

Earthquake kills 200 in Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (UPI) — The strongest earthquake in 75 years leveled entire villages and spread death and destruction along Yugoslavia's southern Adriatic coast Easter Sunday.

President Tito was in the quake-stricken area but escaped unhurt. In a broadcast to the nation, he said about 200 people had been killed, but made it clear he was quoting unofficial reports.

Local government officials said that about 150 people were killed and more than 600 injured in the quake that rocked a 90-mile stretch from the seaside resort of Dubrovnik to Uclinj, close to the Albanian border. Thousands more were left homeless.

The quake, which registered 7.2 on the Richter scale, jolted the Montenegrin coastal area at 7:19 a.m. and

tell throughout Yugoslavia and as far away as Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Albania and Hungary.

Yugoslavian seismologists said it was the quake to hit Yugoslavia in 75 years.

The epicenter was placed in the Adriatic miles west of Uclinj, and 215 miles south of the capital of Belgrade.

"We were lucky that the epicenter was in the sea," said Vladimir Ribaric, director of the Ljubljana geological institute. "Had it not been, it would have had much worse consequences."

Ribaric said the Sunday quake was 1.2 Richter points stronger than the catastrophic quake that devastated the southeastern Yugoslav city of Skopje in 1963, killing more than 1,000 people. A quake in 1964 also measured 7.2 on the

near Dubrovnik.

It disrupted road and railway traffic in the area and cut telephone lines, electricity and water supplies, police said.

President Tito, who was in his Igalo residence on the Montenegrin coast when the quake hit the area, appealed to the nation to send all needed assistance. Tito spoke to reporters after he had toured the quake-stricken area in Herzeg Novi.

"It was a very strong shock," Tito said. "I was afraid

there would be more damage here in Igalo. Anyway, it is a horrifying picture."

In Kotor, in the Boka Kotorska bay, about 70 percent of all houses were made uninhabitable, including a hospital with 200 patients, officials said. Several thousand residents of Kotor were evacuated to a city soccer stadium and local officials asked for tents and blankets for the homeless.

Army units and special civilian protection squads from all over the country were flown by helicopters to the Montenegrin coast.

A report from the central Yugoslav city of Sarajevo, 120 miles northwest of the quake-stricken area, said lions and bears in the city zoo roared and rabbits ran around in panic shortly before the quake was felt there.

GOP challengers begin long run to catch up to Frank Church

By DAVID MORRISSEY
Times-News writer

BOISE — Although the election is 19 months away, Idaho Sen. Frank Church and at least five possible Republican challengers seem to have entered the long distance run for the winner's circle in Washington.

Church finds himself a prime target of the Republican Party and both Idaho and national conservative groups.

Church has held his Senate job since 1956. He has won reelection in 1962 and in 1968 and 1974.

In 1976, Church gained national attention by taking half a dozen presidential primaries from a Georgia farm boy named Jimmy Carter.

But the experts are saying 1980 could be different.

The signs that Church is facing the biggest Republican challenge of his career already have begun to mount.

Late last year, one national newspaper examined five Democratic senators conservatives believe can be defeated in 1980 through a massive fund raising campaign.

Church's name appeared on the list, after George McGovern of South Dakota and Birch Bayh of Indiana.

Then, in early January a representative of the National Conservative Caucus visited Idaho, ostensibly to meet with Republican legislative leaders but also to test the temperature of the water in which Church must swim.

Later that same month, Don Todd, a former Ronald Reagan campaign strategist formed ABC-PAC (Anybody But Church Political Action Committee). The Boise-based firm is now engaged in fund raising.

Sometime this year ABC-PAC will begin a statewide advertising campaign to focus attention on what Todd calls Church's "complete Senate record." The Anybody But Church group believes Idahoans will dislike many of Church's Senate votes — once those votes are publicly known.

Who are the five men who have expressed interest or have been mentioned as challengers to Church?

Topping the list of potential Republican challengers is District Congressman Steve Symms of Caldwell.

Now in his fourth term in the house, Symms has said he is considering a Senate challenge to Church.

"He probably won't have any announcement on that until the first of the year," Symms district director Phil Reberger recently told the Times-News. "The structure of the federal election laws make it advisable to withhold formal announcement for awhile."

Reberger said Symms has received numerous queries from supporters on his senatorial plans.

"The pressure is really a fairly general consensus that if Steve were to be the candidate, he would be the most

formidable candidate. Steve is in step with his constituency on the major domestic and foreign issues."

Reberger refused to describe issues or votes where he sees Church as vulnerable.

"That's a little premature," he said. But he did list areas where he felt Symms was "in step" with Idahoans.

"RARE II (Roadless Area Review and Evaluation) and the 160-acre limitation come to mind. There's also the sugar bill, the Panama Canal, Taiwan and the SALT-7 (Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty)."

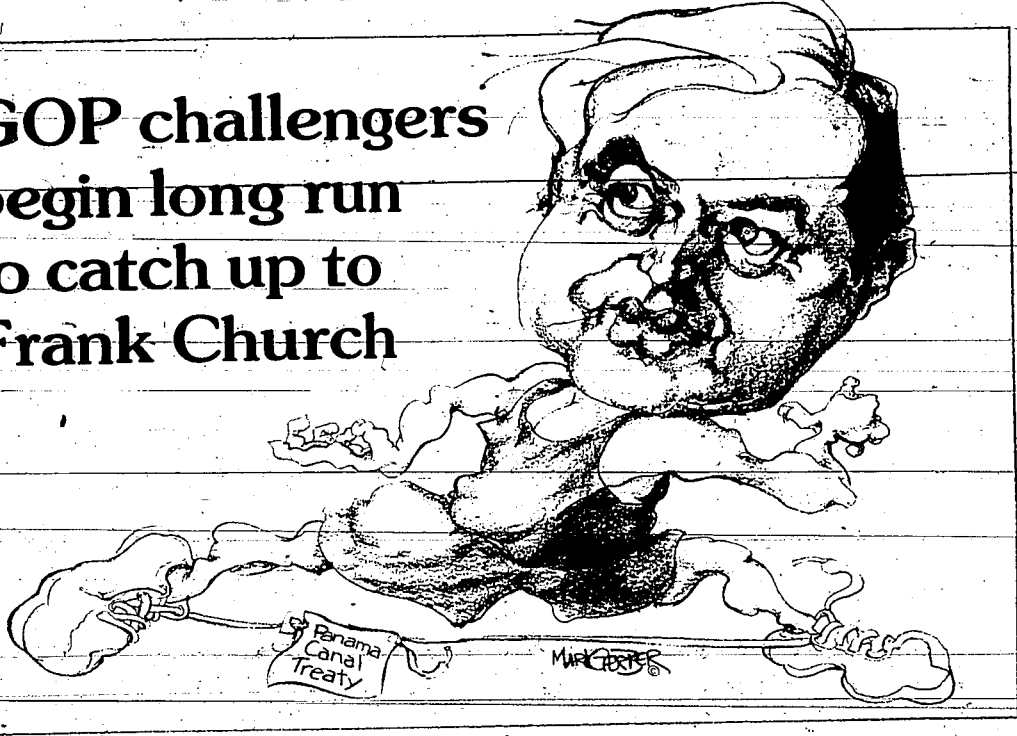
But Reberger warned issues alone won't determine the 1980 election.

