and Dan Marino were recognized for having fine years with mediocre teams.

AFC defense: Chiefs linebacker Derrick Thomas is the most gifted defensive player in the conference. Ray Childress is the best interior defensive lineman. Interesting to note that three Oilers got votes, testament to the strength of the Houston defense.

NFC coaching: It took a 14-1 season by Gibbs to dominate the voting. The coaches simply felt there was no way to bypass what he achieved in the toughest division in football. In another year, Fontes would have been the winner with his effort this season, losing his quarterback, Rodney Peete, for most of the season, and his best defensive player, Mike Cofer, for the year at the start of the season — and still winning 10 games.

NFC offense: A two-man race between Barry Sanders and Mark Rypien. Coaches felt Rypien, although he had a great year, had a better supporting cast than Sanders did.

Giants' Simms may have taken last snap after 13 years with N.Y.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Phil Simms played Saturday's game against the Houston Oilers as if it was his last with the New York Giants.

The veteran quarterback set a club record for passing efficiency by completing 15 of 17 passes, as last year's Super Bowl champions completed a disappointing 8-8 season with a 24-20 win.

Simms' future now rests with the team he led for the greater part of 13 seasons, including two Super Bowls. Indications are that coach Ray Handley will stay with Jeff Hostetler as his starting quarterback.

Simms, who replaced the injured Hostetler five games ago, becomes a free agent, although the odds of a team signing him and giving up compensation are remote.

So are the chances that the Giants will leave Simms unprotected under Plan B.

you're at the mercy of the team you play for."

"When he was reminded of his free agent status beginning Feb. 1, Simms laughed.

"So what's that mean? Where am I going?" he said.

There's no movement. I can't go anywhere."

Handley praised Simms' performance Saturday while fending off questions about next season's starter. He emphasized that the job will be settled before training camp.

"I've talked to Jeff at length and Phil and I have had a couple of talks about it but as they have been all along, they will remain confidential," he said. "It will be worked out, but right now there will not be an open competition in camp next year."

Both Simms and Hostetler spoke Saturday as though Hostetler already had been told he's the starter.

"I'm not going to say much about it," Simms said. "I'm sure he's already made that decision and I thought it was for public record. We'll see how things go and I'll let him comment before I say anything."

Hostetler, who suffered fractures in the transverse process of his spine on Nov. 24, said Saturday that he would prepare for next year by doing "certain things that go hand-in-hand with being a starting quarterback."

"I know Phil can still play the game," Hostetler said of Simms. "Whether Phil wants to be here or not, I don't know."

In any case, Simms was happy to be on the field Saturday, when he picked apart the Oilers with short passes, often coming off his primary receivers to underneath routes. Of his 15 completions, 12 were to his backs or tight end. His only incompletions were both under pressure, once when he was called for intentional grounding, another time when he threw the ball away.

Cardinal flies high into Aloha Bowl

HONOLULU (AP) — Stanford is one of the hottest football teams in the nation, and not because it's in tropical Hawaii for an Aloha Bowl showdown against Georgia Tech.

Seven straight victories, three over bowl teams including defending national champ Colorado, would be enough to have Stanford's Christmas Day opponent sweating — even in sub-zero weather.

Georgia Tech (7-5) coach Bobby Ross calls Stanford (8-3) one of the nation's 10 best teams at this time, capable of beating No. 1 Miami or No. 2 Washington.

A victory against the 17th-ranked Cardinal, Ross said, would ease the sting of a disappointing season following 1990's unbeaten campaign and No. 2 ranking and help restore



some of Tech's national prestige.

"A win against them gets the national attention back to our football program," Ross said Friday. "Winning the bowl game is symbolic of us getting to the level of consistency we want to get to."

Actually, Ross said he's happy just to be at a bowl game for the second straight year.

"I'd rather be doing this than coming off a rebuilding year," he said. Stanford coach Dennis Green said a victory over Georgia Tech before a

national TV audience would legitimize the Cardinal program and also give the school wins over the two teams that battled for the national championship last season.

"It's a high-profile game," Green said. "I tell you what, on Christmas Day, I don't think there's a guy playing major college football that won't be sitting down in front of the television watching the game."

Green downplayed a statement released by junior All-America offensive tackle Bob Whitfield, who said he would leave Stanford after this season to enter the NFL.

"I don't think anyone in America will be surprised if Bob came out, a lot of people probably would be surprised if he didn't," Green said. "I wouldn't be surprised either way."

Ramsey to reveal 'leverage' on program

AUBURN — Alabama (AP) — An Auburn professor said former football player Eric Ramsey threatened to blow the whistle on the athletic department nearly two years ago when he was accused of cheating in class.

And a former Auburn sociology teacher said Ramsey discussed secretly recorded conversations with coaches and boosters as "leverage" to help the teacher get his job back.

The Montgomery Advertiser reported both educators' comments Saturday, on the eve of Ramsey's appearance on the CBS program "60 Minutes" where he will play tape recordings he made secretly during meetings with coaches and boosters. Ramsey has said that during those meetings, he received cash and gifts in violation of NCAA regulations.

Psychology professor Robert W. Schaeffer said students in his class turned in Ramsey for cheating on a test in 1989. But Schaeffer said the vice president for academic affairs dropped the charge against Ramsey after the player mentioned alleged wrongdoing in the football program.

Ramsey was a defensive back for the Tigers through the 1990 season.

"The case turned into the most bizarre damn thing I have ever heard of," Schaeffer said. "The vice president's office didn't want to pursue the matter because the student who made the charges didn't actually see the cheating. So I got the students who saw it and they were willing to testify."

He said the case was supposed to go before the Academic Honesty Committee, but the meeting was canceled.

and gave me all sorts of grief. He told me all of his football problems and that his life was being threatened because he had the goods on the football program. I told him I thought he was a very paranoid person," Schaeffer said.

Jack E. Blackburn, the university's vice president for academic affairs, confirmed that Ramsey and another student were accused of cheating in Schaeffer's class. But he said the charges were dropped "because there was an inconsistency in the application of the academic honesty policy."

In May 1991, Ramsey learned that a sociology teacher he liked, Allen Shelton, did not get his contract renewed.

"He said he had the leverage and he had evidence of misdeeds in the athletic program and he said he would use that for me," Shelton said.

Shelton, who now lives in Jacksonville, said he declined Ramsey's offer.

The next month, The Montgomery Advertiser printed excerpts from a term paper Ramsey wrote in Shelton's class. It accused Auburn's athletic department of being racist and condescending toward blacks.

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Dolphins, Jets play 'wild-wild-card game'

The Associated Press

The NFL playoffs start this weekend in Miami, more or less.
The New York Jets will be at Joe Robbie Stadium on Sunday to face the Miami Dolphins, with the winner getting the last playoff spot left.
"This is the wild-wild-card game," Jets receiver AJ Toon said.

NFL preview

The sudden-death showdown will be a matchup of mediocrity. Miami is 8-7; New York 7-8 and has lost three in a row.
"That's the beauty of it, I guess," Miami quarterback Dan Marino said. "It comes down to this game. That's what makes it fun."

The winner will play at either Denver or Houston next week when the playoffs start for real.

Indianapolis, meanwhile, was eliminated from contention a long time ago. But the Colts will have plenty of motivation when they play at Tampa Bay.

If Tampa Bay (2-13) loses, it will get the second pick in the NFL draft after the Colts (1-14), who have clinched the first pick. Because the Colts own the Bucs' first-round pick, however, Indianapolis will get the first two selections with a victory. If Tampa Bay wins, then Cincinnati gets to pick second today. It will be Detroit at Buffalo, Atlanta at Dallas, New Orleans at Phoenix, Washington at Philadelphia, Kansas City at the Los Angeles Raiders, Denver at San Diego, Cleveland at Pittsburgh, New England at Cincinnati, and the Los Angeles Rams at Seattle.

Atlanta (10-5) can win the NFC West with a victory over Dallas (10-5) or a loss by New Orleans. Last season, the Falcons knocked the Cowboys from playoff contention with a 26-7 win on the final week.

San Francisco (10-5) ended a four-game losing streak last week with quarterback Bobby Hebert returned from an injury and led the Saints to a 27-20 victory over the Raiders. The Cardinals are 4-11.

Rodriguez at Eagles
Washington (14-1), the NFC East champion



File photo

Miami's Tony Martin will have to make catches like this to help the Dolphins today.
Patriots at Bengals
New England, 1-15 last season, can finish 7-9 with a victory. The Patriots are going for their first three-game winning streak since 1988. Cincinnati is 2-13.

Rams at Seahawks
Los Angeles (3-12) wants to send out coach John Robinson as a winner. The Rams have lost nine in a row and Robinson announced his resignation this week.

Lions at Bills
Barry Sanders of the Lions (11-4) leads the NFL in rushing with 1,440 yards. The man he backed-up at—Oklahoma State—Thomas (13-2) is second with 1,407 yards, although Thomas might sit out this regular-season finale to rest an injury. The Lions can win the NFC Central title if they win and Chicago loses to San Francisco Monday. Buffalo, has won 17 straight games at home.

Broncos at Chargers
Denver (11-4), the AFC West champion, can earn a first-round bye in the playoffs with a victory over San Diego (4-11), provided the Oilers lose to the Giants.

Browns at Steelers
A victory by Pittsburgh would give it a home sweep of AFC Central rivals Houston, Cleveland and Cincinnati for the first time since 1984. The Steelers and Cleveland each are 6-9.

Receiving record was bookkeeping mistake

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP)—As if the Green Bay Packers weren't having enough bad luck, now one of their most revered records has turned out to be a bookkeeping mistake.

Don Hutson's 95-game receiving streak, for almost 25 years considered a National Football League record, was actually only a 44-game streak, stopped at State Fair Park in Milwaukee on Sept. 21, 1941.

Hutson, who starred with the Packers from 1937 to 1945, played but failed to catch a pass in Green Bay's 24-7 victory over the Cleveland Rams.

Hutson's streak was effectively broken in two: The first stretching 44 games; the second spanning 50 games.

Hutson enthusiast Eric Goska discovered the goof after reading an article entitled, "Don Hutson's Dubious Streak," in The Pro Football Chronicle.

"I suspected (the record) wasn't accurate," said Goska, a self-described "numbers person" who grew up in Green Bay and a graduate student at the University of Indiana. "But nobody ever corroborated it."

Goska, 28, brought the story to the attention of Seymour Siwoff, president of Elias Sports Bureau, official statistician of the NFL since 1961.

But the sports bureau discounted it, saying Hutson had been injured and didn't play.

Under NFL rules, Hutson's streak would remain intact if an injury kept him out of the lineup.

Hutson, hobbled by a leg injury, wasn't in the starting lineup against the Rams.

But his name does appear among those entering the game's replacements.

The official NFL score sheet also indicates that Hutson kicked two extra points and intercepted a pass, which he returned 32 yards.

"We blew it," Siwoff admitted last week. "In no way do I want to exonerate us. It's our mistake."

That leaves Buffalo Bills receiver James Lofton, who played with the Packers from 1979 to 1983 and caught at least one pass in 58 consecutive games during that span, with the Packers' record.

Packers receiver Sterling Sharpe has a 55-game streak, including a catch Saturday in the season finale. He is on target to break Lofton's streak in the fourth week of the 1992 season.

Former Seattle Seahawks receiver Steve Largent holds the NFL record with 177 consecutive games.

Goska, who has been researching Packers statistics since the 1976 season, said once he realized that Hutson had played in the Cleveland game but failed to catch a pass, he pursued the issue.

He located a Los Angeles Times article that indicated San Diego's Lance Alworth broke Hutson's "record" on Dec. 14, 1969.

No. 19 Arkansas reverses trend, slows pace to beat No. 2 Arizona

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP)—Robert Shepherd and Lee Mayberry made key free throws, and No. 19 Arkansas reversed its offensive trend by slowing the pace enough to shut down second-ranked Arizona 65-59 on Saturday.

Shepherd converted both ends of a one-and-one for a 59-56 lead with 2:14 left. Mayberry, who led Arkansas (7-2) with 15 points, made two free throws with 38 seconds remaining to cut two more with 21 seconds left to make it 63-56.

The Razorbacks, known for an up-tempo offense, at times in the second half worked the shot clock under 10 seconds.

College basketball

Arkansas took the advantage with a 17-4 surge in the final nine minutes of the first half for a 35-29 lead at the break. Arizona (5-1) pulled within a point three times in the second half.

No. 20 Alabama 87
Southern Miss. 64

BILOXI, Miss. (AP)—James Robinson scored 26 points and Robert Horry had 20 points and 19 rebounds as Alabama beat Southern Mississippi 87-64 Saturday.

Neb. improved to 8-1, its best start since the 1984-85 team started with the same mark. Southern fell to 4-3.

Southern jumped to a 12-4 lead, but Alabama rallied behind Horry.

Andre Perry's jumper with 2:28 left in the first half finally put Alabama ahead 22-12. Ed Miller's 3-point shot with 38 seconds left in the first half built the margin to 31-26.

No. 17 Missouri 99
Jackson St. 76

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP)—Anthony Poulmer scored 26 points to lead Missouri to a 99-76 victory over Jackson State on Saturday.

Lindsay Hunter led Jackson State (4-3) with 34 points, including 26 in the second half. Missouri led 53-31 at halftime and built a 33-point lead three times during the game.

No. 14 Indiana 88
No. 10 St. John's 77

NEW YORK (AP)—Indiana used everybody to try and slow down Malik Sealy and Jamal Meeks. Arkansas scored during the last six minutes as the 14th-ranked Hoosiers beat No. 10 St. John's 82-77 on Saturday.

Sealy, St. John's leading scorer, did get his average of 25 points, but he was on for 7-for-26 shooting and his last points came with 5:56 to play and Indiana holding a 67-66 lead.

Henderson, a freshman, and Meeks then scored Indiana's next 11 points, the last with 38 seconds to play when Meeks took two free throws gave the Hoosiers a 78-73 lead.

St. John's twice got it within three points, but Gilbert Chesney and Eric Anderson both made two free throws to bring it back to five.

St. Joseph's 87, Fordham 75
New York (AP)—Craig Amos scored 32 points, including 20 in the second half, as St. Joseph's beat Fordham 87-75 Saturday. Amos scored seven points as he built a 27-15 lead with 6:47 remaining in the first



AP/Lasophoto

Arkansas' Oliver Miller, left, and Arizona's Ed Stokes fight for the ball during the Razorbacks' 65-59 win Saturday.

But Fordham rallied to cut the deficit to 36-33 at halftime.

The Rams pulled to 45-44 on a 3-point by Herzog with 16:07 left. But St. Joe's then scored nine straight points, seven by Amos, to take a 54-44 lead with 12:46 remaining. Fordham never got closer than six points after that.

No. 12 Michigan St. 90
Cincinnati 89

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP)—Kris Welshynski's 3-pointer with five seconds left capped a furious second-half rally and gave 12th-ranked Michigan State a 90-89 victory over Cincinnati on Saturday.

Cincinnati led by 18 with 12:43 to play, but Michigan State fought back and tied it at 85 on Jon Zulauf's jumper with 34 seconds remaining.

The teams traded buckets before Alan Jackson hit two free throws to give Cincinnati (7-1) an 89-87 lead with 22 seconds left.

No. 21 Wake Forest 74
Richmond 60

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—Rodney Rogers had 28 points and a career-high 16 rebounds as No. 21 Wake Forest beat Richmond 74-60 Saturday.

The Demon Deacons (5-1) also got 22 points from Anthony Tucker and a good defensive effort from Marc-Blucas, who held high-scoring Curtis Blair in check for much of the game.

No. 15 Michigan 87, Rice 70

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (AP)—Jalen Rose scored 15 of his 19 points in the second half as 15th-ranked Michigan snapped Rice's five-game winning streak with a 87-70 victory Saturday.

Chris Webber and Jawan Howard each added 14 points for Michigan (6-1). Kenneth Rourke had 16 points off the bench for Rice (7-3) and Marvin Moore added 13 for the Owls.

Michigan built its winning margin from the free throw line. The Wolverines made 30 of 40 foul shots, while Rice hit 10 of 11.

No. 5 Oklahoma St. 100
Houston Baptist 57

STILLWATER, Okla. (AP)—Corey Williams scored a career-high 30 points and reserve Randy Davis added 17 as fifth-ranked Oklahoma State routed Houston Baptist 100-57 Saturday.

The Cowboys played without their leading scorer and rebounder, Byron Houston, who injured an ankle during practice last week. But Oklahoma State still managed to improve to 10-0 for the third time in school history.

Tulsa back fails to make the grade

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Chris Hughtley, the country's fifth-best rusher, was suspended by coach David Rader because the tailback failed to meet Rader's academic standards, a school spokesman said today.

Hughtley, who sat out his freshman season because he failed to meet Proposition 48 requirements, will miss No. 23 Tulsa's Freedom Bowl game with San Diego State in Anaheim, Calif., on Dec. 30.

Students at Tulsa finished semester exams last week. NCAA certification covers the entire school year, but Rader ruled Hughtley ineligible because he failed to meet team standards, athletic department spokesman Don Tomkalski said.

Junior tailback Ron Jackson will probably be the starting tailback in the Freedom Bowl, the school said in a release. Sophomore Lamont Heald and red-shirt freshman Jay Powell will serve as back-ups.

Hughtley, a junior from Mt. Vernon, N.J., majoring in elementary education, set a school record by rushing for more than 100 yards in each of Tulsa's final eight games.

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Penguins claim I-AA football title

STATESBORO, Ga. (AP)—Tanner Smith scored on a 5-yard run with 5:42 remaining Saturday, capping a comeback that gave Youngstown State a 25-17 victory over Marshall in the NCAA Division I-AA championship.

Marshall led 17-6 entering the final period, but Youngstown rallied for three touchdowns to win the title.

The Penguins scored on a 33-yard pass from Ray Isaac to Herb Williams, a 3-yard run by Ryan Wood with 7:09 remaining and Smith's clinching run which capped a three-play, 14-yard drive.

Youngstown led 3-0 at halftime, but Marshall scored 17 points in the third quarter on a pair of touchdown passes by Michael Payton and a 42-yard field goal by Dewey Klein. Isaac completed 9 of 15 passes for 198 yards and one touchdown, while Payton completed 30 of 43 passes for 363 yards.

Youngstown led 3-0 at halftime, but Marshall scored 17 points in the third quarter on a pair of touchdown passes by Michael Payton and a 42-yard field goal by Dewey Klein. Isaac completed 9 of 15 passes for 198 yards and one touchdown, while Payton completed 30 of 43 passes for 363 yards.

Georgetown, Ky., wins NAIA grid crown

GEORGETOWN, Ky. (AP)—Dane Dameron, playing with a broken passing hand, threw for 265 yards and three touchdowns as Georgetown, Ky., beat Pacific Lutheran 28-20 Saturday to win the NAIA Division II championship.

Georgetown (13-1), which won its first national title, took a 6-0 lead in the first quarter when Dameron scored on a 3-yard run.

Dameron, a sophomore who injured his right hand in Georgetown's semifinal victory over Peru State, threw touchdown passes of 70, 15

and 12 yards for the Tigers.

"With the broken hand, I couldn't grip the ball and couldn't throw deep," Dameron said. "In the first quarter, I came out and it felt fine, but the cold got to it, and the numbing stuff we put on it. In the third and fourth quarters, I had no feeling at all. It really made it tough."

Georgetown coach Kevin Donley said he never considered benching Dameron.

"When he's in the game, everyone else rises to a higher level and I knew the rest of the team could carry him if he got down," Donley said.

Pacific Lutheran (11-2) scored on touchdown passes of 23, 34 and 64 yards by sophomore quarterback Marc Weekly, who completed 17 of 38 passes.

The Tigers' streak again in the first quarter when Dameron threw a short pass to running back Ron Rayley, who raced 70 yards for a touchdown.

Dameron then connected with Bob Williams for the two-point conversion to give Georgetown a 14-0 lead.

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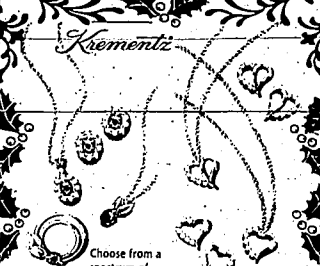


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Spotlight on the valley Startin chosen as 1 of 12 ISU Ambassadors

W. Lane Startin, son of Wesley and Diana Startin of Twin Falls, was recently selected as one of 12 new members of the Idaho State University Ambassadors. The Ambassadors, a service group of 30 students, are selected through an intensive application and interview process. The group exists to promote the university within the Pocatello community and throughout the state of Idaho. It provides service through such activities as giving campus tours, sharing at university functions, coordinating awards banquets and other functions and sponsoring recruiting parties for ISU applicants. Startin is a 1991 graduate of Twin Falls High School.



Startin

Region V of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare recently presented certificates of recognition to six outstanding staff members for their individual efforts and accomplishments during the year. Certificates were presented to Nancy Korb of Burley; Larry Strolberg of Jerome; and Darrell Bourner, Ted Benoit, Gayle Hacking and Colleen Silberman of Twin Falls. Korb works with the Family and Children's Services group in the Burley office. Strolberg works with Medical and Financial Assistance Office, Bourner with the Adult/Children Development Center, Benoit with the Mental Health Services Office. Hacking works with the Regional Administrative Office and Fillmore with the Regional Medicaid Office, all in Twin Falls.

Region V Director Steve Woodworth of Twin Falls also presented plaques and certificates of appreciation to Louise Behrman and Wes Fielder, Rehwalt, a homemaker in Paul, and Fields, a rancher in Fairfield, are recipients of the Rita Hogg Human Services Award for their dedicated service to the programs administered in Region V. Both have served on the Regional Advisory Board for more than 17 years. The award is presented to the last Idaho's Regional advocate for human services in south central Idaho. Region V administrators programs in Twin Falls, Jerome, Blaine, Cassia-Minidoka, Camas, Lincoln and Gooding counties.

Winners of the Red Ribbon Drug-Free Video Contest sponsored by the Blue Lakes Mall were announced recently. First-place plaques and \$50 Blue Lakes Mall gift certificates were awarded to the St. Edward's School Sixth Grade Class of Twin Falls, Castleford Eighth Grade at Castleford Junior High School and Josh Conner, a student at Dietrich High School. The winning videos will be forwarded to the State Red Ribbon Committee for the statewide competition. Winners of the state competition will be made available for all schools to use in their substance-abuse programs.

Johnnie Southwick, a retired school teacher in Dietrich, recently completed four days of pre-service orientation training in Seattle, Wash., to become a member of Volunteers in Service to America. As a VISTA volunteer, Southwick will work with the South Central Community Action Agency's Guardian ad Litem Program. Cathie Jackson of Twin Falls will supervise Southwick's 12-month assignment, the first part of which will be to teach an eight-part safety curriculum to preschool, kindergarten and first-grade children in the eight counties of the Fifth Judicial District. Catherine Walworth of Twin Falls is also a VISTA volunteer who has been working with the Guardian ad Litem Program since March 1991. The Guardian ad Litem Program is designed to provide trained advocates to victims of child abuse and educate the public about child abuse prevention.

Jerome American Legion Post 46 recently participated in a donation to the Idaho Veterans Home in Boise. American Legion posts from throughout Idaho donated \$70,000 in food items alone. The

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Sounds of a holiday ensemble

Musical minister brings together area musicians

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho will be filled with the sounds of Christmas this afternoon thanks to the efforts of a church music director who set out to fulfill his dream.

Ken Hill, who teaches at Immanuel Lutheran School and also heads up the church's music ministry, wants to give the community a break from Christmas shopping as the clock ticks down toward Dec. 25. The result is a holiday concert, "Christ the Savior Is Born," featuring a mass choir and brass ensemble from six Magic Valley churches.

The concert is set for 3 p.m. today in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium. No admission will be charged, though freewill offerings will be accepted. Hill is hoping the first-time event will become an annual community tradition.

"I started planning the concert several months ago, and everything has gone very fast, with everyone very excited," said Hill, who admitted he is having trouble finding time to finish his Christmas shopping. He selected the music for the concert, incorporating Christmas scripture readings among the songs. He will also be playing several instruments during the performance.

Hill's own church handbell choir and string quartet will participate in the program, as will the SOS, a female vocal quartet from Trinity Lutheran Church in Clover. No sermons are included.

Three members of the brass ensemble are a father/daughter/son team from Hill's church. "It's fun playing in the brass group with my father and brother," said Brenna Lobb, who, at age 14, is the youngest performer in the concert. "Sometimes we practice at home together, but only when I remember to bring my instrument home from school."

The teen-ager plays trombone in the O'Leary Junior High band. ("It was the instrument they gave me, so I learned to play it.") Her father, Robert Lobb, a local physician, also plays trombone. Brother Jeff, 16, is a trumpeter.

"All of the people involved are working really hard to make this concert a success," said Lawrence Vedder, Immanuel Lutheran's pastor. "We have 15 Missouri Synod Lutheran congregations in the Magic Valley, but there is



Abby, organizer Ken Hill accompanies the choir on the piano as Beth Bruns directs the singing. Above left, the choir is made up of singers from several Magic Valley Lutheran churches.

so much distance between us that we don't do as many things jointly as we should." The Christmas season prompts people to join together, added Vedder, who is singing in the multi-church choir.

"We want to share our excitement about the Christmas message with the community," Vedder continued, "and I think this concert will add a nice touch to anyone's Christmas."

The choir, under the guidance of Trinity Lutheran Church of Eden Music Director Beth Bruns, will be singing "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "Advent," a

holiday arrangement of carols. The audience will also have the chance to participate in a carol sing.

Churches participating in the program, in addition to those already mentioned, are St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Jerome, St. John's Lutheran Church of Buhl and Peace Lutheran Church of Filer.

Pastors reading scripture in the program as follows: Baldwin Camin of St. Paul's, Randy Benscofer of St. John's, Tim Cartwright of Trinity, Harold Bauder of the Redeemer Lutheran Church in Kimberly, Ron Leder of the Zion Lutheran Church in Burley and Vedder.

Area churches plan Christmas programs, services

The Times-News

Many other churches are offering opportunities to celebrate the holiday season. *The Times-News* has received announcements of the following Christmas events in Magic Valley churches.

Today

- Community Christian Church of Twin Falls: Randy Hartley, guitarist, performing Christmas carols, 7 p.m.
- Airport Road Freewill Baptist Church of Twin Falls: "A Carpenter's Christmas" program, 7:30 p.m.
- Cornerstone Baptist Church of Twin Falls: "Everlasting Light" Christmas musical, 6 p.m.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Second and Fifth Wards on North Lincoln in Jerome: "Search Ponder and Praise" music and narration, 10 a.m.
- Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints of Buhl: Christmas program, 7:30 p.m.
- First Christian Church of Twin Falls: Live nativity scene through Dec. 24, 7:30-9 p.m.; Sunday School Christmas program, 7 p.m.
- Amazing Grace Fellowship of Twin Falls: "Everlasting Light," a musical, 7 p.m.
- New Song Foursquare Church of Twin Falls: Free Christmas brunch, open to the public, 10 a.m.
- Grace Baptist Church of Twin Falls: "10,000 Hallelujahs," A Christmas music drama, 6:30 p.m.
- Wendell New Life Community Church: Children's Christmas program, 7 p.m.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Third

- Ward Twin Falls-Stake on Elizabeth Street: "Carol Christmas," a musical, 9 a.m.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Second Ward Twin Falls West Stake, Park Street Building: Christmas musical, 9 a.m.
- First Baptist Church of Twin Falls: "Repeat the Sound of Joy," a choir cantata, 10:55 a.m.
- Buhl First Christian Church: Children's Christmas program, 7 p.m.
- The Pentecostals of Magic Valley, in Twin Falls: "The Messiah" video presentation and candlelight service, 6 p.m.
- Twin Falls Reformed Church: "Dr. Newheart's Christmas Care," a children's program, 7 p.m.
- Jerome First Church of God: "Ring Those Bells" family Christmas celebration with dramas, 9:45 a.m. to noon; High

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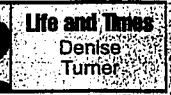
Hectic season has busy way of making memories

It was one of the busiest Saturdays of the holiday season — and Becky, my 10-year-old was scheduled to dance in a Christmas show at a local nursing home. The show was scheduled for the middle of the afternoon, during 2-year-old Stephen's naptime.

And so we started out on that day, four years ago, toting along a fussy baby and a tutu. "Why are we doing this?" I asked myself, amid sibling bickering and exhausted wails and other jolly sounds of the unshowered house and the unfinished gift list waiting there.

When we arrived at the nursing home, Becky rushed toward her assigned dressing room and Stephen set out to have a 2-year-old version of "Santa Ho."

The alternating began lying on the floor, thumbing holes from passing wheelchairs and wandering into people's rooms to toss around their belongings. I was



embarrassed to death. The nursing home residents loved it.

Time for the big performance finally came. One little tap dancer tripped and fell to the floor in the middle of her big number. Another had part of her costume at home, and several tripped when they were supposed to dip. When the performance ended, the crowd couldn't stop cheering. Baryshnikov's Nutcracker never got such a warm welcome.

My eyes were heavy out the door when I was happily one of the nurses. She had been working at the city hospital when Stephen was born. And she had become Becky's friend during that time,

to be the high points of the season. That year, at the nursing home, a blind woman asked to "see" Becky's costume. With her hands, she told Becky how beautiful she looked and what a sweet smile she has. A hundred lessons on handicapped people could never have broken through to my child in the way that old woman's gentle hands did.

On the way out of the nursing home, Stephen stopped to hug one last grandma, one of the many residents old enough to know how to love children in the way they need to be loved. And I left that place knowing the memories made that day will remain with my children much longer than any plastic toy sitting under a Christmas tree.

My eyes were heavy out the door when I was happily one of the nurses. She had been working at the city hospital when Stephen was born. And she had become Becky's friend during that time,

bringing her through some terrible days when no one knew whether or not Stephen was going to make it into the world.

"Do you remember me, Becky?" the nurse smiled. Two years had passed, but Becky remembered the nurse as if she had seen her the day before. Then that nurse picked up the bouncing bundle of wriggling, energy named Stephen. "Everything turned out all right, didn't it?" she said to me.