"I think it will be dealt with most on which person is going to do more for Idaho. That often crosses the classic philosophic lines. The issue will not stand by themselves. They'll be important, but anyone who thinks the Panama Canal is the most important thing isn't right."

A second candidate considering the race is former Attorney General Wayne Kidwell of Boise, who like Symms, has the advantage of statewide name familiarity.

"I'm giving very serious thought to the race," Kidwell said recently. "There are, of course, considerations, and it's early, but I will be making a decision in a matter of months. I have very definitely not ruled the race out of the question."

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Farmers lead way to China

PEKING (UPI) — American farmers will do the most business among the many American traders seeking to cash in on the first year of normal diplomatic relations with China, diplomats said Sunday.

Diplomats specializing in economics said U.S. agricultural exports will make up the biggest share of over \$1 billion in U.S. sales to China in 1979, as it did in 1978.

The United States in 1978 had its best year of trade with China.

Preliminary U.S. Department of Commerce statistics show sales of about \$300 million, and American imports of Chinese goods amounting to roughly \$300 million.

About \$600 million of the American exports to China came from sales of agricultural products, with cotton and wheat being the largest factors.

China this year may buy between \$1 million and 10 million tons of grain abroad, with the United States hoping to supply about 3 million tons.

The Chinese are expected to continue their longstanding policy of keeping their grain imports diversified. Canada, France and Argentina are other customary suppliers. They also think that machinery sales to China — especially in the mining and construction fields — will increase, and that two-way trade will stage a steady but not spectacular growth this year.

Forecasts for two-way trade between the two countries range from \$1.5 billion to \$2 billion compared to the roughly \$1.2 billion recorded in 1978.

The Chinese government is rethinking its ambitious program of industrialization launched in March 1978, in the light of its foreign currency shortage and its lack of scientists and engineers. Industrial development targets are being lowered, and more emphasis is being put on agriculture and light industry.

Also, many of the bilateral agreements needed to provide the framework for a long-term trade relationship still are only in the discussion stage. Both governments are making a lot of them with deliberation rather than haste.

The agreement on disposal of Chinese assets frozen by the United States during the Korean War and American assets impounded by China were signed by Treasury Secretary Michael Blumenthal during his visit to Peking in March.

However, it has not yet been formally signed, and may need congressional approval after that.

Next on the agenda may be a general trade agreement between China and the United States similar to those America has with East European countries.

Average drivers pinched less by fuel costs compared to '75

DETROIT (UPI) — It may come as little comfort with gasoline prices soaring toward the \$1-a-gallon mark, but weekly fuel costs for the average U.S. motorist are probably less burdensome now than they were four years ago.

Owners of some 1979-model cars may be getting as much as 65 percent more travel out of an hour's pay than they did with new cars in 1975, according to auto industry figures.

Those surprising, but comforting, conclusions came from a Ford Motor Co. study comparing average fuel prices, income levels and automobile mileage ratings of similarly sized 1975 and 1979-model cars.

"While there is no doubt that the cost of fuel has increased and will increase, the gain in wages — and more importantly, the gain in passenger-car fuel efficiency — has actually reduced the real fuel cost of each mile you travel," a Ford spokesman said.

The generally lingering feeling held by many of us that the weekly

gasoline bill on our new 1979 models is taking a bigger bite out of our pay than when we were driving our 1975 models just isn't true.

The study cited government figures showing the average hourly wage for industrial workers in 1975 was \$4.83 an hour. Unleaded gasoline that year averaged 60.3 cents a gallon.

Using those figures, Ford calculated that an hour of wages bought 8.01 gallons of fuel four years ago.

Now, the hourly wage is estimated at \$6.71 and unleaded gasoline is projected at 83.5 cents a gallon — eight cents over the 75.5-cent national average at the time the study was conducted in early April.

At the projected rate, today's hourly wage buys 8.04 gallons of

gasoline, a fraction more than in 1975, according to Ford's figures.

"The hard fact is, that give or take a drop of two, an hour of pay will buy the same number of gallons of gas in 1979 — including an estimated 8-cent increase that hasn't even happened yet — as you could buy in 1975," a Ford spokesman said.

Translated, that means average motorists can expect to get 65 percent more mileage out of their hourly pay, Ford said.

"Our cars are becoming increasingly fuel efficient, both in absolute miles per gallon and in relation to the total cost of living," Ford Vice President Robert E. Kidwell said.

The study cited as examples current performance by the fullsize Mercury Marquis, Ford's compact Mustang, Chevrolet's fullsize Caprice and Chrysler's fullsize New Yorker.

Federal income tax forms due today

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Most taxpayers have until midnight Monday to file their federal income tax returns. Holidays on Monday will give residents of North Carolina, the New England states and northern New York an extra day's grace.

An Internal Revenue Service spokesman said April 15 is the usual deadline — but — everywhere — until midnight Monday to keep the deadline from falling on Sunday.

In North Carolina, Easter Monday is a holiday, giving taxpayers there until midnight Tuesday to file their

returns.

New England states and northern New York residents may get the same break because Monday is Patriots' Day, a holiday in Massachusetts where their tax returns are handled by the regional office at Andover.

New York City residents and those who live in the nearby counties of Nassau, Suffolk, Rockland and Westchester, have to meet the Monday midnight deadline.

For those who can't still make the midnight cutoff, the IRS said they can get an automatic 60-day extension by

filing Form 4868. But, a spokesman warned, the application for an extension has to be filed before midnight tonight.

The penalty for late filing is a stiff 5 percent per month of the tax amount due.

Using latest figures available, the IRS said returns through April 6 were averaging \$490.02, up from last year's \$476.10.

"Better than six out of eight people get refunds," an IRS spokesman said. "We expect that to hold true this year."

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Feds zero in on crime in suites

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Justice Department announced plans Sunday to set up offices in 27 cities in a major drive against "crime in the suites" — white collar crimes such as corporate embezzlement, fraud or theft of securities.

Deputy Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti said the department will set up the Economic Crime Enforcement Units in U.S. attorney offices across the nation over the next two years, with 180 lawyers eventually assigned to the job.

He said the mission of the program will be the efficient use of federal, state and local prosecutors, investigators, auditors and agents for "the prevention, detection, investigation and prosecution of white collar crime."

Donald Foster, the new head of the Justice Department's Economic Crime Enforcement Office, will

supervise the operations.

The Justice Department is collecting information to set national law enforcement priorities in the areas of fraud and corruption, he said, but each Economic Crime Unit will assess priorities in its area on its own.

Officials said crimes such as embezzlement, fraud, counterfeit securities, stock theft and some forms of consumer fraud would be among those targeted as economic crimes.

The announcement of the new campaign came soon after the General Accounting Office devoted only a tiny percentage of its resources to fighting white collar crime.

But department officials said the new effort against economic crime — which one official dubbed "crime in the suites" — was well under way before the GAO report was issued.

1.3 million prostitutes said to work in U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The publisher of a newsletter catering to the U.S. sex industry says there are 1.3 million prostitutes in the United States — double the number previously estimated.

Dennis Sobin said in the current edition of TAB Report the figure includes large numbers of housewives and secretaries who pick up cash in their spare time.

Sobin said the staff of his monthly newsletter came up with the estimate by first going through phone-books and newspaper ads in the 300 largest cities to determine the number of massage parlors and escort services.