I looked at my children, and I looked at the smiles on the faces of the nursing home residents around them. Then I answered the question.

"Everything turned out more than all right," I said, suddenly excited about heading home and preparing for another new year.

Denise Turner is the features writer at *The Times-News*.

Answers to questions asked about Santa

By Jean Marbella
The Baltimore Sun

Now, hold on a minute here! Let's just take a look at this whole Santa Claus business. One fat, aging guy who lives on the North Pole reads every kid's Christmas wish letter, writes all of them to see if they're being naughty or nice, makes and boxes and wraps every toy they've requested and hand-delivers them around the world, in a single night?



Santa Claus Explaining him to children

The Santa story sure starts to crumble if you look at it too closely. It is a wonder that so many kids — who spend hours begging you about why the sky is blue or what would happen if everyone in the world burped at the same time — still buy wholesale into the Santa myth.

But believing in Santa does not mean kids suspend all questions — he and his reindeer are endlessly fascinating to them. If you are stumped for answers, we asked a wide-ranging group of people to come up with responses to some questions kids might ask about the guy.

Q. What if we don't have a chimney? And all the doors and windows are locked and the alarm system is on? How will Santa get in?

A. "Santa has made previous arrangements with all the parents," said Sgt. Robert Lassahn, head of the crime resistance unit for Baltimore City Police. "He has all the special security codes, and the right keys that will get him in. And he has extremely good key control at the North Pole, so no one else will get these keys and get into your house."

And one other thing for you kids who live where there's never any where to park: It's OK for Santa to double park while he dashes in to deliver your presents.

"No self-respecting police officer would give Santa a ticket," Sergeant Lassahn said. "Police officers want to get their presents too, you know."

Q. What do the reindeer eat?

A. "Reindeer are vegetarians," said Brian Rutledge, executive director of the Baltimore Zoo. "They really like a lichen called reindeer moss, which is found in places north of Detroit. I'm sure parents won't like me saying this, but they sure would like azalea leaves. I think they would also like mountain laurel. But they're not really picky; they would probably eat anything evergreen, anything that stays green in the winter."

Q. If everyone puts out cookies and milk for Santa Claus, how can he eat them all?

A. "How do you think he got so fat in the first place?"

Actually, climbing up and down chimneys and stairs with a huge load of presents is hard work, and it burns a lot of calories.

We looked at some calorie charts — no, there wasn't an entry for "delivering presents to all the good girls and boys," so we used the one for "climbing hills with a 44-pound load" — and

estimated that Santa burns about 65 calories per house.

Now if everyone left him two chocolate chip cookies and a glass of 2 percent milk, he'd get a whopping 250 calories each time. He'd never fit into his sleigh at that rate. So it's a good thing some of those health conscious families leave things like carrot sticks (31 calories) or graham crackers (70 calories).

Q. Will Santa Claus bring me anything I ask for?

A. "Santa Claus is just like Mommy and Daddy — he will get you things that are good for you," said Dr. Leon Rosenberg, a psychologist at the Johns Hopkins Children Center. "If you ask for a real airplane that flies ... or if you ask for a horse and we live in the city — Santa is like all the other grown-ups and he will pick things that are more appropriate for you."

Q. How can he see all of us from his house on the North Pole to know if we're being good?

A. Haven't you ever heard of spy satellites? How they cruise miles above the Earth's surface and can see people on the street? It's true — but there's a catch.

"Spy satellites can assess what's going on outside, but they're worthless indoors," said John Pike, space programs expert with the Washington-based Federation of American Scientists. "So kids, if you're going to hit your kid sister, do it inside."

But while Santa may be stuck up on the North Pole and dependent on what satellites feed him, he might also have a network of local spies watching your every move and reporting back to him.

And the best spies, of course, are the ones you would least suspect. Like ... maybe ... your parents!

Senior calendar

Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center 616 Eastland Drive	Friday Crafts and quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
All dinners at noon. Monday: Chicken breast on a bun Tuesday: Salisbury steak Wednesday: Closed for Christmas Thursday: Sweet and sour pork nuggets Friday: Goulash Saturday: Center closed Sunday: Center closed.	Saturday Center closed. Sunday Center closed.
Activities Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Ageless Senior Citizens 310 Main St. N., Kimberly
Today Dance from 2 to 5 p.m. at center. During the event, the group will be celebrating Ardeli Forner's 87th birthday. Country Rhythm will provide the music and refreshments will be served. The cost is \$2 per person. The public is invited.	All dinners at noon. Monday: Hot turkey sandwich Wednesday: Closed for Christmas Friday: Park chops
Monday Crafts and quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hollister youth group at 11:30 a.m. Bingo at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday Bingo at 1 p.m.	Activities Monday Christmas party at 12:30 p.m. Thursday Crafts at 1 p.m. Friday Bingo at 11:55 a.m. Pinschle at 1 p.m.
	Burley Senior Citizens E. Highway 30, Burley
	All dinners at noon. The cost is \$2. Monday: Chicken a la King Tuesday: Chili and tossed salad Wednesday: Closed for Christmas Thursday: Center closed Friday: Center closed.

Soroptimists ask organizations to nominate outstanding women

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Soroptimist Club is asking Magic Valley service clubs and organizations to nominate outstanding women who make a difference for women.

The club is searching for women who have used their positions and influence to improve the quality of life for other women and/or to open broader avenues of opportunity for them. The Soroptimist "Women

Helping Women" award is designed to recognize such women.

This award honors women who have made outstanding contributions to the community, usually within one of the Soroptimist International program areas: Economic and social development, education, environment, health, human rights/status of women or international goodwill and understanding.

With each nomination, groups should include a letter describing the nominee's name, position and accomplishments. Nominations should be received no later than Jan. 30.

Send nomination to Soroptimist International of Twin Falls, P.O. Box 1081, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-1081. For more information, call 543-4690.

Service news

BUHL — Army National Guard
Spec. Carmine L. Johnson, daughter of David S. Johnson of Buhl and Gladys J. Johnson of Seward, Neb., has completed the motor transport operator course at Fort Dix in Trenton, N.J.

She is a 1991 graduate of Buhl High School.

HAILEY — Army National Guard
Pvt. Cody R. Olsen, son of Susan King of Hailey, has graduated from the combat signaller course at Fort Gordon in Augusta, Ga.

Olsen was an honor graduate of the course. The private is a 1991 graduate of Mountain Crest High School in Hyrum, Utah.

TWIN FALLS — Air Force
Senior Airmar Gary D. Crawford, son of Grace M. Crawford of Twin Falls, has arrived for duty at March Air Force Base in California.

He is a health services management support technician. He is a 1986 graduate of Twin Falls High School.

Events

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school students' drama and caroling, 6:30 p.m.

Heritage Alliance Church of Twin Falls: "Angels' Candle" Advent service, 6 p.m.

Jerome Church of the Nazarene: Christmas program followed by Christmas service, 9:45 a.m. Christmas cantata and candlelight communion, 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Jerome: Christmas program, 10:30 a.m.; youth caroling party and progressive dinner, 5 p.m.

Magic Valley Baptist Fellowship of Twin Falls: "Where is your Heart?" children's Christmas program, 7 p.m.
Kimberly Christian Church: "King of Love," a choir cantata, 11 a.m.; "The Real Story of the Night Before Christmas" children's program, 7 p.m.
Shunstone Assembly: "Go Away King Wenceslas," a children's musical, 7 p.m.

Christmas Eve

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Kimberly: Christmas Eve service, 6:30 p.m.

Airport Road Freewill Baptist Church of Twin Falls: Candlelight service, 7:30 p.m.

Jerome United Methodist Church: Candlelight service, 7 p.m.

First Christian Church of Twin Falls: Candlelight communion, 6 p.m.

Kimberly Christian Church: Christmas Eve service, 5 p.m.

New Song Foursquare Church of Twin Falls: Christmas Eve service, 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Twin Falls: Family Christmas Eve worship, 7 p.m.; candlelight service 11 p.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, in Twin Falls: Christmas Eve mass in English, 5 p.m.; Las Posadas and midnight mass, 11:30 and 12 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church of Twin Falls: Candlelight service, 8 p.m.

First United Methodist Church of Twin Falls: Family carol service, 7 p.m.; candlelight service, 10 p.m.

St. Edward's Catholic Church of Twin Falls: Children's mass, 6 p.m.; midnight mass, midnight (Dec. 25).

United Methodist Church of Burley: Candlelight service, 7:30 p.m.

Buhl First Christian Church: Christmas Eve worship, 7 p.m.

Murtaugh United Methodist Church: Christmas Eve caroling and candlelight service, 6 p.m.

Jerome First Church of God: Communion service, 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Twin Falls: Communion service, 7 p.m.

First Baptist Church of Filer: Candlelight service, 7 p.m.

United Presbyterian Church of Wendell: Candlelight service, 7:30 p.m.

Christian Center of Magic Valley, in Twin Falls: Christmas Eve Service, 6:30 p.m.

First Christian Church of Jerome: Christmas Eve devotion time, 5:30 p.m.

Jerome Church of the Nazarene: Caroling at St. Benedict's, 5 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Jerome: Candlelight service, 7 p.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Jerome: Sunday School Christmas program, 7:30 p.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Kimberly: Christmas Eve worship, 6:30 p.m.

Kimberly United Methodist Church: Candlelight service, 9 p.m.

Buhl United Methodist Church: Christmas Eve service with hot wassail and goodies for all ages, 5 p.m.; Candlelight service, 7 p.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Twin Falls: Candlelight service, 7:30 p.m.

Hollister Community Presbyterian Church: Candlelight service and communion, 7 p.m.

Valley Christian Church of Twin Falls: Christmas Eve service, 7 p.m.

Twin Falls Reformed Church: Candlelight service, 7 p.m.

Christmas Day

Redeemer Lutheran Church of

Twin Falls: Christmas services, 10 a.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church of Twin Falls: Christmas Day communion service, 10 a.m.

Wendell New Life Community Church: Christmas worship service, 10 a.m.

St. Edward's Catholic Church of Twin Falls: Christmas Day masses, 9 and 11 a.m.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, in Twin Falls: Christmas Day mass, 9 a.m.; Christmas Day mass in Spanish, 11 a.m.

Immanuel Lutheran Church of Twin Falls: Christmas Day service, 9 a.m.

Twin Falls Reformed Church: Christmas Day worship service, 10:30 a.m.

Redeemer Lutheran Church of Kimberly: Christmas Day worship, 10 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Jerome: Christmas festival services, 10:30 a.m.

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Jerome Post donated \$400 in food, as well as several boxes of books, clothing, puzzles, Christmas decorations, playing cards and other miscellaneous items. The amount donated by the Jerome Post has grown each year and this year's donation exceeded that of any of the previous 10 years.

Cathy Woo, Stefanie Washburn, Angela Neville, Karen Niedrich, Katie Nilson, Emily Gillette, and

advisor Joyce Pratt of the Wood River Chapter of Future Farmers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations recently participated in a weekend leadership training conference held in Salt Lake City. Those attending participated in workshops on the environment, volunteerism, professionalism, homelessness, self-esteem and peer pressure.

FHA/HERO is a national vocational student organization with

programs designed to assist young men and women prepare for multiple roles as wage earners, community leaders and family members and develop "skills for life" — planning, goal setting and decision making, etc.

The Times-News welcomes items about area residents who receive honors or recognition. Send information to The Times-News Spotlight column, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303

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Engagements

Jensen-Hyde
TWIN FALLS — Dee and Cynthia Jensen of Westminster, Colo., announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Jane, to Bryan Paul Hyde, son of Frances B. Hyde of Twin Falls and the late R.B. Hyde.



Bryan Hyde and Rebecca Jensen
p.m. Saturday at the LDS Church on Caswell Avenue in Twin Falls.

Collins-Wight
TWIN FALLS — Joan Collins of Twin Falls announces the engagement of her daughter, Anise, to Paul Wight, son of William and Judy Wight, also of Twin Falls. Collins is also the daughter of the late Kerry Collins.



Anise Collins and Paul Wight
day in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple, with a reception scheduled for Jan. 4 at the Twin Falls LDS Stake Center.

Satterwhite-Lott
TWIN FALLS — Charles and Rosie Satterwhite of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Debra Lynn, to Jerry Kelly Lott Jr., son of Norvin and Brenda Kraemer of Elko, Nev.

Falls High School. She is employed at the Red Lion Inn and Casino in Elko.
Lott is a graduate of East Astoria High School in Gonzales, La. He is employed by Brenda's Wedding Chapel in Elko.
The wedding is planned for Jan. 4.

Weddings

DeWitt-DuBois
TWIN FALLS — Karen E. DeWitt and Mark L. DuBois were married Aug. 3 at the First Assembly of God Church in Twin Falls.
Officiating was the Rev. Ted Brittan. Bev Rhoades was the organist and Paul DeWitt, Lori Allen and Carolyn Moffitt were soloists.
The bride is the daughter of Paul and Marilyn DeWitt of Twin Falls, and parents of the bridegroom are Lindor and Elaine Johnson, also of Twin Falls.
Amy Worthington served as the bride's maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Brigitte O'Very, Dawn Strickland and Wendy DuBois. Katie Johnson was the flower girl.
Jeremy Bennett served as best man. Groomsman included Mike Kossman, Cori Watson and Kelly Miller. Eric Snow was the ring bearer. Candelighters were Paul and



Karen and Mark DuBois
Wayne DeWitt, brothers of the bride.
A reception was held following the ceremony. Brenda DeWitt attended the guest book. Serving were Brenda DeWitt, Bert DeWitt and Ann Bennett.
The newlyweds reside in Twin Falls.

Bower-Powell
TWIN FALLS — Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. Bower of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Judith Elizabeth M., to Dr. David Brock Powell, son of Dr. Brock H. Powell and Dr. Ann Marie Johnson, both of Rochester, N.Y.



David Powell and Judith Bower
Rangen Research Center as a micro biologist in Hagerman.
The wedding is planned for Saturday at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Buhl.

Rasmussen-Margetts
TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Rasmussen of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Michelle, to Kenneth Charles Margetts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Margetts of South Jordan, Utah.
Rasmussen is a graduate of Twin Falls High School and is scheduled to graduate this month from Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.
Margetts is a graduate of Bingham High School in South Jordan.
He served an LDS Mission to Portugal.
He graduated from BYU in December 1990, and is now attending BYU Law School.
The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.



Michelle Rasmussen and Kenneth Margetts
The wedding is planned for Friday in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

King-McHone
GLENN'S FERRY — Kelli A. King and Jeffrey C. McHone were married Nov. 30 at Our Lady of Limerick Church in Glenn's Ferry.
Officiating at the double ring ceremony was the Rev. Tim Anderson with Richie King, nephew of the bride, as altar server.
The bride is the daughter of Dick and Cindy King of Glenn's Ferry and parents of the bridegroom are Mike and Sharon McHone of Cordova, Alaska.
Pam Darrington, sister of the bride, served as the bride's matron of honor. Other attendants were Deb Kunkler and Karen Hall, sisters of the bride. Kelsey Kunkler and Kandace and Kenzie King, nieces of the bride, were flower girls. Candlelighters were Mandy King and Kelsey Hall, nieces of the bride. Jacqueline Dearing, niece of the bride, was the lector.
Royce Baarsted of Cordova, friend of the bridegroom, served as best man. Groomsman included Brennan Church of Cordova, friend of the bridegroom and Wade Darrington, brother-in-law of the bride. Corey Hall and Cole Darrington, nephews of the bride, ushered the mothers to their seats. Cameron Kunkler was ring bearer, and Cody



Jeffrey McHone and Kelli King
Darrington, nephews of the bride, passed out birdseed pouches.
A buffet dance reception was held following the ceremony at the Veterans Hall. Serving the cake was the bride's aunt and godmother, Judy Walker. Jamie King, niece of the bride and Katie and Michelle McHone, sisters of the bridegroom, were gift attendants. Jenni King, niece of the bride, attended the guest book.
The bride is a graduate of Glenn's Ferry High School and the bridegroom is a graduate of Cordova High School. They both attended Sheldon Jackson College in Sitka, Alaska, and are students at the University of Idaho.
The newlyweds reside in Moscow.

Anniversaries

The Armgas
TWIN FALLS — Larry and Betty Armgas of Olympia, Wash., and formerly of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Saturday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.
Friends and relatives are invited to call from 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday at the Olympia Stake Center in Olympia, Wash. The event is being given by their children. They will also be honored at a family dinner on Friday. Their eldest son and his family are the hosts of the dinner.
The couple were married Dec. 26, 1941, in Twin Falls. They lived in Twin Falls from 1942 until 1977. From 1977 to 1986, they lived in Jerome. They currently reside in Olympia. He is retired from the Blue Lakes Trout Farm and is presently employed by Armgas and Associates. She worked in business management for several physicians in Twin Falls. The couple went on an Alaskan cruise



Larry and Betty Armgas
last summer as an anniversary gift from their children.
The couple have eight children, Lynn Lincoln of Kaysville, Utah, Lawrence Jr. of Tenino, Wash. Charles and Bruce, both of Olympia. Cheryl Roth of Uvalde, Texas, Carol Armgas and Pat Armgas, both of Austin, Texas, and Michael of Layton, Utah.
The couple also has 26 grandchildren.

The Rietvelds
TWIN FALLS — Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius R. Rietveld of Twin Falls will be honored at a dinner Saturday with 65 relatives and friends at the Canyon Springs Inn in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.
Rietveld and Gertrude Van Der Giessen were married Jan. 6, 1942, at the home of her parents in South Holland, Ill. They have lived in Illinois, Indiana and moved to Twin Falls 3 1/2 years ago. He worked at farming, food processing and equipment sales and is now retired. She is a homemaker.
He was active in the Farm Bureau, Lions Club and extension and soil conservation service. She was active in home extension and civic and church organizations.
The event is being given by their



Cornelius and Gertrude Rietveld
children, Gerrit Rietveld of Columbus, Ohio and Mary Kelly and Robert Rietveld, both of Twin Falls and their spouses.
The couple has four grandchildren.

The Sasses
TWIN FALLS — Bob and Peg Sass of Twin Falls will be honored at an open house Thursday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.
Friends and relatives are invited to call from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the Weston Plaza Hotel & Convention Center, 1350-Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The couple will renew their marriage vows at a special Mass at 5 p.m. Thursday at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. Friends are invited to attend.
Sass and Margaret Preston Huggins were married Dec. 26, 1941, at St. Thomas The Apostle Church in Chicago. They have lived in Mount Vernon and Springfield, Ill., until moving to Twin Falls in 1953. He was part owner at LP Gas Co. in Twin Falls and Farm Service Inc. in Kimberly. He is presently a part-time clergy counselor at the Canyon View Hospital in Twin Falls. He served in the Army during World War II from March 1941 to February, 1946, and was discharged as a lieutenant colonel.
He was a member of the Exchange Club and is a permanent deacon at St.



Peg and Bob Sass
Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls. She was a member of the Art Guild and is a member of the Weavers Club in Twin Falls.
The event is being given by their children, Deborah Mikota of Napavine, Wash., Larry Sass of St. Mary's, Gt. Stephen Sass of Port Orchard, Wash., David Sass of Twin Falls and Michael Sass of Chatham, N.J., and their spouses as well as Sister Margaret Mary of Spokane, Wash.
The couple has 16 grandchildren.

The Shouses
FILER — Mr. and Mrs. Tom Shouse of Filer will be honored at an open house and buffet Saturday in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.
Friends and relatives are invited to call from 2 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Main Street in Filer. The couple requests no gifts.
Shouse and Neoma Larrick were married Nov. 3, 1941, in Twin Falls. After their wedding, they moved to California until he was called to serve in the Army in 1943. He served in Italy, France and Germany. After his discharge, they returned to Idaho, where they farmed in the Jerome, Filer, Hansen and Murrough areas. In 1965, he was hired as a secretary-manager of the Twin Falls County Fair and Rodeo, a position he held until his retirement in 1987. They currently reside in Filer.
The event is being given by their son, Gary Shouse, Malin, and his wife, Barbara, in Great Falls, Mont., and grandsons, Todd Shouse of Kimberly, Steven and Chad Shouse, both of Chubbuck and Cory Shouse, Hunter Army Base in Savannah,



Tom and Neoma Shouse
Ga., and their spouses.
The couple also has four great-grandchildren.

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Food



Celery tacos are a nice substitute for peanut butter.

Try celery stuffing for holiday crowd

Good news from the celery front: It's OK to stuff it with something besides peanut butter. Blue cheese or sour cream-onion chutney here is a new recipe just in time for holiday parties. Celery Tacos is a delicious hors d'oeuvre and is easy to make and festive.

For Celery Tacos, you can stuff the celery ribs several hours before serving with ground beef flavored with taco seasoning or chili powder and refrigerate. When the guests arrive, pop the stuffed celery into the oven for about 15 min. Then top with Monterey Jack and bake another minute until the cheese melts. (Or, bake the tacos ahead and reheat them in the microwave.) Spoon prepared salsa and a dollop of sour cream on top and serve.

- CELERY TACOS**
 6 large celery ribs
 8 ounces ground lean beef
 1 tablespoon taco seasoning

- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
 1/2 cup prepared salsa
 1/2 cup dairy sour cream
 cilantro sprigs
 Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease or spray a shallow baking pan with nonstick cooking spray; set aside.
- Trim root ends from celery and remove leaves. Using a vegetable peeler, lightly peel celery to remove any strings. In a bowl combine beef and taco seasoning; press mixture into celery; place on prepared pan. Bake until beef is cooked, about 15 minutes.
- Top beef with shredded cheese; bake until cheese begins to melt, about 1 minute; cool slightly. Cut celery into 1/2-inch pieces. Serve immediately topped with salsa, sour cream and cilantro sprigs; or cover and refrigerate until ready to serve, then reheat in the microwave until hot.
- Makes about 24 appetizers.

New non-alcoholic wines are a sweet idea

By Sam Gungio
 Knight-Ridder News Service

You might think the idea of non-alcoholic wines is as appealing as foie gras lite, but there is a place for them during the holiday season when overindulging can not only be fattening but dangerous.

One of the newest non-alcoholic wines is a sparkling white zinfandel called White Fang. White Fang sounds as if it should be a malt liquor on the

shelf next to Cobra and Colt 45. But the appellation is legit because proceeds from the sale of the product will help restore Jack London Historical Park.

The bubbly was developed by Matt Atkinson, a California State Park Ranger stationed there.

Commendable idea. Too bad the wine is so candy sweet, masking any genuine white zin flavor. (Incidentally, unlike non-alcoholic beer which can't use the word "beer" on the label, you can call this stuff wine, as long as it is

designated "de-alcoholized").

If you serve White Fang very cold, some of that sweetness will be minimized. A bottle is about \$5.

A more impressive sparkler is Brut by Ariel (\$7.88), one of the best known makers of de-alcoholized wine. Unlike White Fang, Brut is wonderfully dry, almost tart but still fruity. It's made with chardonnay, pinot blanc and semillon grapes.

Perhaps the best endorsement of Ariel Brut comes from Peter Lauffer. When I was Lauffer's guest on KNBR radio, sipping for Harvey Steinman, Lauffer confessed he recently bought Ariel Brut, thinking it was just another sparkling wine.

He didn't discover his mistake until

he had drunk the better part of the bottle.

Ariel's White Zinfandel (\$4.88) is the best of the four wines I tried. It's crisp, almost bracing with lovely grape juice notes like an unfocused wine, or more accurately, high class grape juice.

When I handed my wife a glass of Ariel Cabernet Sauvignon (\$6.88), without telling her what it was, she said, quite pointedly, "What kind of wine is this?"

Teetotalers can enjoy these drinks

By John Tanasychuk
 Knight-Ridder News Service

AAA Michigan has once again put together a free booklet of winning non-alcoholic drink recipes. This is AAA's 11th year, and the 1991 winning recipe comes from John McEwan of Michigan.

For a free 20-recipe booklet, stop by any AAA office or call 313-336-1500, 9-5 weekdays.

Here's McEwan's recipe. It is a high-calorie drink best served after outdoor activity.

- BAVARIAN APPLE STRUDEL CHRISTMAS CREAMY**
 2 20-ounce cans apple pie filling
 1 cup apple cider
 2 cups half and half
 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
 2 cups ginger ale

- 1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons brown sugar, dissolved
 1 tablespoon melted butter
 2 tablespoons sugar
 2 tablespoons ground nuts of your choice

Whipped topping, to taste
 Pour pie filling in food processor with metal blade inserted or blender and pulse to remove lumps. Pour into small soup pot and stir in cider, half and half, pie spice, ginger ale and 1/2 cup brown sugar. Heat until steamy but not boiling over medium heat.

Meanwhile, make topping: In a small bowl, mix together remaining 2 tablespoons brown sugar, melted butter, sugar and nuts. Set aside.

Pour hot mixture into mugs. Add whipped topping and sprinkle with nut topping. Serves 6 to 8.

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Muffins taste great, are less filling

By Charlotte Balcomb Lane
 Orlando Sentinel

Many people find it difficult to avoid nibbling high-fat cookies, cakes and brownies during the holiday season. But the following recipe for Double Nut Cranberry Lemon Muffins proves that not all seasonal baked goods have to be high in fat.

These sweet-tart muffins have a rich, cake-like texture and are studded with bright red berries and crunchy bits of almonds and pecans. Lemon zest, fresh figs and buttermilk give the muffins a bright flavor and a light, blond color. Double Nut Cranberry Lemon Muffins are satisfying to eat yet each one contains only a few grams of fat.

For smaller portions of these muffins, bake the batter in mini-muffin pans. Each small muffin is about one-third the size of a regular one.

DOUBLE NUT CRANBERRY LEMON MUFFINS

- 2/3 cups flour
 1 cup fresh cranberries
 1/2 cup sliced almonds
 1/2 cup pecan pieces
 2 teaspoons baking powder
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1 cup sugar
 2 egg whites

- 1/2 cup buttermilk or low-fat milk
 1/2 cup fresh squeezed lemon juice
 1/2 cup canola oil
 1 teaspoon freshly grated lemon peel
 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Preheat oven to 375 F.
 Line a 12-cup muffin pan with paper baking cups and lightly spray with non-stick cooking spray. Set aside.

Chop cranberries coarsely into pieces. Transfer to a small bowl and sprinkle with 1 tablespoon of the flour. Add the almonds and pecan pieces. Toss to coat the fruit and nuts with flour.

Combine the remaining flour, baking powder, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Set aside.

In the bowl of an electric mixer or a food processor, beat the egg whites and 1 cup sugar until the mixture is white and glossy. Beat in the buttermilk, lemon juice, oil, lemon peel and the vanilla and almond extracts. Make sure the mixtures are well combined.

Sift in the flour mixture until just combined. Do not overbeat. Fold in the cranberries and nuts. Pour the batter into the prepared muffin tins.

Bake in the center of the oven for 20 to 25 minutes. Cool muffins in the pan. Serve warm or at room temperature.

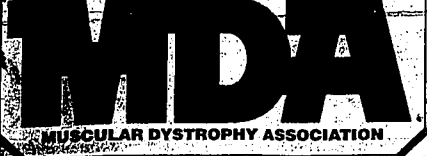
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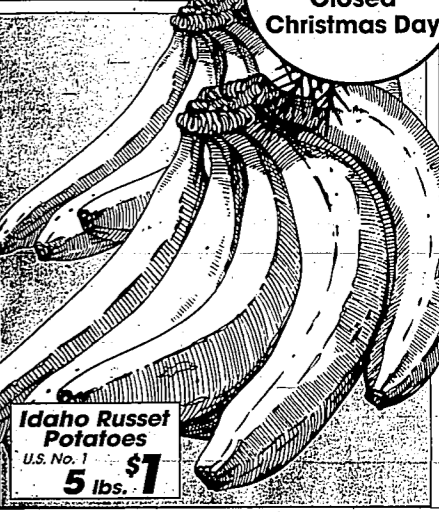
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Food

The real secret to a successful dinner party? Organization

By Deborah S. Hartz
Fort Lauderdale Sun-Sentinel

Julie Andersen's husband is a pilot, so rarely home on weekends. So if the couple wants to entertain, they have to do it during the week.

Cooking for friends is no problem for Andersen, who teaches cooking classes. Even when she was a full-time legal secretary, she found she could entertain easily on weekday evenings.

Her secret? Organization. "I break down into lists what I do each night before the party. Then I can cross things off, and it makes me feel good," she says.

Of course, many of the techniques for Monday through Thursday entertaining can make weekend entertaining easier, too, as Michelle Urvater can testify. Urvater, author of the "Monday to Friday Cookbook" (Workman, 1991), offered a number of tips on entertaining that may prove useful, especially at this time of year.

For her advice on assuming the proper attitude: "When having people over for dinner, don't think you have to impress your guests," Urvater says. "That you have

opened your home is enough."

She suggests you take the basic elements of an economical everyday meal — protein, starch, vegetable and dessert — and simply spread them out over four or more courses.

"Then you can gussy up that weeknight meal to make it look grand," she says. For example, you might present ratatouille, a cold tomato and eggplant dish, on a pretty plate as a first course. This could be followed by a salad, then a pasta dish and a bakery dessert. If you wish, you could add a cheese course instead of or just before dessert. You also could serve a storebought sorbet between the appetizer and main course to make the meal seem more lavish.

But don't get carried away. "The focus is on the conversation and your company. That's what's important," she says. "Of course, the best way to make entertaining — weeknight or any night — easier is to plan ahead. The less you have to think about on the evening of your party, the better," says Cynthia Carisco, co-owner of An Affair to Remember, a pasta and pizza eatery in Florida who keeps health in mind when creating menus. "You want to be relaxed and not running all over the place."

Plan to shop over the weekend or two days before your party. You can serve dishes

'When having people over for dinner, don't think you have to impress your guests. That you have opened your home is enough.'

— Author Michelle Urvater

you make ahead or stick with ones you prepare the night of your soiree. But the best route is a combination of both.

Andersen particularly likes to do dishes she can prepare ahead. "I never do a stir-fry because I don't want to be standing over the stove when my guests are here," she says.