He then calculated the number of houses of prostitution, street employees, and the number of street walkers by talking to police officials in those cities.

"If anything we're on the conservative side," he said.

The 1.3 million estimate represents about 1 percent of American women,

Sobin said. Previous estimates had set the number of prostitutes in the country at 500,000 to 750,000, he said.

Sobin, who says he holds a doctorate degree from New York University and once taught a sociology course for police, reported the existence of about "33,000 massage parlors, escort agencies and modeling services presently operating across the country—where sexual services are routinely provided."

He said few prostitutes are actually arrested and estimated the number of such arrests last year at 7,000. He said those arrests only covered about 20,000 women who are frequently jailed.

He said half the women jailed in New York are prostitutes, as are a third of the women arrested in San Francisco.

He said the per capita number of prostitutes was linked to the size of a city, with many rural areas being almost free of prostitution.

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Faces

Young swimmer won't compete for a while

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — In the water, 16-year-old Tracy Caulkins is America's darling, the holder of six swimming records and the brightest prospect for the 1980 Olympics. But on land she's just like any other teen-ager.

Miss Caulkins, winner of last year's Sullivan Award as the most outstanding amateur athlete, broke five U.S. records and had a share of a sixth during the national AAU short-course swimming championships this weekend.

But the Nashville, Tenn., high school junior announced that she will not take part in the U.S.-West Germany dual meet next Saturday and Sunday at Long Beach.

She said she has to study.

Deacon thinks Carter in line for prize

SAPELO ISLAND, Ga. (UPI) — A deacon at the First African Baptist Church told President Carter Sunday he should win the Nobel Peace Prize for his work in bringing about a peace treaty between Egypt and Israel.

Carter, who was attending Easter services at the church, was told by the deacon that if he did not win the international award, "then to me the Nobel Prize is a farce."

Fred Johnson, a member of the congregation, later chatted with Carter and told him that the last presidents to visit the remote Georgia island were Calvin Coolidge and Herbert Hoover who came for deer hunting after the 1923 election.

Smiling bear now 1980 Olympic mascot

CANTERBURY, England (UPI) — The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Donald Coggan, said in his Easter sermon Sunday the smiling bear chosen as the mascot for the 1980 Olympic Games in Moscow should help unlock Soviet prison camps and release Soviet dissidents.

"Let the bear unlock its prison camps and release the dissidents and the refuseniks," Coggan said. The Archbishop, who is head of the Church of England, took the themes of rescue, deliverance and freedom as the main points of his Easter address in Canterbury Cathedral.

Byrd in Saudi Arabia

JEDDAH, Saudi Arabia (UPI) — U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd Sunday arrived in Riyadh on the second stop of a Middle East tour, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

The Virginia Democrat arrived from Bahrain, where he met with Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, the agency said. No other details were given about the visit.



TRACY CAULKINS ... top swimmer



DR. DONALD COGGAN ... bear for Olympics

Working women do fine raising the children

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The "overwhelming consensus" of modern research is that most children of working mothers "seem to develop normally and well," according to a book due out this spring.

"The Subtle Revolution: Women at Work," to be published by the private, non-profit Urban Institute and edited by economist Ralph Smith, also predicts that 55 percent of all married women with children under the age of 6 will be in the labor force by 1990.

Recent years have seen dramatic increases in the number of women who start work while their children are very young.

Labor Department figures, for example, show that, as of March 1978, there were 11.1 million married couples with children under 6.

In almost 42 percent of those families, the wife was either holding a job or looking for work — compared to 30 percent in 1970 and 19 percent in 1960.

Because this increase has occurred so quickly, there is only limited research on how the 6.4 million children of working women are faring.

But they caution: "The last word is not in." The authors say the outcome depends on the quality of care a child gets in mother's absence; the

mother's attitude toward work; whether she gets support from family and friends; and, perhaps, on the child itself.

"An especially sick or aggressive child, for example, might be rejected by caretakers and bounced from one to another," they said. "As a result, such a child might have difficulty in forming attachments."

Keeping that in mind, they write: "We can report that the overwhelming consensus of different studies is that most children of working mothers seem to develop normally and well."

As for the diminished amount of time and experienced shared between mother and child, they add, "it is not at all clear that the number of hours spent with a parent is the critical determinant of a child's development."

Contrary to the imaginings of many guilt-ridden working mothers, full-time homemakers do not spend most of their days in stimulating or affectionate play with their children.

Smith, who now works for the Labor Department, said in an interview his prediction there will be more working mothers in the next decade is based on several assumptions about the future.

He said these include better pay and job opportunities for women, plus a more liberal attitude toward work on the part of many younger women.

Brown's vacation ends

LONDON (UPI) — Rock star Linda Ronstadt flew to London ahead of Gov. Edmund Brown's departure, but they had been married secretly during their 10-day African trip. Brown stayed behind in Africa talking international politics.

The 32-year-old raven-haired singer, whose name has been romantically linked with Brown for the past two years, was still seething over the constant press attention generated by the African jaunt.

She immediately denied reports of a secret marriage to the 41-year-old Brown, a bachelor and Democratic presidential hopeful.

"No, I haven't married him and I would like to know how these absurd rumors get about," she said at Heathrow Airport. "Would you marry someone you don't know for just two years? I know some rock stars have reputations for whirlwind romances, but I don't."

"Governor who? I don't know him, really I don't. Why are you asking me these questions?"

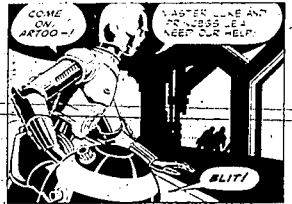
She also denied Brown had proposed to her. "No, he hasn't and I'm not going to say any more."

She added sarcastically she couldn't marry Brown even he had proposed. "Anyhow I can't — I'm engaged to this photographer. After all I've known him for the whole of the five-hour flight."

Brown, who flew to London after Miss Ronstadt had left, ended the African tour, acting more and more like a presidential aspirant.

He attended the morning church services with Tanzania President Julius Nyerere and commented briefly on the Rhodesian situation and environmental problems.

STAR WARS...



By Russ Manning

Homes for the infirm

'A new national scandal'

WASHINGTON (UPI) — An outbreak of deadly boarding home fires has highlighted what a congressional investigator calls a "national scandal" in the way the mentally ill and infirm are housed for profit.

Fires gutted boarding homes in Farmington, Mo., and Connellsville, Pa., less than two weeks ago and in Washington, D.C., last Wednesday, killing a total of 43 elderly occupants.

"This is the beginning of a whole new national scandal," a congressional investigator told United Press International.

He said the mentally ill, poor and infirm are being "dumped" by the thousands from state hospitals to save costs, forcing the federal government to pick up the cost through Medicare or Medicaid programs.

The overall population of state mental hospitals, where the average cost per patient is \$21,000 a year, decreased 62 percent from 1969 to 1977 while the number of elderly patients fell 66 percent.

The state hospitals send their patients to nursing homes, which

finds it profitable to provide room, board and medical care under federal cost-plus financing provided for by the Medicare or Medicaid programs.

"The reimbursement formula for nursing homes would make a defense contractor drool with envy," the investigator said. "There is no accountability, it is nothing more than a license to steal."