But if Andersen doesn't get around to cooking that or something else ahead of time, she finds that pasta is quick and filling. "Serve it with salad, bread and a decadent dessert and you're done," she says.

Although you can end the meal with a dessert from the bakery, Andersen prefers to create her own. She makes a 9-inch cheesecake recipe but bakes it in two 7-inch springform pans so she can serve one to

guests and freeze the other for later.

Urvater makes a big cheesecake and throws part of it away or eating it every night and gaining 10 pounds," she says. "So I make smaller ones I can use at different times."

Besides cooking the day before, the experts suggest you set the table a day earlier. Always use nice linens to add to the festive mood, Urvater says. But here again, simplicity is the key.

"When entertaining friends, your tableware doesn't have to be inordinately expensive or your table look like it is out of a magazine," says Jan Sapp, owner of A Savory Affaire in Coral Springs, Fla. She suggests fresh flowers or a fruit centerpiece. The latter is not only pretty but economical — the fruit can be eaten with a cheese course that substitutes for dessert, Urvater says.

Urvater also likes to use vegetables as a focus for her table. Purple broccoli is a favorite. "It looks stunning as a centerpiece with yellow peppers, and you can eat it the next day," she says. "That's better than flowers, which are very expensive and wilt."

You can do individual place settings or, to save time, serve the meal homestyle from the kitchen counter, letting guests fill their

plates and pick up their own silverware.

If you can cook the meal in the same dishes you serve them in, you'll save on cleanup. But if not, it may be easier to fill guests' plates in the kitchen to avoid getting platters dirty.

Or for something like a roast with vegetables cooked in a large roasting pan, serve straight from the pan. Just garnish the sliced meat and vegetables with a bright bunch of watercress, Urvater says.

Other garnishes that will dress up the simplest meal include parsley and lemon with fish or orange with poultry to any place you need a "splash of color."

"Anything that adds interest to a plate will work. Whatever catches your eye is fine," Sapp says. For beverages, serve one type of wine — it saves on glasses — or fancy beers. Skip the hard liquor. That will keep the cocktail serve hours of overtime. And, you can eat earlier so people can get home at a reasonable hour.

After the party, load the tableware into the dishwasher and soak the pans. Then go to bed and, the next evening, you can make dinner from leftovers. Or better yet, you can make reservations.

Top chefs come up with 5 hams that wreak havoc with tradition

By Jane Snow
Knight-Ridder News Service

Three hams, please — and hold the brown sugar, mustard and pineapple juice.

That were our instructions to three of Ohio's top chefs, who were each given a ham and asked to come up with a new way to cook it. And did they ever. No ho-hum glazes for these guys. Christmas dinner may never be the same after you do it.

Beau's Baked Ham with Orange-Cranapple Glaze: Instead of Mom's homestyle glazed ham, Beau Schmidt of Crocker's Bar & Grille in Akron, Ohio, suggests you center the feast around a ham slathered with a rum and fresh cranberry-apple glaze. The dark-brown glaze is sweet and thick, but with a fresh fruit taste.

Schmidt developed the recipe for us, but likes it so much he will make it for his family this Christmas.

"It's not tart and it's not real overpoweringly sweet. You taste the flavors — you taste the cinnamon, you taste the cranberries, you taste the apples," Schmidt says.

Ham with Gingersnaps: Ed Valente, of the Akron City Club simmers his ham in gingerale, as his mother always has, and then bakes it with a wickedly good topping of molasses and fresh gingersnaps. The finished ham is crunchily-sweet on the outside, and sweet inside, too. Simmering the meat in soda pop removes some of the salti-

ness, Valente says. Valente grew up in Detroit, near the Vernor's gingerale plant, and he suspects that's where the idea originated, he says.

Braised Apple, Black Currant and Cranberry Ham: This mahogany glaze with the big, bold flavor was dreamed up by Scott Yaeger, executive chef and director of food and beverage at the Quaker Square Hilton in Akron.

Yaeger uses fruits of the season, including apples and cranberries, and cooks them down to the consistency of honey, which he then paints on the ham.

The result is a glaze that has the sweetness of the popular honey-glazed hams, but much more flavor.

BEAU'S BAKED HAM WITH ORANGE-CRANAPPLE GLAZE
1 fully cooked ham, 9 lbs. or larger
Whole cloves
1 8-oz. jar coarse-grained Dijon-style mustard
1/3 cup dark rum
4 cups brown sugar
2 1/2 cups orange juice
5 Red Delicious apples, peeled, cored and sliced coarse
12 oz. fresh cranberries
1 tbsp. cinnamon

With a sharp knife, score fat about one-fourth-inch deep in a diamond pattern. Place ham in a shallow baking pan. Insert a whole clove at the cross point of each diamond.

In a small bowl, stir together mustard, rum and one-third of the brown sugar and one-half cup of the or-

ange juice. Pour mixture over ham. Cover and bake for at 350 degrees for 1 1/2 hours, basting frequently with pan juices.

Meanwhile, combine dried apples, cranberries, remaining brown sugar and orange juice, and cinnamon in a 4-quart stock pot. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes. Remove from heat. Puree in a blender or food processor.

Baste the ham with the glaze and more pan juices. Continue baking for 30 minutes longer, basting frequently.

Transfer ham to a platter. Skim any fat from pan juices. Pass pan juices at the table.

HAM WITH GINGERSNAPS
1 fully cooked ham 9 lbs. or larger
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Combine remaining ingredients in a bowl to make a paste. Brush some of the mixture over ham. Bake uncovered at 300 degrees for 45 minutes. Continue basting about 2 to 2 1/2 hours longer, until ham is heated through, brushing with mixture as needed. Serve warm.

BRASURED APPLE, BLACK CURRANT AND CRANBERRY HAM

Glaze:
2 cups cider
2 cups fresh cranberries
1/2 Granny Smith apple, peeled, cored and minced
1 cup drained, canned black currants in syrup
1/2 cup currant juice
1/2 cup brown sugar
1 tbsp. finely julienned orange zest (very thin strips of orange peel)
Juice of half an orange
1 tbsp. cider vinegar

Pinch of allspice
Ham:
1 fully cooked ham, 9 lbs. or larger

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. ground cloves
6 cups apple cider
1 cup black currant juice
1 cup water

Combine all glaze ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer until the cranberries have popped and the sauce is the consistency of honey, about 20 minutes. Cool.

For the ham, combine cinnamon

and cloves, sprinkle over ham and rub in. Place ham in a shallow baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 minutes, or until the ham is golden brown. Pour cider, currant juice and water in pan and baste with mixture.

Reduce heat to 325 degrees. Cover ham with foil and continue basting for one hour, basting every 15 minutes with pan juices. Remove foil and coat the top of the ham with half the glaze mixture. Reduce heat to 300 degrees and bake for 10 minutes. Add remaining glaze and bake 10 minutes longer. Serve with pan juices.

'Guilt-free' eggnog has 1/3 calories of the usual

Los Angeles Times

Here is a guilt-free eggnog with one-third the calories, cholesterol and fat found in traditional versions.

Non-fat milk instead of cream, no-cholesterol egg substitute for egg yolks, and a scant amount of sugar and rum extract instead of alcohol, do the trick.

EGGNOG

4 cups non-fat milk
1 cup egg substitute
2 1/2 tablespoons sugar
2 or 3 teaspoons rum extract
2 egg whites

Combine non-fat milk, egg substitute, 2 tablespoons sugar and rum extract in bowl.

Beat with rotary beater or electric mixer until well blended.

Chill thoroughly.

Beat egg whites lightly with remaining sugar and fold into milk mixture.

Note: Although many recipes call for uncooked eggs, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has found them to be a potential carrier of food-borne illness and recommends that diners avoid eating raw eggs.

Commercial egg substitutes may be used in place of raw eggs in certain circumstances.

Check egg substitute package for applications.

Each 5-ounce serving contains about: 93 calories; 131 mg sodium; 3 mg cholesterol; 1 gram fiber; 10 grams carbohydrate; 9 grams protein; 0 fiber; 12 percent calories from fat.

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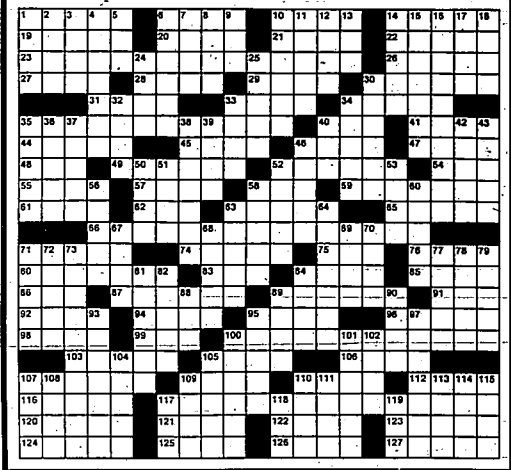
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MIXED COMPANY
By Frances Burton

THE Sunday Crossword

Edited by Herb Etteson

- ACROSS**
- Can. peninsula
 - Pair of animals
 - Bony plate
 - Willow
 - Circle of light
 - Source of pol
 - down (muted)
 - Elvis movie
 - Blundered
 - Rumanian city
 - Smallest bis
 - Choir voice
 - Manago minimally
 - Hypocritically pious language
 - Friend in need
 - Desart transport
 - William Powell movie
 - Passing fancy
 - Iranian money
 - Mary a soul
 - Gnab
 - Castro's domain
 - Markdown
 - Cent
 - Actor Byrnes
 - Extensively
 - Scampi
 - Grain box
 - the Press
 - Chemical to treat Parkinson's disease
 - Dopoi: abbr.
 - Kiddie
 - Fitzgerald
 - Angeles
 - Quick-witted
 - Bovine site
 - Dolores Hart movie
 - Housing device
 - Zodiac sign
 - Dusting cloth
 - Taproot lital
 - Extract useful material from waste
 - Hockey's Bobby
 - Actor Richard
 - Bubbly drink
 - Alphabet run
 - Saltiness
 - method
 - Moves on the ground before takeoff
 - Knockout count
 - Koran chapter
 - Transgressions
 - Desert
 - Atlantic or Pacific
 - Fr. holy women: abbr.
 - Explosive initials
 - Sinatra movie
 - Tau: abbr.
 - Geologic divisions
 - Over for drying hops
 - Strightened: var.
 - Certain European
 - Bridge seat
 - God of love
 - 116 Ancient language
 - Disney movie
 - Happening



- Toward an actor
- Double surge
- 123 Hudson player
- Yields
- Young salmon
- Proced on
- weeny
- DOWN
- Singer Grant
- Burma, China etc.
- 2 Bigger
- Singer Guthrie
- Bill-billed bird
- festation
- Japanese religion
- Rabbit
- Building wings
- John — Passos
- Culet
- Social gathering
- Singer Guthrie
- Integers: abbr.
- Ship or bath
- beginning
- 15 Astounding things
- Not trustworthy
- off (drove)
- Tau: abbr.
- Saucer-shaped ball
- Strong winds
- Gray
- Over again
- Chi-chi
- Uncle Tom's
- Recurrent affect of past experience

- Dummy
- Kind of fishing
- Retrain syllable
- Mink or fox
- E.T.'s
- hand (help)
- One-name singer
- Unemployed
- Entranceway
- Pierces
- Fishy fruit
- Brownish orange
- Transparent
- Chemise
- Actress Taha
- Fewer
- Mild expletive
- Runs
- Rani's garment
- Author James
- 71 Tacky
- Contradict
- Confused
- 77 Tourist stop
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- Horace and
- Gray
- Endured
- Moran and
- Chatters
- 88 Occupant
- Trilles
- Lays down turf

Somebody needs you

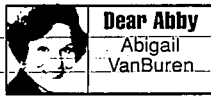
- Volunteers Against Violence is in need of a day bed. If you can donate, call 733-5054 between 1 to 5 p.m.
- Volunteers are needed to do fight clerical duties at the RSV office and the Child Care Center at the College of Southern Idaho. Duties will include typing, adding machine, filing; and simple bookkeeping. If you can volunteer a few hours per week, call Rosemary Evans at 736-2122.
- Volunteers are needed at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for a variety of duties. If you can volunteer a few hours per week, call Dottie Miller at 737-2006.
- The Port of Hope needs education for grades K-5. If you can donate, call Mary Dwyer at 734-5180.
- The South Central Community Action Agency needs beans for the emergency food pantry. They also need a table and four chairs, dressers, three twin mattresses, one twin box spring, two full mattresses, and one full size box spring. If you can donate, call Anna Fortner at 733-9351.
- The Twin Falls Head Start facility has an opening for an individual for older and low-income to help with small children. We will offer benefits as well as a tax-free stipend. Call the Foster Grandparent Program at 736-2122.
- The American Cancer Society is looking for a dedicated volunteer to assist with the 1992 Community Crusade (door-to-door donations). We need people to help organize in Twin Falls, Buhl, Filer, Kimberly, Hansen, Murtough, Castleford, —Hollister, Rogerson and Jackpot. Nev. Call John or Jane Munro at 733-0866.
- Volunteers are needed to help ring bells for the Salvation Army Christmas Kettles for the Christmas season. Call 733-8720 or come to 348 Fourth Ave.
- Project Headstart needs volunteers to knit 150 sweaters for small children for Christmas. Volunteer knitters are needed to machine knit. No experience is necessary and machines are available. Contributions for yarn are also needed. Come in or call Inge Davis at Paspang Knitting Machine Sales at 1120-A Blue Lakes Blvd. N. 734-9721; or call Gene Reichard in Jerome at 324-2195.
- A handicapped individual on a fixed income has a floor repaired in his home. Call Gergetta Whitesell at the Community Action Agency at 734-8856.
- The Buhl Head Start needs volunteers to help in day care. If you can donate a few hours per week and enjoy working with children, call Marlene Yardley at 543-5292.
- Volunteers are needed to help in the new hot lunch program at the Salvation Army. Free hot lunches are being prepared and served each week. Volunteers are needed for the food bus program and services to senior citizens. Call 733-8720 or come to 348 Fourth Ave.
- The Senior Companion Program has openings for active persons 60 or older who are low income and who would enjoy working 20 hours a week at either St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome or at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The program pays a small tax free stipend, travel reimbursement, provides an annual physical, and covers participants with accident, liability and excess auto liability insurance. Call Marcie Donner at 734-2122.
- The West Magic Care Center needs volunteers with community organizational skills for a community communications program. Also needed is a volunteer to coordinate the project. Duties will include letter writing and oral communications. Call LaVone Jones at 734-8645.
- The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs pillows, blankets, bedspreads, bath and hand towels, washcloths, kitchen towels, dishrags, soup pots, skillets, dishes, soup bowls, mixing bowls, knives, silverware, kitchen utensils, any size beds, portable televisions, and kitchen tables and chairs. Call Mary Lynn Culp at 736-2166.
- The Jerome School District needs volunteers to help in the Jerome schools. Volunteers will work at their own skill levels. Duties will include clerical workers, copy machine operators, reading to, or listening to a child read, or other duties as assigned. Lunch will be provided to volunteers who can provide three hours of volunteer-service or more per day. If you can donate a few hours per week, call Karen Friley at the Jerome High School at 324-8528.
- The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs blankets, bedspreads, twin and standard sheets and pillowcases, bed pillows, throw pillows, bath towels, hand towels, washcloths, kitchen towels, pots and pans, dishes, cups, glasses, bowls, knives, silverware, kitchen utensils, any size beds, sofas, chairs, linens, and tables, kitchen table and chairs, radios, televisions, clocks, pictures and bicycles. Call Mary Lynn Culp at 736-2166.
- Idaho's Partner's in Health through Nutrition needs volunteers to help distribute pamphlets, recipes and educational materials to grocery stores in the Burley-Rupert and Twin Falls areas. Call Sharon Gerberding at 734-5900.
- The Sawtooth Chapter of the American Red Cross is seeking volunteers to provide service to members of the Armed Forces and their families. To apply or for more information, call Ruth Young at 733-6464 or stop by the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E.
- The Boy Scouts of America Troop No. 32 needs useful camping items. Especially needed is a wall tent set up for a woodstove. Call 934-5909.
- Volunteers are needed at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center for the dining room, as hosts/hostesses and as cashiers. These duties are also needed for the monthly pancake breakfast. A part-time receptionist, people to help in the Bargain Center and kitchen helpers after lunch are also needed. Volunteers are needed for making things for the Craft Shop and as cashiers. These duties are also needed for the monthly pancake breakfast. If you can give one day a week, please call Betty Jo Olson at 734-5084.
- The Magic Valley Arts Council needs volunteers to help with the following: newsletters, correspondence, computer updates, filing, resource center assistance, phone calls and some typing. Volunteers are needed from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday through Friday. If you can volunteer two hours per day or week, call Elizabeth Bullard at the Magic Valley Arts Council at 736-7878 or Rosemary Evans at 736-2122.
- Volunteers are needed in Gooding and Wendell to help tutor in the literacy program. No experience is necessary and training and material will be furnished. If you can give a few hours per week, call Sally Bergstrom at 934-8302 or 934-4089 for more information.
- Volunteers are needed to be Girl Scout leaders. Call Tricia Ruby at 324-3522.
- The Camp Fire Organization needs volunteers to be leaders and co-leaders for all grade-school levels in the Magic Valley area. Volunteers are also needed for program development and to work as club leaders and camp counselors. In addition, the group is looking for children who are interested in joining the group. For more information, call Sue Cox at 587-9611.
- Volunteers are needed to help in the College of Southern Idaho literacy program. Volunteers to help with reading or math are needed. All material is furnished by CSI. Call Rosemary Evans at 736-2122 or Ruth Scott at 733-9554, ext. 417.
- Volunteers are needed to deliver meals to homebound senior citizens. Mileage reimbursement is provided. Call Ann Graefe at the Senior Citizen Center at 734-5084.