But cost-conscious federal bureaucrats force the nursing homes to declare patients "cured" eventually and shift them to boarding homes, which cost the government only \$187 a month under the Supplemental Security Income program.

Boarding home operators, however, can profitably provide room and board only by keeping costs extremely low. The investigator said

that often means substandard food, care and safety.

He said the traumatic "dumping" process begins when the nursing home patient is told he no longer needs medical care.

The patient is driven in a "psycho bus" to one of the boarding homes now springing up in many cities and is told, "This is where you'll be staying from now on."

The elderly person, often mentally or physically ill and at the very least confused, is jammed into a converted alum dwelling with minimal food service, sanitation and safety.

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Horoscope

Ariens should not let chances rule the day

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Morning is no time to start disputes or to engage in any arguments. As the day passes aspects improve and a more understanding about present conditions and how best to handle them.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Decide what it is you want to do in the future and then contact bigwigs and gain their ideas, help. Consider every phase of every new idea. Leave nothing to mere chance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Clear up any misunderstandings with others. Plan to be with loved ones in the evening. Show thoughtfulness for others. Pay bills promptly.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Try to keep away from arguments in the morning and then the rest of the day is fine for you, especially with associates. Plan to improve your public image. Dress with greater care.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Do more than your share of work and gain the approval of higher-ups. Take treatments that result in better health.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Daytime is fine for getting things out of the way. Tonight you find time for being with congenials. You have fine creative ideas to put across also. Don't lose your temper with anyone.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Invite relatives to dinner at home and come to a better understanding. Morning could be filled with the unexpected, but the rest of the day and evening are fine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't make thoughtless comments with partners early and all goes fine later in the day. Handle necessary correspondence. Drive carefully.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't put off a promise you have made in the morning, and then you can get all of your affairs in order. Plan how to add present abundance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You have to use tact with others in the morning, but later conditions ease up for you. You gain your aims with relative ease. Improve your health in some way and enjoy friends later.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 30) Use care in handling personal affairs. Consult a trusted adviser before you get into any new interests. Try to save more money for the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 31 to Feb. 19) Steer clear of a highly strung friend who causes you nothing but trouble. Plan how to get a cherished aim early in the day and it is yours by evening.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) If you do not annoy a highspirited in the morning, the rest of the day becomes very worthwhile for you. Avoid taking any action that could spoil your credit. Forget the social for now.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will like to act too hastily and could get into trouble easily. Teach to think first, and then act, and then the life becomes successful! Greatest success comes from interests different from those of parents or from the background your child is born into.

PEANUTS

Monday, April 18, 1979



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What's what

Cyrano de Bergerac was known for a nose, but a bid idea of his deserves some words too

You know of Edmond Rostand's character with the big nose, "Cyrano de Bergerac." But were you aware that the real Cyrano de Bergerac (1619-1655) thought up the idea for a phonograph 230 years before Thomas Edison actually invented the thing? Rostand's character was patterned after the real Frenchman.

Researcher wanted to know what sort of sunglasses were worn by people in midland colonies. They learned that the men therein prefer those reflective lenses that let them see out but don't let others see their eyes. The women, however, don't have this preference.

Another bumper sticker, this one on a California model: "Wow! I could've had a V-8!"

Unborn babies, too, get the hiccups.

BEARS AND ROACHES

Q. "Master, does a black bear go to the bathroom when it hibernates?"

A. No, young fellow, not for three to five months. Now it's past your bedtime, get on with you. Wait, are you the same lad who wanted to know how long he could hold a cockroach underwater before it drowned? About 20 minutes.

Q. "You know that statue figure of Abe Lincoln in the Lincoln Memorial? How tall would it be if ever stood up?"

A. About 30 feet.

Q. "Do black people blush?"

A. Certainly do. And when doing so, the skin gets darker.

CONCOCTIONS

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Crime is expected to drop off considerably after 1983. Most crimes are committed by people under age 30. By 1983, those born during the baby boom of the early 1950s will be over 30, that's why.

Odd, is it not, that "fasten" and "loosen," which mean the opposite, mean the same when you put the prefix "un" to them?

Did I tell you a wild turkey can outstrip a horse?

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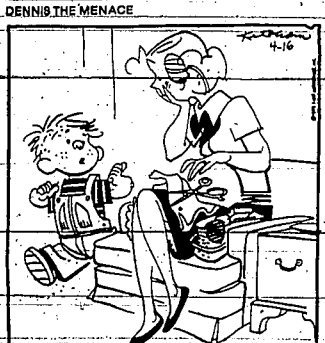
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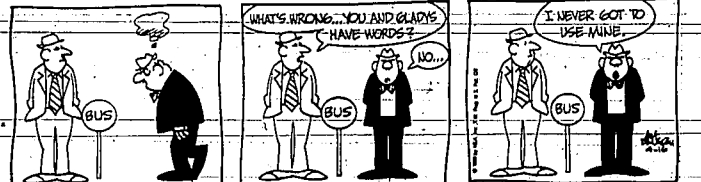
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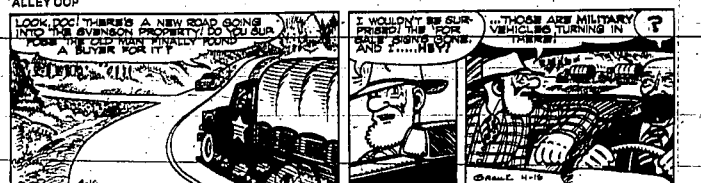
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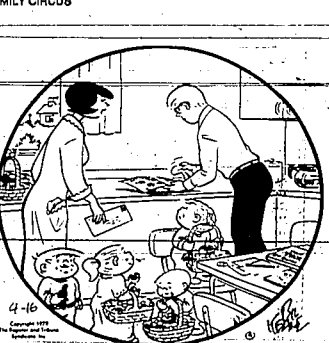
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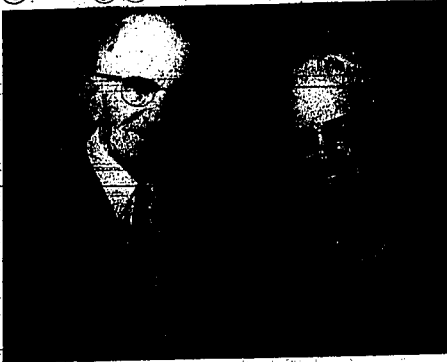
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FAMILY CIRCUS



Anniversaries



Mr. and Mrs. James Sargent

MILNER — Mr. and Mrs. James Sargent will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary April 23 from 2 to 8 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kloer in Milner.

They were married April 23, 1929, in Clinton, Miss. They came to Idaho in September 1949, and have made their home in Milner. Sargent farmed until his retirement, and they are 75-year members of the Murtaugh Grange.

Their children are Mrs. Harold Kloer (Audra) Kloer of Milner, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Kloer of Burley, John Sargent of Davis, Calif., George and Ed Sargent of Burley and Mrs. John (Joan) Anderson of Hamilton, Mont. They have 21 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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The Times-News will pay \$5 each week for Magic Valley Favorites. The weekly winning recipe will appear in the Sunday edition of The Times-News. If you have a favorite recipe, mail it to the recipe department, care of the Valley Life editor. The recipes become the property of the Times-News and cannot be returned.

Swimming, skiing are popular

MOSCOW — Swimming and downhill skiing are the two physical education classes University of Idaho students would most like to take, according to a fall 1978 survey of 824 campus individuals.