Dad's walking in on couple has girlfriend ready to call it quits

DEAR ABBY: Something terribly embarrassing happened to me yesterday—it's every young woman's nightmare.

My boyfriend's father walked in on us during a very, very private moment. We are both in our early 20s and have been dating for three years and plan to marry next year when we graduate from college.

I don't know if this was a surprise for his father since his son and I have been dating for a long time, but I am very embarrassed about the situation. How can I ever face this man again? He told his son to let me know that he was very sorry, and he didn't mean to invade our privacy. I felt a little better about the situation, but I'm still too embarrassed to look the man in the face. Do you think he feels differently about me now? And how can I deal with this?



too much for them.

DEAR ABBY: Some time ago, you referred to your definition of "maturity," but you printed only part of it. Will you please print the entire definition? As I recall, it was wonderful.

— BARBARA IN KAILUA, HAWAII

DEAR BARBARA: Here it is: MATURITY IS: The ability to stick with a job until it's finished.

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DEAR EMBARRASSED: There is nothing you can do about the past, so there's no point in agonizing over it. If your boyfriend's father is somewhat sophisticated and worldly, chances are he is not nearly as shocked as you are embarrassed. The best way to deal with it is to say nothing.

DEAR ABBY: My son was married six months ago, and I just learned that a number of wedding gifts from our side of the family have not as yet been acknowledged.

As the mother of the groom, would it be improper for me to telephone or write a note to those whose wedding gifts have not been acknowledged?

— NO CITY, PLEASE

DEAR NO CITY: Although you understand, I would be inappropriate for you to take it upon yourself to acknowledge your adult children's wedding gifts.

To do so would give the impression that your son and his bride are either lazy, negligent, disorganized, inattentive, thoughtless, procrastinating or ignorant—or possibly all of the above. It would also make you appear to be a meddling and overprotective parent.

But since this has bothered you enough to write to me, I suggest that you tell your son and his bride that you are embarrassed by their negligence. Then volunteer to assist in a chore that appears to be



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This concise, new book lists and describes 81 groups and organizations offering tips that benefit the environment either directly — by helping scientists do research and restoration — or indirectly — by being low-impact and non-polluting. Such trips range from bicycling in Bali or bird-watching by canoe at Okefenokee Swamp in Georgia to monitoring mammals in Madagascar or visiting medieval villages in Europe. There are even vacations at state and national parks for volunteers.

Kaye also categorizes groups according to focus: animals and birds; archaeology and history; human relations; cities; lakes, rivers, oceans; etc., and there's even an eco-vacationer's quiz to figure out what type of trip



Reed Glenn Eartright

would be most appropriate for a person's interests, skills and abilities (and tolerance of rustic conditions). All organizations were carefully selected based on strict criteria, including a strong commitment to and history of concern for the environment. For a free brochure or to order the book, call 1-800-800-8147 or write to Blue Penguin Publications 3031 5th St., Boulder, Colo. 80304.

TOXIC CEMENT: There's growing concern over cement plants doubling of hazardous waste disposal facilities. Cement companies are "dot-blasting" by burning hazardous wastes in kilns to reduce fuel costs and add extra income from disposing of hazardous wastes, says Environ magazine (No. 12) published by Wary Canyon Press in Ft. Collins, Colo. The burning spews toxins into the

air, plus fuel wastes — such as toxic heavy metals — are incorporated into the "clinker" that is ground into cement. This toxic cement is made into concrete for building purposes.

Last year, Environmental Protection Agency whistleblower Hugh B. Kaufman wrote in a memo to his boss, EPA administrator William K. Reilly, "How many miles of cement drinking water mains produced from these cement kilns will have to be dug up in the future when the toxic metals and other hazardous waste residues in the cement leach into water supplies? How much taxpayer money will have to be expended to remediate this problem, which could easily and cheaply be prevented?"

Environ says EPA's rules, despite opposition from the American waste management industry, favor the foreign-dominated cement industry. Many plants burning toxic waste for fuel are owned by European companies according to a listing by the Portland Cement Association. According to Environ, "These purchases seem to be linked to visions of huge profits

that could be raked up by burning toxic waste."

Greenpeace is leading a battle against incineration of all kinds, and people concerned about cement kilns and incineration in their area can call the Greenpeace Campaign, (202) 319-2476, in Washington, D.C., or the National Toxics Campaign, (617) 232-4014, in Boston.

ON A HAPPIER NOTE: Someone is doing something right, and that someone is Northern Telecom, which has become the first large electronics company in the world to make a public commitment to get rid of ozone-depleting solvents in its manufacturing operations — nine years ahead of an international mandate.

This month, the global telecommunications research and manufacturing firm received the 1991 EPA Stratospheric Ozone Protection Award for "the first worldwide phase-out of a multinational company" and for "generously transferring technology to others" — including the Mexican government — and electronics-manufacturing industry, which is now launching

an aggressive phase-out timetable. The company developed an alternative to the ozone-depleting chlorofluorocarbon solvents (CFC-113), used to clean flux residue (used in soldering) from printed circuit boards. They created a new technology that eliminates the cleaning step altogether.

BAD TO THE LAST DROP: Bleached white coffee filters have been banned in Sweden, because hot

water leaches cancer-causing dioxin into the coffee, according to Bruce Anderson of ECOLOGUE.

JUST ONE LITTLE CANDLE: "If every American household converted just one incandescent lamp to an energy efficient compact fluorescent bulb, we could immediately shut down one nuclear power plant," says Rocky Lovins, Director of Research, RMO-Mountain Institute.

Reed Glenn writes a weekly column on the environment and health for the Boulder, Colo., Daily Camera. Send your comments to: Reed Glenn, Daily Camera Newspaper, P.O. Box 591, Boulder, CO 80306.

Chess moves are just like poetry in motion

By Barry Eucker
Special to The Times-News

'Twas the night before Christmas, the tournament was set:
The chess club was full as it could possibly get.
The clocks were all set to five minutes with care,
All the contestants were boasting, "Play me, if you dare."
The pieces were nestled all snug on their squares,
In hopes that an opening soon would be theirs.
In my chess shirt, my opponent

Chess

6. Bx4, d6
7. Nf3, h6
8. Qd2, a6
9. O-O, Na5
10. Bb3, Nb3
11. a3, Bc4
12. Rael, O-O
13. Ne2, Nf7
14. Na3, BbN (This move starts the exchanges that reduce white's attack)

15. Rxb, Bg5
16. Re1, Bx8
17. Rxb (At this point, Chris Pentico had just won from Kurt Douglas. A draw in this game would give first place to Pentico), Ng5
18. Qf2, Qd7
19. Nf5, Qe6
20. b4, Nf7
21. Nxf7? KxN
22. Resigns (Mike said he didn't think my King could go to h8. Mike had 20 minutes left until time control; I had one hour. I was surprised at the sudden end and must call it: "The Mother of All Resignations.")

The Magic Valley Chess Club will be closed during the Christmas season, but we wish our family and friends, we may celebrate the birth of our savior, Jesus Christ.

The Magic Valley Chess Club meets from 4 to 10 p.m. every Saturday at the Twin Falls Senior Citizens Army Building, 348 Fourth Ave. N. All ages are welcome. For more information, call Dan Looney at 734-3291 or Barry Eucker at 733-6186.

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Had just settled down for an English attack.
When over on the "H" file, there arose such a clatter:
I sprang from my back rank to see what was the matter.
Off to the King's side I glanced in a fright.
There was my King, my Rook and my Knight.
The Bishop was fianchettoed, the pawn chain intact;
Things looked pretty good, as a matter of fact.
When what-to-my wondering eyes should appear,
But a King's side pawn blitz, just as I'd feared.
With a 2800 rating and no intention to draw.
I knew in a moment it must be Keown.
On Cromwell, on Buckendorf, on Kazanchev and Wray,
Earl threw Garry's black Knight away.
A wink of his eye and a push of his pawn,
Sean gave me to know that my King's side was gone.
He spoke not a word but went straight to his work,
Pinned me and forked me, then took my queen with a jerk.
Dazed-and-confused, all players resigned.
The game in a shambles, their King in a bind,
Playing the blitz with his hand on his hip.
He won the Simul, 40 to zip.
As he left, he exclaimed, "I must go, I am late.
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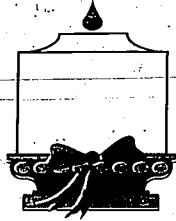
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Business

Recession takes rifle shots now

The good times and bad roll around the country. That seems to be one of the economic messages of the 1980s. And the current national recession is more dramatically concentrated than most, economist Brian Cromwell of the Twelfth Federal Reserve District says.



Valley ventures
Craig Lincoln

Idaho, the Pacific Northwest, the Rocky Mountain states and the Northeast and South-central states have fairly robust economies, Cromwell says. States that don't have really crashed.

Cromwell uses job losses to illustrate his point. In this recession, 21 states lost jobs between July 1990 and August 1991. In the 1989 recession, 27 states lost jobs. In the early 1980s recession, 46 states lost jobs.

Remember, though, that corporate layoffs apparently haven't ended. But Cromwell's point is that our economy apparently has evolved into a form that concentrates economic pain regionally.

It's a winter of a frigid temperature-based economy, he says. Manufacturing losses in a recession tend to be spread around the country evenly. Service jobs, on the other hand, are more dependent on local or regional economies.

When a small regional economy, like Idaho's, goes down the tubes, it doesn't affect national figures or Eastern-based media outlets much.

For instance, Idaho had some rough economic sledding in the mid-1980s. Few people noticed. But now the job losses are concentrated in such states as New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and the District of Columbia.

Major national media outlets and politicians are paying more attention this time.

Wine grapes don't like cold, but local wineries said they weren't hurt that badly by last winter's frigid temperatures, although some vineyards had to restart frozen-to-the-ground grape vines.

Jamie Martin, owner of Hagerman's Rose Creek Vineyards, contracted with a few more growers and came up with some pretty good grapes. "We've harvested grapes were excellent," Martin said.

But several vineyards, like Carmela Martell's, had to restart their grape vines. Martell and her husband, Jim, own Carmela Vineyards near Glenns Ferry.

"We lost our crop like everybody else did," Carmela said.

The new vintners had enough wine so they didn't have to buy grapes this year.

Business was just too good for Donnelly Sports to stay put. So the sporting goods store is moving across the alley.

Owner Bob Donnelly hopes to be in the old Cain's used furniture store, which fronts Second Avenue North, by the first week of February. "Our main focus was to stay downtown," Donnelly said.

Donnelly will double the store's retail space. In the extra room he plans to increase the 18-year-old company's selection of shoes, clothing and fitness equipment.

Meanwhile, Donnelly is looking to sell his old store, after 14 years of doing sporting business there.

That new building north of Canyon Springs Inn is a little hotel aimed at business travelers.

Babco Inc. of Boise is building its third hotel on the Woodbury Corp. development. Vice President Brad Charles promises an exercise room, an indoor swimming pool, and Jacuzzi suites for honeymooners. Perhaps the best of all, the hotel is being built with soundproof rooms, Charles said.

The Ameritel Inn should open in May, Charles said. Babco picked the Twin Falls market because "no hotel catering to corporate or commercial travelers had been built in the last 10 or 15 years, Charles said.

Babco's building is the third going up on the Woodbury development, which languished for nearly a decade after the Salt Lake City-based company first announced its plans.

Do you know of an interesting business trend, new business or other business news? Call Eugene Rappaport, Times-News, 733-0931, extension 231.



Linda Miller shows Camas-grown goods at the Specialty Shop in Fairfield. From organic crops to unusual retail sales, the Miller and the Dave Coates families have found a way to make a living together on the Camas Prairie.

Farm to market

Fairfield family takes organic agriculture from field to countertop

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — Raising chemical-free crops on the Camas Prairie is one thing. But making a living selling them retail in a town of 371 people?

The Millers and the Coateses are making it happen here.

Since 1982, Steve and Linda Miller and Linda's brother Dave Coates and his wife Wava have raised alfalfa, wheat and barley using no chemicals for pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers. The same year they bought Camas Grain, a grain storage and shipping business here.

By 1983, the two families were selling their flour and packaged grains retail from the Camas Grain office.

As the business grew, things got so hectic that they decided to open a retail outlet up

AMERICAN DREAMERS
An occasional look at Magic Valley entrepreneurs, big and small

the street, near the center of town. The Specialty Shop was born.

"The typical comment that we hear is, 'I

didn't expect anything like this up here,'" Linda Miller said. "They're surprised at the variety. We carry horsehead powder, lemon powder and things that other stores don't have."

The Millers and the Coateses took over an old newspaper-print shop building, with worn wooden floors and high ceilings. To keep this old-fashioned atmosphere, they added antique counters from the old Fairfield drugstore. The high walls were lined to the ceiling with cedar and lattice work.

Linda Miller, office manager at Camas Grain, took over as head buyer.

She stocked the store with hard dried in jars or big sacks — is the main attraction. Each year, Camas Grain ships out 150 to 200 semi-trailer truckloads of grain to California and points around the Northwest.

There are no mills in Idaho that produce unbleached flour for human consumption, said Reuben Miller, manager of Camas Grain. So wheat from the high prairie is hauled to mills in California and in Utah, then the flour is shipped back to Fairfield.

That may seem like a lot of trouble to supply Fairfield with unbleached pure wheat flour; but local residents have come to demand it, and, as word spreads, the demand has grown.

"I don't buy any other kind of flour," customer Shirley Simon, a Fairfield resident, said. "It's just so much easier to work with than your other types of flour. When you're

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No-chemical farming works well on mile-high prairie

By Terrell Williams
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — The mile-high Camas Prairie just naturally lends itself to chemical-free farming, said Reuben Miller, manager of Camas Grain.

"We use alfalfa as a rotation crop, and weeds don't compete well in alfalfa," he said.

"Our yields are low enough that, basically, fertilizers don't pay."

Miller explained that since crop rotations instead of fertilizers have always been used in the prairie's dark, rich soil, there is no chemical build-up.

"Crops were always grown organically because of economics," he said, "so the good things that are supposed to be in the soil, still are."

In most other farm land, he said, the good, natural bacteria has been killed with chemicals, so those soils are now dependent on chemical fertilizers.

"In California, they can't imagine that anybody could raise grain the way we raise grain," he said.

Insect pests, including grasshoppers, army worms and aphids, are controlled by the weather, Reuben said.

"We have temperature swings of 100 degrees per day," he said. "Those swings annihilate wheat aphids. They don't survive, those types of temperature changes."

Linda Miller, office manager at Camas Grain, said the cold prairie winters wipe out all remaining hopes of insect pest reproduction.

"Not many things live after 50 degrees below zero," she said.

Fed's move eventually will help, analysts say

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don't be discouraged that a year of interest rate cuts hasn't led to an immediate economic revival.

Slowly but surely, analysts say, the latest rate cuts will elevate morale, lower the cost of borrowing and eventually put more cash in consumers' pockets.

The Federal Reserve continued its bid to revive the economy Friday by slashing two key interest rates, and major commercial banks, followed by trimming their prime lending rates to 6.5 percent, the lowest level since 1977.

Morgan Guaranty Trust Co., the nation's

fourth largest bank and one of the strongest, led the prime cuts, followed later by Citibank, the nation's largest bank, San Francisco's Bank of America and other major banks.

The moves were the latest in a string of rate reductions over the past year that so far have done little to jolt the economy out of its malaise.

But Friday's full-point drop — in both the Fed's discount rate and the banks' prime rate — may be more effective than previous fractional declines, some experts said.

The Fed lowered the discount rate, the interest charged on loans to member banks, to 3.5 percent, and also dropped the target

for the federal funds rate, the interest banks charge each other, from 4.5 percent to 4 percent.

The cut in the prime rate — a benchmark for corporate and consumer loans — was the largest since another full-point drop to 12 percent in October 1982.

In 1991, consumers have been reluctant to take on new debt because many are still working off old debts from the booming 1980s.

In addition, many Americans fear for their jobs as corporations such as International Business Machines Corp. and General Motors Corp. announce job cuts numbering in the tens of thousands.

"People are not borrowing — not because rates are high — but because they have apprehensions about layoffs and the economy," said Carl L. Campbell, president and chief executive officer at Keystone Financial, a community banking group in Harrisburg, Pa.

Campbell, reflecting the comments of many community bankers, said banks are willing to approve new loans but consumers and small businesses are showing only a minor interest so far.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan told Congress last week the large debt burden on consumers and businesses has depressed loan demand.

Want to boost your chances of success? Get a plan

A Confucian proverb says, "He who sits cross-legged with mouth open waiting for roost duck to fly in is going to have a long, long wait." Hoping doesn't cut it.

What would you like to achieve, reach out for and possibly capture?

If you want to get from A to B, you've got to plan. Business plans, vacation plans, shopping plans, and so on. But business plans aren't given much thought.

"Just Do It!" the ad-by-Nike exclaims. Behind that ad is the original quote: "Much is not tried because it seems difficult. Much seems difficult because it is not tried. Just do it!"

If you agree that you need to plan, that you need to break out of your career rut, financial rut, mental rut, before they become so deep you can't escape, start thinking of some specific goals.

Succeeding
Judy M. Robinett

Setting goals is hard work. Dreaming, wishing and hoping are easy enough. The problem is you don't tend to put your ideas into action. Just hope for the best and get whatever comes your way.

After all, you can complain that life ain't fair, that you didn't get the same "lucky" breaks the guy down the street did.

If you believe in choice, and if you believe in taking some control over your future, then get that pencil and paper out of the drawer. Keep these three ideas in mind as you begin to plan.

First, commit your dream to paper. There is magic in writing.

Graduates of the Yale class of 1952 were asked if they had a clear, written plan for their future. Twenty years later, the initial 3 percent who did have written plans had accumulated more wealth than the other 97 percent who did not. Start writing.

Second, make your goals... unambiguous. Break them down into specific tasks that are small enough to accomplish.

Henry Ford once said, "Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small parts."

Though writing a novel is a big elephant to swallow, talking with a local writer can get you moving in the right direction: Start small, but start.

Third, remember that this is just a plan. It can be modified, changed, or trashed.

Before the birth of Christ, Publilius Syrus said, "It is a bad plan that admits no modification." If it doesn't work, it doesn't work. It does not mean something is wrong with you or that you failed. Modify and keep trying until it works.

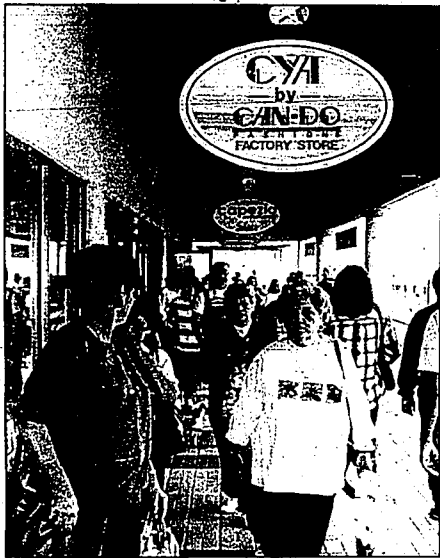
At the heart of your plan are goals — written, manageable, options that can be changed. Diana Schartz says, "Goals are dreams with deadlines."

Just do it!

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Business



Shoppers crowd a walkway at the San Marcos Factory Shops looking for gifts for as much as 70 percent below the usual retail price found at these manufacturer-owned stores.

Shoppers find outlets for their frustrations

SAN MARCOS, Texas (AP) — Kathy Morris doesn't like to shop on the day after Thanksgiving. But the mayor of this central Texas city rushed out to see the crowd when she heard cars were lining up on the interstate near the San Marcos Factory Shops. It's been that way every weekend lately. As the holiday shopping season reached a crescendo, business was booming at these manufacturer-owned outlet stores, where shoppers could find gifts as much as 70 percent below the usual retail price. Managers of outlet centers from Reading, Pa., to Gilroy, Calif., also reported robust business as shoppers looked for ways to stretch their dollars in the bad economy. "Consumers' shopping habits are definitely changing. Particularly in this time of recession, everyone is watching exactly how and where they are spending their dollars," said Cheryl McArthur, whose McArthur-Glen Group in Washington, D.C., has 12 outlet centers from Williamsburg, Va., to Silverthorne, Colo. "It's just been incredible," agreed Bill Strickler, general manager of the Reading Outlet Center in Pennsylvania. "In fact, one of our stores that's been here the longest — Polo — has been experiencing

record weeks and record days, and Liz Claborn's the same." The outlet business has boomed since it began some 15 years ago in old mill towns like Reading and Fall River, Mass. Today, there are 7,000 outlet stores and 285 outlet centers and malls in 150 U.S. cities, said Terry Dunham, publisher of the Value Retail News, a monthly magazine on the outlet business based in Clearwater, Fla. But the growth of outlets has been slowed by the credit crunch that made construction financing scarce. Dunham expects only 35 outlet centers to have opened in 1991, down from an average of 40 in each of the last four years. On the other hand, the recession has done wonders for the stores themselves. "Logic says that when money is tight, people are trying to stretch their money as much as they can, and that would add to the pressure to shop at outlets," Dunham said. "You got to shop for the bargains," said Bob Cox of Lawton, Okla., who stopped at the San Marcos mall while visiting a relative near San Antonio. This is the second Christmas for the San Marcos mall, where novelty and low prices have drawn thousands of customers from Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

AT&T decides to raise some long-distance rates slightly

WASHINGTON (AP) — AT&T said Friday it's raising rates on direct-dial, long-distance phone calls that cross state lines. The less than 1 percent increase goes into effect Jan. 2 for weekday calls and those placed between 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. Sunday through Friday, said American Telephone & Telegraph, the nation's largest long-distance company. The average customer spends

about \$17 a month on long distance calls, said the company. This will add about 8 cents to that, it said. AT&T said the higher prices were necessary to partially recover increased assessments for federally mandated programs subsidizing local telephone service in high-cost areas. Usually rural communities and service to low-income telephone subscribers.

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Fairfield farmer finds niche for sorghum

Here's a summary from this week's edition of Magic Valley AG Weekly:

Farmbeat

The snow-capped mountains and broad, hidden valleys leave no doubt — we're not in Kansas anymore, Toto. But for the past two years, Chris Christensen of Fairfield has been growing grain sorghum, a high-plains staple from the Midwest, on 200 acres at the Pitchfork Ranch. "It's more common in some of the drier areas of Nebraska and Kansas," the ranch manager explained. Christensen has found a way to make sorghum work on his ranch. He feeds the grain to weaned calves and grazes pregnant cows on sorghum stubble left after harvest. Rhone-Poulenc Ag Co. is gearing up for a public relations battle over Temik and potatoes with the Environmental Protection Agency.

according to a letter sent to Magic Valley AG Weekly. The company expects EPA to soon issue a "notice of intent to cancel for Temik uses on oranges, grapefruit, and potatoes," said the letter, signed by Robert L. Bertwell, director of product stewardship. EPA recently lowered the amount of Temik that could legally exist in foods. Potatoes are "disappearing" more quickly than last year, but stocks on hand are also greater than last year because of 1991's record harvest. Stocks on hand in Idaho as of Dec. 1 were 87.5 million hundredweight, according to an Idaho Agriculture Statistics Service report Monday. This compares with 86 million

hundredweight on hand on the same date in 1990. So the larger crop volume this year is in evidence. However, the disappearance of product to fresh, process, and shrink this year is 4.6 percent greater than last year. Up to Dec. 1, 34.7 million hundredweight have disappeared. When Dan Black, manager of Idaho Bean Growers, was asked if he had any good news on the bean market, his immediate reply was, "If you are looking for good news you have called the wrong number. This is a terrible season!" According to Carol Meinders, USDA market reporter in Greeley, Colo., "No one is really looking for any market changes before mid-January. It is normal for this season to be moving very small volumes."

grazing on public lands during the winter meeting of the Society for Range Management last week. "The world cannot feed itself without livestock," said Gerald Thomas, a member of the Research Advisory Committee for the U.S. Agency for International Development (AID). Thomas told the Dec. 6-7 gathering of ranchers, public lands agency personnel and range scientists that he believes livestock grazing is a sustainable and environmentally defensible form of agriculture. "It is possible to obtain an economic return from grazing without hurting the resource base," he said. Thomas, the former dean of agriculture at Texas Tech, called "sustainability" a better term than "environmental protection" for management of the public lands because it implies stewardship.

Republics seek resources/technology swap

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — At least eight Soviet republics signed an agreement last week to open up their vast energy resources to the West in exchange for badly-needed technology. The signing of the European Energy Charter signaled a realization that industrialized nations must decrease their heavy reliance on traditional energy sources like OPEC. Dutch officials said it marked the first time that the Soviet republics had signed an international accord as sovereign states.

"It is the first official step" towards international recognition for the Soviet republics as separate states, said Vladimir Lopukhin, energy minister of Russia, the largest republic in the disintegrating Soviet Union. Other Soviet republics signing included the Ukraine, Belorussia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Tadzhikistan, and Uzbekistan. The Charter was also signed by about 40 other nations, including the Soviet Union, the European Community, the United States and Japan during a two-day meeting here.

The nations pledged to keep their energy markets accessible to foreign investment and to encourage technology transfers to states lacking modern equipment and know-how. Although it does not specify the mechanics of specific transfers, the charter is meant to bring about an oil-for-technology swap that would modernize the Soviet oil industry while increasing energy flows to the West. The Soviet Union is the world's largest oil producer with an output of around 10 million barrels a day.

government composed the charter. "The growing importance of the republics was very clear around the table." Ratten saw declining Soviet oil production made the charter vital to rescuing the industry. The 21-page charter will be bolstered with a legally-binding Basic Agreement by 1993. Much crude oil is lost in obsolete refining processes and output has fallen amid the political conclusion of the last two years. Soviet production has fallen from a total of 4.1 billion barrels in 1989 to a projected 3.7 billion or less this year. Soviet crude reserves are estimated at up to 60 billion barrels.

Tradewinds

Catherine Stapp is retiring from her practice at the Hagerman Valley Veterinary Clinic, after many years of service in the Gooding and Hagerman area. Her practice will be taken over by

Fineas Hughbanks and Monte Easterday of the Gem Veterinary Clinic in Gooding. They will have office hours in Hagerman every weekday afternoon.

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Continued from D1 kneading it and working with the dough, it just feels good, and your brain, the texture, is just that much better. "I use (Camas Prairie flour) for everything," she said. "Rolls, cakes, cookies, pies — the whole works." Another customer, Linda Frøstenson of Fairfield, said she likes the Camas flour because it is always fresh. "My mother lives in Moscow, Idaho, and she stocks up on Camas Prairie flour whenever she comes to visit me," Frøstenson said. In an experimental kitchen behind the Camas Grain office, Linda Miller lifts a hot loaf of bread from a little oven that looks like a crockpot. She shares it and explains why it tastes so good. First, the flour she used was new. "The people we buy from turn their inventory once a month, so it's not more than 45 to 60 days out of milling," Linda Miller said. "The fresher the flour is, the better it will bake." Second, this bread was made from pure wheat flour.

pure wheat flour) will not use anything else to bake," she said. Behind the counter, Leone Brooks and Kathy Mennenga recommend the Amasazi beans, the harvest blend popcorn and a strange orange pasta that is deep-fried rather than boiled. Brooks said her specialty is filling gift baskets in all themes and sizes, at all prices, and shipping them all over the country. Linda Miller said her favorite treats are fresh chili powder, fresh cinnamon and the chocolate-covered Gumbabears. "Stocking a whole food store is fun," she said. "I enjoy the buying. It's fun to try to get the quality products and select the things that people will like. I'm getting really picky about what we have. . . . We try to try everything before we put it in." Two years ago, the Millers opened a second Specialty Shop in Gooding. They also opened a greenhouse at Camas Grain, selling high-altitude seeds and fast-maturing plants. "We probably have a 65- to 70-day growing season up here, and it's not necessarily all consecutive, either," Linda Miller said.

the Coates plan to have their own mill operating at Camas Grain. Although there has been five years of drought and population has decreased in this isolated area, it feels good to have a family business in the place you were born, Steve Miller said. "Part of the reason we got in here (at Camas Grain) is, we didn't want to see this business collapse when the old co-op went broke," he said. "We felt we could contribute something that would keep some jobs in the community and give people a little better shake than they'd get from dealing with outside business interests."