Also among the top 10 favorite activities are tennis, racquetball, basketball, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and disco, social and ballet dancing.

Among the least sought-after activities are beginning badminton, squash, rhythmic gymnastics, recreational games and aerobic dancing.

Rock climbing and weight training were added to the list of courses offered recently as a result of the survey. And more sections of self defense could be filled if there were faculty available, according to Dr. Edith Betts, professor of physical education.

Because of its popularity, the number of sections of downhill skiing probably will be increased next year as will sections of disco dancing, Dr. Betts said.

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'Vacations' from Social Security deductions diminish

(First of a series)
If you're a worker earning \$22,900 a year — the maximum wage base for Social Security taxes in 1979 — you're paying your SS taxes at the new high rate of 6.13 percent for the entire year. You'll no longer get any "vacations" from Social Security deductions in the final months of each year, as you did when the wage base was lower.

If you're a worker earning \$30,000 a year, your contributions will end after 40 weeks and you'll still get 12 weeks "off" during which your paycheck will automatically be larger.

If you earn \$50,000, your deductions will end after 24 weeks and, from July on, you'll have a "vacation" from SS taxes.

If you earn \$100,000, your deductions will end after 12 weeks and your vacation from SS contributions will start in April.

Let's say you're one of the workers earning at or above the maximum taxable under SS consistently throughout the years, and you are now 34 years of age. Under the present law, it is projected you would receive yearly benefits of \$22,725 when you retire at age 65 in the year 2000. An additional \$1,362.50 would be payable to your eligible spouse, also 65. These benefits would be inflation-proof, kept up-to-date with the cost of living and, unless the income-tax laws are drastically changed, they also would be tax-free.

And this, of course, would be only your retirement protection. Your increased Social Security contributions are buying you larger protection for your family in case of your death or disability.

Benefit payments to your widow and children, if you died before they were — adult and through college, could reach a total of \$180,000 at present rates. If you were to become disabled for work, disability payments to you and your dependents over the years could come to even more.

The key point that emerges from any in-depth study of the Social

Security figures now that the initial impact of the tax increases has begun to subside is that only higher-paid workers are being hit by the tax and wage-base hikes. And in return for paying more, their Social Security benefits also are slated to be more.

If you are the \$10,000-a-year average worker, your SS taxes are roughly 15 cents a week higher in '79 than in '78. Over '79's span, this will amount to \$8 extra — and for most, in this earnings bracket, the \$8 bite will be more than offset by income tax cuts.

The January rise in the SS tax rate from 6.05 to 6.13 percent works out to an increase of 33 cents a week for the \$20,000-a-year worker, and even for the \$50,000-a-year earner the increase is a mere 77 cents a week over 1978.

The shorter vacations from SS deductions in the later months of each year were in the most noticeable impact of the substantial rise in the total of earnings taxable for SS purposes.

Last year, when \$17,700 was the top amount on which you paid the SS tax, about 65 percent of all workers earned that amount or less and, therefore, paid SS taxes all year. Only for about 15 percent were there vacations during which deductions stopped.

Under the 1977 law, the scheduled three increases in the wage base, starting in 1979, will result in about 94 percent of the nation's workers having all their earnings covered by Social Security and thus paying Social Security taxes year-round.

This comes close to restoring the proportions that existed in the 1930s when the original SS law was enacted. At that time, a maximum wage-base of \$3,000 covered all the earnings of about 96 percent of the covered work

force. The members of Congress of that day reasoned that the 4 percent of workers earning more than \$3,000 a year were in a position to augment their SS benefits with private investments. As a result, they did not think it desirable to count earnings of over \$3,000 a year in computing Social Security benefits. In 1979, the maximum wage base is

\$22,900 instead of the \$18,900 it would have been increased to under the old law. In 1980 it's slated to go to \$25,900, as against \$20,400 under the previous law. And in 1981, it is scheduled to reach \$29,700 as against \$21,900. After that, the wage base will rise only to the extent that average wages move up, the arrangement in the old law. This helps top the tax and wage-

base increases in proper perspective. The lower-income groups were paying SS taxes all year round anyway; their tax hike amounts to a few cents a week. The higher-income workers are having their Social Security vacations cut shorter and shorter — a return to the original concept of SS contributions in the law of the 1930s. (Next: The outlook for tax rollbacks.) ©Field Enterprises, Inc.

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Dear Abby

No imitation for the girlfriend

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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DEAR ABBY: My wife and I divorced after a 23-year marriage. My girlfriend has been living with me for the last nine months.

My eldest son, 19, has his girlfriend living with him. And the problem is that his girlfriend does not like my girlfriend at all. My son and his girlfriend told me they are getting married in July. They've made wedding plans and have decided that my ex-wife and I will be invited, but neither of us is allowed to bring a date. This plainly means the girl I live with is not invited.

I am ready to tell them that if I can't bring my girlfriend I will not attend, either. My girlfriend is so hurt that I'm not even sure she'd go if they changed their minds and invited her.

I'm leaving the decision up to you.

MIXED-UP MESS
DEAR MIXED-UP: First find out whether your son and his fiancée will change their minds and invite your

girlfriend. If they won't, and you want a good relationship with your son, go without her. If they DO invite her, try to persuade her to attend with you. If she refuses, go alone.

DEAR ABBY: With the rising divorce rate and the trend toward total truthfulness these days, I firmly believe that the marriage vows should be changed from "till-death-do-us-part," to "till something better comes along."

What do you say?

TELL IS LIKE IT IS
DEAR TELL IT: I say that it will never play in Peoria.

DEAR ABBY: The letter about getting rid of door-to-door religious pitchmen reminded me of how I got rid of the first team I encountered.

I had just moved from New York to California, after growing up under two religious influences — Episcopalian and Quaker.

A young mother, I was having one of those hectic days. The baby had just thrown a bowl of pablum on the floor, the older boy was smearing the dox

with honey, the cat had just given birth to kittens on the clean clothes in the linen closet, and the vacuum cleaner had given up the ghost. At that point the doorbell rang. I answered it and was faced with two obese women, the daughter as wide as the mother. The mother, with no introduction whatsoever, sang out: "How would you like to live on this earth forever?"

My instant response was: "GOD FORBID!"

Talk about being stopped cold! They were totally speechless!

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Plan gymnasium

BEVERLY, Mass. (UPI) — With a little help from a friend, the students of the North Shore Regional Vocational School here are going to have their own gymnasium — by completing it themselves as part of their vocational training.

The gym will be housed in a new building financed by the Emhart Corporation, separate from the factory space the school leases from the company's machinery division here.

Students will install the gym heating system, the main gymnasium floor and the plumbing and shower facilities in the locker rooms. Currently the students are using an upper floor in the existing school area for all physical education classes.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENDED RULE-MAKING AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Pursuant to Section 67-5302(a)(1), Idaho Code, notice is hereby given that the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Environmental Health, has initiated and scheduled a hearing. The proposed action, under Federal Register 481021, involves the rules governing Air Pollution Control, Title 1, Chapter 1, Rules and Regulations of the Department of Health and Welfare; miscellaneous amendments to the administrative and technical procedures to be used by the Department in the requirements of the Federal Clean Air Act, as amended in 1977; "non-attainment" plans for Lewiston, Soda Springs, Pocatello, Boise and Kellogg; and operating permits for the major air-pollution emitting facilities in the non-attainment areas.