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Gift for the friend who has everything: Gold toilet seat

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Shopping for a present for that hard-to-buy-for friend? How about a gilded mailbox with a sapphire eagle rather than the painted red flag. It costs a mere \$250,000.

It's among designer Sidney Mobell's creations. Mobell designed a \$400,000 gold toilet seat with a gem-laden crown on top. He billed it as "a royal flush."

Then there was the diamond-studded Frisbee, a glittering \$300,000 fax machine and a gold-plated and bejeweled gum ball dispenser. All accept, pennies despite a \$170,000 price tag.

"I like to do different things because I think they're artistic," he says.

Mobell, 65, has earned an international reputation for his unique jewelry and his whimsical — and often beautiful — objects meant to be admired rather than worn.

"He's like an architect of gemstones," said Thomas P. Dorman, executive director of the Los Angeles-based American Gem Society.

Mobell has the unique ability ... to appreciate a gemstone not for what price it will sell but for its true value as one of Earth's great treasures," he said.

"He can tell the story about each piece. I think that's what makes him unique among jewelers."

Mobell grew up in a Denver orphanage and worked after school sweeping up a jeweler's shop. He studied design for two years at Denver University but couldn't afford to finish.

Instead, he spent 16 years as a salesman in a New Jersey jewelry firm. Twenty-seven years ago, he moved to San Francisco and opened his own shop.

Mobell said his ideas come from

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— Thomas Dorman, American Gem Society, on designer Sidney Mobell

everyday places: his home, the supermarket, the hardware store.

The kitchen inspired what he considers one of his best designs — an hourglass mounted in 18-karat gold and filled with 200 tiny diamonds instead of the sand.

He's sold thousands of hourglass pins, earrings, cufflinks and pendants at \$2,500 to \$5,000.

"Every time I saw (our hourglass) I thought, 'If it could be done with sand, why not with diamonds?'" he said.

A grocery-shopping trip with his wife, Ronni, resulted in a half-ounce golden can of sardines garnished with a border of diamonds. Mobell doesn't like sardines, so the ones in the \$25,000 can are made of silver foil-wrapped milk chocolate. A golden pick removes the fish for fastidious fingers.

Other designs are more traditional but no less distinctive.

His "floating diamond" setting, which holds the stone between two slim horizontal bars that rise upward

as a piece of the ring itself, has been widely copied. Mobell has never enforced his copyright.

"I sued everybody on that I would spend more time in court than in the store," he said.

Given current pride of place in Mobell's shop is a pendant featuring a 78-carat aquamarine, delicately carved with a scene of a woman with two flamingos by a tree-shaded lake, surrounded by 128 diamonds and set in 18-karat gold. Mobell is asking \$125,000.

The jeweler resists revealing the value of the gold and stones in his creations. He considers them works of art that will one day be in museums.

"It's not what's down there," he said, gesturing toward the jewel-adorned board of his 51-minted, diamond-set. "It's what's up here," he added, tapping his head.

Not all Mobell's work is expensive. A mere \$35 buys a heart-shaped cable car stickpin, originally designed for Tony Bennett, or a key-to-the-city pin. Dozens have been given to presidents, monarchs and dignitaries visiting San Francisco.

Thank-you letters from Buckingham Palace and Nancy Reagan and pictures of Mobell's celebrity clients line his store. Customers have included James B. Ramsey, Ramsey Cloney, Sammy Davis Jr., Joan Kroc, Liberace, Vladimir Posner, Jehari Saadat and Red Skelton.

Now semi-retired, Mobell commutes several times a week from his home south of the city to stores downtown and in the Fairmont Hotel. When not designing, he chats easily with customers.

"People tell me, 'You have so much fun. You enjoy this,'" he said. "And I do."



One of Poland's remaining steam locomotives sits derelict in the central rail city of Siedlce.

In bastion of the steam locomotive, these trains are bound for storage

LUKOW, Poland (AP) — The steam locomotive grows and huffs, spewing dense clouds of vapor and pungent black smoke from its coal-burning furnace.

But despite its exertions, the chugging black engine goes nowhere. This once-proud lord of the iron road has sunk to providing steam heat for a drafty railroad barn. So it ends for the steam engine. Poland will fix its cheap and abundant coal was the last European country to depend heavily on steam railroad power.

Now even Poles are punching the ticket on their beloved "ciuchcia" — or chow-chow. Engines, dating to the early 20th century are being junked out into scrap metal, sold to collectors or sent to a museum.

The locomotives witnessed the calamitous events of recent Polish history: the Depression, World War II, the imposition of Communism in the late 1940s. A few may have hauled Jews and other prisoners to death camps in Nazi-ruled Poland.

"Very often they had their own nicknames and their own concrete stories and idiosyncrasies around them," said Kazimierz Ziolk, of the railroad's central district headquarters.

The Polish State Railroads counts 301 steam engines on its inventory, down from more than 4,000 in the

1960s. By 1995, the 150th anniversary of regular rail service in Poland, they will be gone, said railroad official Stanislaw Niemaltowski.

As scrap, the 100-ton locomotives are worth \$5,000-\$6,000 for their high-quality steel and alloy components, said Krzysztof Wiecheteck, caretaker of a steam engine graveyard at the locomotive repair station in Siedlce, east of Warsaw. "Want to buy one?" he asked hopefully.

The product of a family of

railroaders, Wiecheteck recalled that the steam engineer, often a white-gloved perfectionist, was addressed as "Sir" by the crews before World War II and would tip laborers to polish his locomotive.

"Mothers would tell their daughters: marry an engineer not a sailor" because of high pay and secure jobs on the railroad, he said. "Now it's the other way around."

Except for excursions organized by steam-train lovers, the two engines left in Wiecheteck's district rarely haul passengers or cargo now.

Sunshine Mining considers liquidation

KELLOGG (AP) — Sunshine Mining Co., which already slashed its work force by two-thirds earlier this year, says it could face bankruptcy liquidation unless debts are reduced and silver prices improve.

Liquidation is a "worst-case scenario and it could happen at some point in time," if bondholders pursue their rights as creditors, Sunshine spokesman William Davis said.

Sunshine, which operates the nation's largest primary silver mine near Kellogg, warned of possible liquidation in a prospectus mailed to bondholders this week.

The company is asking bondholders to vote to restructure a \$71.5 million bond debt.

Bondholders also are being asked to approve a pre-packaged bankruptcy plan.

Even if bondholders accept the proposals, continued low silver prices could lead to the Kellogg mine's closure, the prospectus states. The mine is operated by Sunshine's wholly owned subsidiary, Sunshine Precious Metals Inc., which defaulted on principal and interest payments on eight series of bonds earlier this year.

"It is possible that Sunshine Precious Metals may not be able to continue as a going concern, and as a result, might be required to liquidate assets," the prospectus said.

However, Sunshine also estimates in the prospectus that silver prices

will rise to an average \$6 per ounce in 1992 and \$8 per ounce in 1993. An ounce of silver sold for \$3.83 at the New York Commodity Exchange on Tuesday, but Sunshine expects prices to rise because world demand for silver surpassed production this year for the first time since the early 1970s.

The company this year laid off nearly 300 miners and ceased operations at three mines.

Buffalo reaches deal

SPOKANE (AP) — Buffalo Inc., a Spokane-based sportswear manufacturer, has reached an agreement enabling it to maintain a line of credit with U.S. Bank of Washington.

The bank, Buffalo's largest creditor, agreed at a U.S. Bankruptcy Court hearing to extend the company a \$225,000 operating credit line. Wednesday's hearing fell on the same day that a \$275,000 borrowing agreement expired.

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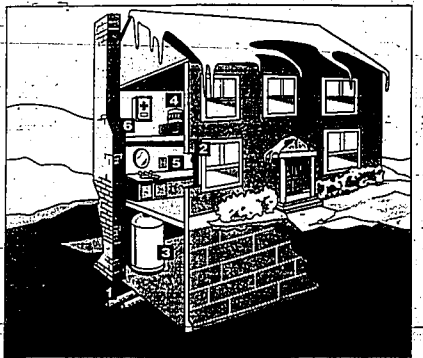
Winter home protection

1 Water pipes: Run warm water to flush out slush that may be forming when water pressure drops. To prevent pipes from freezing, continuously run trickles of water from faucets and periodically flush toilets. If pipes freeze, keep faucets open wide to allow for expansion of ice. Use a hair dryer on pipes to melt the ice.

2 Window insulation: Close blinds, drapes or shades to reduce heat loss. Draping an extra blanket or bedsheet over the window can help. Plastic sheeting kits that further reduce heat loss are available at stores.

3 Furnace: Have your heating system checked periodically by an expert if your units are gas-fired, know how to relight the pilot. If your gas furnace fails, check other appliances to make sure the gas supply has not been cut off. If an oil furnace fails, check the fuel tank supply, electric switches and fuses or circuit breakers.

4 Space heaters: To prevent fires, never use an extension cord with an electric space heater. Maintain clear space of at least three feet



around all sides of a space heater. Those with automatic safety shutoff are safest. Provide adequate ventilation to prevent buildup of toxic fumes from gas or kerosene space heaters. Never use a charcoal grill or gas oven for heat.

5 Electricity: If you must use a space heater, try to cut down on use of other appliances and lights to prevent overloading your home's wiring, which can cause a fire.

6 Home emergency kit: Have a supply of nonperishable food and containers of drinking water; list of emergency phone numbers; fire extinguisher; battery-powered radio; flashlight and extra batteries; extra medication; first aid kit; extra blankets or sleeping bags.

SOURCE: Chicago Tribune, City of Chicago Mayor's Office of Inquiry and Information, Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources and Professional Remodelers Association of Illinois

Consider replacing old holiday decorations with efficient variety

Q. With all my old holiday indoor and outdoor lights and decorations on, my electric meter whirrs like crazy. At after-Christmas sales, what types of efficient decorations should I buy for next year? M.P.

A. Using many old indoor- and outdoor-lighted decorations wastes a lot of electricity. If you can get new efficient lights and decorations at an after-Christmas sale, it may be worthwhile to replace your old inefficient ones.



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The most energy-efficient types of Christmas lights are midget bulbs. These are very small tubular-looking bulbs and they use significantly less electricity than standard colored bulbs. For example, an entire strand of 35 midget bulbs uses less than 20 watts of electricity as compared to about 7 watts for a single old standard bulb.

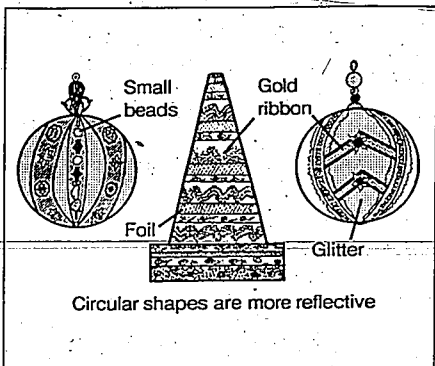
The midget bulbs are available in strands of more than 100 bulbs. Although each bulb in the 100-bulb strand does not burn as brightly as one in a fewer-bulb strand, the additional bulbs appear more decorative. Therefore, you use less electricity with the same or better decorative appearance.

When a midget bulb burns out, even though the other bulbs in the strand stay lit, replace it as soon as possible. Otherwise, the life of these remaining bulbs is reduced. You can determine the proper replacement bulb voltage by dividing the number of bulbs in the strand into 120 volts. For example, a 50-bulb strand uses 2.5-volt bulbs.

If you do still like to use the standard-sized bulbs, select the newer energy-efficient cool bulbs. These cool bulbs use only about 5 watts, much less than some of the older bulbs.

With the proper placement of your lights, you can produce the same decorative effect using fewer lights and less electricity. Place your Christmas tree by a window where it can be viewed from outdoors. You won't need additional outdoor lights around that window.

By selecting bright and shiny tree ornaments and decorations which reflect the lights, you can also reduce



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Shiny homemade ornaments use fewer lights.

the number of lights needed. There are many easy-to-make ornaments using reflective foil, ribbon, and beads.

Instead of attempting to develop an elaborate outdoor lighting display which requires many lights, try lighting just the entrance. This emphasizes the walkways for a warm welcome for your holiday guests.

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A. Although it is not uncommon to see rust on the gas burner assem-

ply, the rust should be removed. If the rust is clogging some of the orifices, the gas-air mixture can't flow out freely for most efficient combustion. You should have your gas furnace serviced often—at least every three years. Rust on the burners is a good sign that it is service time.

Q. Whenever my wife broils meat in our self-cleaning oven, she leaves the oven door open a little. I think that this wastes energy. She insists she knows best. Who's right? R.D.

A. Your wife is correct about operating the broiler. The oven door should be placed in the broiler stop position, which keeps the door about four inches open. The broiler element operates better with the door open.

Having the door slightly open also allows for ventilation. Broiling meat creates smoke. With the oven door tightly closed the smoke would build up inside and the flavor of the meat may be affected. Also, during the winter, the extra heat given off from the open door just lessens the load on your furnace.

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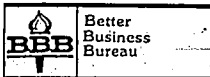
Q. My wife took a call the other day from an organization by the name of National Child Search Foundation asking for \$30. They said they would send someone out to pick up the money that evening. Since she was in such a rush, she agreed to have them come out; but after thinking about it, she now has second thoughts. What can you tell me about this?

A. Our office has received several calls in the last few weeks regarding the solicitation. According to the information the organization provided us, they are contacting businesses and residents asking for \$30 to sponsor the printing of missing children information on flyers or schoolbook covers.

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The Better Business Bureau suggests you ask the following questions if an appeal is received:

• Ask for the charity's full name and address. Is the address a postal drop off or an actual place of business?



• Don't agree to send cash; make contributions by check and make the check out to the charitable organization — not to an individual.

• Ask if your contribution is tax deductible.

• Ask if the charity is licensed with the appropriate state and local authorities. Bear in mind that registration in and of itself does not imply that the state or local government enforces the charity.

• Don't succumb to pressure to send in a donation "on-the-spot" or allow a "runner" to pick up a contribution.

• The appeal should specify what programs your donation will support. Don't hesitate to ask for written materials about the charity's program and finances. Request that they supply you with copies of local information and not national.

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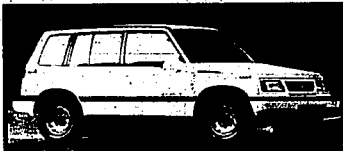
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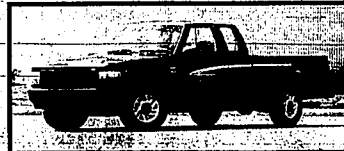
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