The following is a descriptive summary of the substance of the intended action and of the principal laws involved:

RULES GOVERNING AIR POLLUTION CONTROL — Revising and adding definitions of terms used (Federal Register 481021); revising the various emissions regulations to be more stringent for most existing sources (1-1202); amending the fuel burning equipment regulation to provide emission limits based on type of fuel burned and equipment size and age (1-1203); adding a new regulation to control emissions of particulate matter based on stack gas flowrate (1-1220); amending the diesel engine regulation to provide emission limits based on type of fuel burned and equipment size and age (1-1204); adding a new regulation to control emissions of particulate matter based on stack gas flowrate (1-1220); based on weight of material processed.

NON-ATTAINMENT PLANS — Adoption of some sections (1-1701 — 1-1704) and other modification of the air-pollution regulation (1-1203); adding provisions to allow the Director specific permits (1-1202) and regulation for the review of new sources in non-attainment areas which specifies control technology to be used; required emission reductions for new sources, banking of excess reductions; and benefit to air quality (1-1999); and

LEGAL NOTICE

correction of an error in the standard for new incinerators (1-1807).

"NON-ATTAINMENT" PLANS — These plans describe in detail the actions the Department is required to take to insure that air quality standards are attained and maintained in specified communities.

OPERATING PERMITS — These permits set forth the operating conditions and emission limitations each source must meet.

A public hearing concerning the proposed action will be held on Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1979, at 7:30 p.m., in the Human Resources Building, 200 West State, in the city of Pocatello, Idaho. This is the third of five hearings which have previously been conducted in Soda Springs and Lewiston, and additional hearings will be scheduled and announced.

Copies of the proposed "non-attainment" plans for these communities are complete. Prior to the public hearings, any person can review the text of the proposed rules in the Department or the Offices of the Administrator, Regional Administrative Offices of the Department or the Offices of the Administrator, General, Health and Welfare Division, located at the Offices of the Administrator, Lewiston, Boise, Twin Falls, Pocatello, and Soda Springs. Copies of the proposed rules will be made upon request, at the expense of the requesting party.

Any interested person can submit written comment regarding the proposed rules. All undated and postmarked or delivered on or before May 16, 1979. Oral and/or written comment can be presented at the above hearing.

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Zoeller masters the field

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI) — Before going out for his final round, a relaxed Fuzzy Zoeller winked at a friend and said, "I'm really doing lousy, huh?"

Asked what he meant, Zoeller replied, "You know what they say. The first-year players can't win here."

So Zoeller, a free spirit who says Arnold Palmer still is his hero, went out and ended another "treasured Masters' tradition Sunday when he sank a six-foot birdie putt on the second hole of a three-way playoff to win his first major championship.

Not since Gene Sarazen in 1935 had anyone won the Masters in his first attempt, and Zoeller certainly did it the hard way as he overcame a six-stroke deficit on the final round and then survived the first sudden-death playoff in tournament history.

Later, however, the 27-year-old Zoeller admitted, "To be honest with you, I didn't think I had a chance. Not when we were sitting there with a 7 (under) and Ed was all in."

Coincidence or not, just before Zoeller started his final round, he received a blue-painted Easter egg with his name printed on it plus the inscription "Masters champ." It had been sent by young youngsters in his hometown of New Albany, Ind.

It was the second tour victory for Zoeller, whose wife is expecting a baby in the next couple of weeks.

While Zoeller certainly won the Masters, shooting a 2-under-par 70 for his fourth sub-par round of the tournament, and notching three birdies on the final six holes while the other contenders were having problems, it is equally true that Snead lost it.

Toying dangerously with his own fate, Snead struggled all day. He had taken a five-shot lead over Watson and Craig Stadler into the final round, and following his only birdie of the day on the 13th and 15th holes, he still had a three-stroke margin. But he bogeyed the last three holes of regulation, barely missing a six-foot putt on the 18th to give Zoeller and Watson another chance.

The playoff started on the par-4 10th hole, which all three players parred. On the par-4, 445-yard 11th, Snead went into a snafu trap on his approach and had to blast out, and Watson's 15-foot birdie attempt fell two inches short. Zoeller then stepped up and rolled in the six-footer to earn the \$50,000 first prize and the treasured green.

Snead, still in a state of shock following the playoff, said: "I really can't believe it. The shot at 18 was a really bad shot and I guess I misjudged the second shot at 17. It was a tough day to play. I just couldn't tell what the wind was doing and didn't know what clubs to pull out."

Watson fully understood what Snead was going through. "My condolences to Ed," Watson said. "I've been there before. But I know all the condolences in the world won't fix it."

It was the first playoff in the Masters since 1970, when it was decided over a full 18 holes, and the first three-way playoff since 1966, when Jack Nicklaus won.

Snead, after three rounds in the six, then concluded only one bogey, blew up to 4-over-par 76 Sunday, while Zoeller turned in a 70 and Watson had a 71. Each was at 8-under 280 for the tournament.



First time Masters' player, and now champion, Fuzzy Zoeller jumps for joy after birdie

'I didn't think I had a chance'

AUGUSTA, Ga. (UPI) — It's not that Fuzzy Zoeller doesn't take his golf seriously. It's just that he happens to like the game and he sees no reason to get all-up-tight about it.

"I think that's the reason I won," Zoeller said after making up six shots during the final round and then beating Tom Watson and Ed Snead with a birdie on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff to win the Masters.

"I wasn't tight at all in the playoff," said Zoeller. "I'd just finished playing 18 holes with Tom Watson and it felt like just an extension of that round."

"Now that I've won, it's a great feeling," Zoeller added. "But I probably won't really feel it until Monday morning. I'll probably be on cloud nine for three or four weeks."

Zoeller said the folks back home in New Albany, Ind. — and that includes his wife Dianne who didn't attend the Masters because she's expecting their first child in about two weeks — "will probably be more excited than I am. They really got stirred up when I won my first tournament back in January (the San

Diego Open). I can imagine how they'll react to my winning the Masters."

Zoeller, 27, became the first first-time participant to win the Masters since the middle 1930s. He also became the first to ever win the Masters in a sudden-death playoff.

"I'll be honest," said Zoeller. "When I was four shots behind with only three holes left to play, I didn't think I had any chance of winning. I was just trying to keep pace with Tom. I figured he'd just wind up somewhere close and if I'd stick with him I'd do pretty good myself."

Zoeller was 7-under through the first 69 holes of the tournament, four behind Snead who went into the final round with a five-stroke lead, and one behind Watson. He got his 6-under 280 by sinking a 10-foot birdie putt on the next to last hole while Watson reached that number by paring the last three holes while Snead backed in by closing with three bogeys.

The three then headed for the 10th hole at Augusta National to begin their sudden death playoff for the \$50,000 top prize and coveted green Masters champion coat.

Lakers nab series win

By United Press International

Los Angeles and Phoenix moved into the second round of the Western Conference playoffs Sunday with exciting come from behind victories.

In the Eastern Conference, Washington and San Antonio opened with victories over Atlanta and Philadelphia respectively.

The Lakers, who will now play Seattle starting Tuesday, Denver 112-111, while the Phoenix overcame Portland 101-91. Phoenix will play Kansas City starting Tuesday.

Washington, meanwhile, blasted Atlanta 103-89 and San Antonio rattled 119-106. Both series continue Tuesday.

Lakers 112, Nuggets 111

DENVER (UPI) — Kareem Abdul-Jabbar hit a 10-foot hook shot with 12 seconds to play Sunday, giving the Los Angeles Lakers a 112-111 victory over the Denver Nuggets and a 2-1 victory in their Western Conference playoff series.

Los Angeles, which won its first game in Denver, met Seattle in the Western Conference semifinal best-of-seven series starting Tuesday.

After Jabbar's clutch basket, Denver worked the ball to David Thompson, who attempted a 15-foot jump shot under heavy pressure from Ron Boone with two seconds left. Thompson missed and the Lakers pulled down the rebound.

Dan Issel gave Denver the lead at 111-110 on two free throws with 18 seconds remaining. Abdul-Jabbar led Los Angeles with 26 points and Adrian Dantley, strong off the offensive boards, added 23. For Denver, Thompson had 28 and Issel 24 after a four-point first half.

The Lakers led 58-54 at halftime despite shooting 61 percent from the field to Denver's 37 percent. But Denver hit 18-of-22 free throws to remain in contention. The Lakers made 6-of-10 foul shots.

The Lakers started quickly, taking a 25-15 lead before the Nuggets came back for their only lead of the half at 34-32 one minute into the second quarter. But Abdul-Jabbar scored the next five points to keep the Lakers ahead going into the second half.

Suns 101, Blazers 91

PHOENIX, Ariz. (UPI) — Paul Westphal scored 26 points and Walter Davis added 23 Sunday when the Phoenix Suns came from eight points down in the fourth quarter to defeat the Portland Trail Blazers 101-91 and advance to the Western Conference semifinals.

Phoenix, which took the best-of-three qualifying series two games to one, faces Milwaukee division champion Kansas City in the opener of a best-of-seven series Tuesday night.

Davis led a surge which saw the Suns score the first 14 points of the fourth quarter, moving from a 76-89 deficit to a 95-92 lead with eight minutes left. The closest Portland came thereafter was five points.

Mike Bratz came off the bench to score 11 points for the Suns. Gar Heard and Alvan Adams had a 76-80 apiece and paced the Suns to a 52-42 rebounding advantage. Heard had 12 rebounds and Adams 10. Maurice Lucas, Mychal Thompson and Larry Steele each had 16 points for Portland. Center Tom Owens added 13.

Portland took a seven-point lead three minutes into the game, but no more than three points separated the teams during the last 10 minutes of the first half. The Trail Blazers led 50-47 at halftime and increased their margin to 76-68 at the end of three quarters.

NBA playoffs

Eastern Conference Semifinal Round (Best of Seven)	Western Conference Semifinal Round (Best of Seven)
April 15 - Washington at Philadelphia, 8:00 p.m.	April 15 - Los Angeles at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
April 16 - Atlanta at Washington, 8:00 p.m.	April 16 - Phoenix at Portland, 8:00 p.m.
April 17 - Washington at Atlanta, 11:30 a.m.	April 17 - Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:00 p.m.
April 18 - Atlanta at Washington, 8:00 p.m.	April 18 - San Antonio at Philadelphia, 8:00 p.m.
April 19 - Washington at Atlanta, 8:00 p.m.	April 19 - Phoenix at Portland, 8:00 p.m.
April 20 - Atlanta at Washington, 11:00 a.m.	April 20 - Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
April 21 - Washington at Atlanta, 8:00 p.m.	April 21 - San Antonio at Philadelphia, 11:30 p.m.
April 22 - Atlanta at Washington, 8:00 p.m.	April 22 - Phoenix at Portland, 8:00 p.m.
April 23 - Washington at Atlanta, 8:00 p.m.	April 23 - Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:00 p.m.
April 24 - Atlanta at Washington, 11:00 a.m.	April 24 - San Antonio at Philadelphia, 11:30 p.m.
April 25 - Washington at Atlanta, 8:00 p.m.	April 25 - Phoenix at Portland, 8:00 p.m.
April 26 - Atlanta at Washington, 11:00 a.m.	April 26 - Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:00 p.m.
April 27 - Washington at Atlanta, 8:00 p.m.	April 27 - San Antonio at Philadelphia, 11:30 p.m.
April 28 - Atlanta at Washington, 11:00 a.m.	April 28 - Phoenix at Portland, 8:00 p.m.
April 29 - Washington at Atlanta, 8:00 p.m.	April 29 - Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
April 30 - Atlanta at Washington, 11:00 a.m.	April 30 - San Antonio at Philadelphia, 11:30 p.m.
May 1 - Washington at Atlanta, 8:00 p.m.	May 1 - Phoenix at Portland, 8:00 p.m.
May 2 - Atlanta at Washington, 11:00 a.m.	May 2 - Philadelphia at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

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Bullets 103, Hawks 89

LANDOVER, Md. (UPI) — Elvin Hayes scored 31 points and Bobby Dandridge added 30 Sunday and the defending NBA champion Washington Bullets scored 12 straight points in the fourth quarter for a 103-89 victory over the Atlanta Hawks in the opening game of the Eastern Conference semifinal playoffs.

The Bullets erupted from an 85-85 tie with 5:39 to play to take a 97-85 lead with 1:36 showing on the Capital Centre clock.

Hayes scored 20 of his 30 points in the second half and Dandridge had 12 in the fourth quarter as the Bullets erased a 76-71 third-quarter Hawks' lead.

The Hawks built that lead with leading scorer John Drew on the bench with four personal fouls. Dandridge and the foul problems held Drew to eight points, 15 under his season average.

Dan Roundfield paced the Hawks with 24 points, scoring 15 in the first half, including three three-point plays.

The lead changed hands 15 times before Washington went on top for good, 87-85, on Larry Wright's 15-footer with 5:22 to play.

Atlanta led by five points twice in the third quarter. The Hawks seized hold to 13 points in the fourth quarter by a sticky Bullets defense, which produced five turnovers in the quarter, helping Washington to a 32-13 margin over the final 12 minutes.

Spurs 119, 76ers 106

SAN ANTONIO (UPI) — George Gervin and Larry Kenon teamed up for 61 points Sunday to spark San Antonio to a 119-106 victory over Philadelphia in the opening game of their NBA playoff series.

The first tip-off saw control of the game with less than three minutes gone in the first quarter and led 31-22 after one period. Philadelphia never got any closer, despite a third-quarter rally led by Darryl Dawkins' 13-point outburst.

Gervin was the game's high scorer with 31 points, despite sitting out most of the third period with foul trouble, and Kenon took up the slack by hitting for 30 points.

Dawkins led Philadelphia with 25 points, 20 of them in the last half, and Julius Erving hit 22 for the losers.



Sun Valley skiers boost Olympathon '79 event

By GARY ELLIASSON

Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — Kevin Swigert, 24, and Mark Siemon, 19, cross-country skiers from Sun Valley, hope someday to compete in the Olympics.

Swigert has his sights set on 1980, while the younger Siemon hopes for the earliest he could make the team would be 1984.

But they, and along with the 10-to-16 other members of the U.S. Nordic Ski Team, know it takes money to not only get them there but also produce a top-notch team. That's why they're both out this week promoting Olympathon '79, an NBC seven-event biathlon, speed skating and cross-country skiing event scheduled April 21 which will ask for pledges from people for the U.S. effort in the 1980 Olympics.

Ken Hodge, Idaho chairman for the telethon, said the state goal is to raise about \$15,000.

In addition to the on-the-street activity of the youths, some of Idaho's well-known Olympic hopefuls, including Swigert and Siemon, will gather at the Blue Lakes Mall for a celebration with bands, speeches and a wishing well. Hodge said people will be able to throw money into the well and wish the Olympic team success.

Swigert and Siemon want to make sure people know that these are made to the U.S. Olympic team.

"The ski team and the Olympic organization are two separate groups," said Siemon. "Any money which the Olympic committee gets must be spread out among several different athletic squads. We get some money from the official organization, but not enough to sustain all year long."

He said the ski team is the only sport offered in the Olympics which continues on a year-long basis.

"We have competition going on from October to April," Swigert said. "As a result, it takes additional money to keep us going."

Swigert and Siemon are only two of several Idaho athletes who will be out in force this week promoting the Olympic telethon. Others include Tom Jorgensen, a cross-country skier

from Boise, Lyle Nelson, a biathlon team member from McCall, and Pete Patterson, an alpine skier from Sun Valley.

The nordic skiers feel money spent toward the nordic and alpine teams would be well worth it this year. Hopes are on the rise in the U.S. for those Olympic teams.

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"This wasn't one of my better years," he said. "I think I burned myself out last summer."

On the other hand, Siemon is on the U.S. cross-country development team. This consists of runners (under age 20) who have the potential to be world-class athletes.

He explained that his training was extensive, and he may have overdone it.

For what's ahead in softball for this year, read today's special sports supplement, and then see how your team is doing each week by following the results in the Times-News.

Fly fishermen to meet

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Fly Fishermen's Club will meet Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the basement of Mr. Quan's Beauty College in the Lynwood Shopping Center.

Leon Holmes, a representative of the water resources board, will speak to the group on trout farm applications, minimum flow, and water usage.

School show April 28

JEROME — The sixth annual schooling show is scheduled for April 28 at Simpson's Arena southwest of Jerome.

Classes to be judged in the morning include Kindergarten Working Hunter-fences, Working Hunter Maiden Horse or rider, Working Hunter, Novice horse or rider, Working Hunter Open, Jumpers Kindergarten, Jumpers Maiden Horse or rider, Jumpers Novice Horse or rider, and Jumpers Open.

The additional English classes will include Equitation over Fences, Open, Hunter Hack, Hunt Seat Equitation 13 and under, English Pleasure, Maiden Horse or rider, English Pleasure Open and Bridle Path Hack.

In the afternoon, there will be Showmanship at Halter 13, Trall, Open, Trall Maiden Horse or rider, Trall 13 and under, Walk Trot eight and under, Western Pleasure 13 and under, Western Pleasure, Maiden Horse or rider, Western Pleasure, Appaloosa, Horse, Western Pleasure Open, Stock Seat Equitation 13 and under, Stock Seat Equitation Open and Western Riding.

Events will get underway at 8 a.m.

For more information contact Margo Simpson at 324-2322.

Borg whips Gerulaitis

MONTE CARLO, Monaco (UPI) — Top-seeded Bjorn Borg of Sweden crushed American Vilas Gerulaitis, 6-2, 6-1, 6-3 to win the final of the \$187,500 World Championship Tennis tournament Sunday.

Borg dominated virtually every important rally in the sparkling sunshine to regain the title he last won in 1977. Gerulaitis was always struggling against Borg's powerful ground strokes and once again went down to the Swede, who beat him eight times last year.

Villeneuve races home

BRANDS HATCH, England (UPI) — Gilles Villeneuve of Canada notched his third consecutive Formula 1 win of the season when he drove his Ferrari to victory in the Race of Champions, the curtain raiser for the European season.

Villeneuve, who last month put together back-to-back victories in the South African and Long Beach world championship Grand Prix, underlined that he will be the driver to beat this year by bringing his old model Ferrari 312T3 home some 15 seconds ahead of Nelson Piquet of Brazil at the end of the 40-lap race.

Soccer strike still on

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The strike by the North American Soccer League Players Association, which crippled some NASL teams Saturday, will continue, a spokesman said Sunday.

Earl Garvey, the executive director of the NASL Players Association, said the association's coordinating committee decided to continue the strike to force the team owners to recognize the association.

The effects of the strike last weekend were varied, with the Fort Lauderdale Strikers, for example, playing without 16 team members, but with the Philadelphia Fury playing at full strength.

Austin claims title

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (UPI) — Tracy Austin, saying it was the biggest victory her her young career, defeated Kerry Reid 7-6, 7-6, Sunday in the finals of a \$150,000 women's tennis tournament.

Austin won the tie-breaker in the final set at 9-7 after Reid held a 6-5 lead and was serving for the set.

"I thought it was one of the toughest matches I've played," said the 16-year-old Rolling Hills, Calif., high school student said. "On my first match point, I started choking a little. That's the first time I've choked in my life."

Daniels sets record

TOKYO (UPI) — Rising American golfer Beth Daniels tied a course record with a six-under-par 69 in the final round Sunday to rally for victory in the \$60,000 World Ladies golf tournament at the Yamahiri Country Club course.

Daniels, 22-year-old U.S. amateur champion in 1975 and 1977, carded a 35-34-69 Sunday for a three-round total of seven-under-par 218. It was her first championship since turning pro this year and she took home first prize money of \$13,921.

More records for Caulkins

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Tracy Caulkins of Nashville, Tenn., who broke five U.S. records and had a share of a sixth during the national AAU short-course swimming championships which concluded Saturday, will not take part in next weekend's USA-West Continental dual meet.

The 16-year-old high school junior said she cannot take time off from her studies to come west again for the international meet. She says she wants to maintain her high academic record.

Caulkins established two U.S. records on the opening day, Wednesday, in the women's 100-yard breaststroke, 1:01.82, and 500 freestyle, 4:38.25.

She picked up another Thursday, swimming the 400 individual medley in 4:08.09. She added two more Saturday, splashing the 200 individual medley in 1:57.88 and the 100 freestyle on the opening leg of the 400 freestyle relay by clocking 49.03.

U.S. hockey ties Finland

MOSCOW (UPI) — Taking a leaf from the Russian playbook, the U.S. national team outplayed Finland at the World Hockey Championship Sunday to emerge with a 1-1 tie, the first point earned in the tournament for both teams.

Accompanied by disapproving whistling from a near-capacity crowd, the Soviet Union barely squeaked to a 3-2 victory over West Germany.

Rodeo team scores win

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — The College of Southern Idaho rode the all-around performance of Rye Brower to the team championship at a regional "collegiate-rodeo" here over the weekend.

CSI outdistanced second place Weber State 593 to 470.

"This gives us a solid lead for regional honors," commented rodeo club advisor Shawn Davis. "It was a most satisfying meet all the way around."

Brower was named the all-around cowboy with 245 points collected by winning first in the bareback riding, third in the bull riding, and first in the steer wrestling.

"Rye had an outstanding bareback ride and scored a 74," Davis said. "This was the first time he has won the all-around."

Davis also praised Rick Smith, who got second in the saddle bronc, for a good ride with a 74.

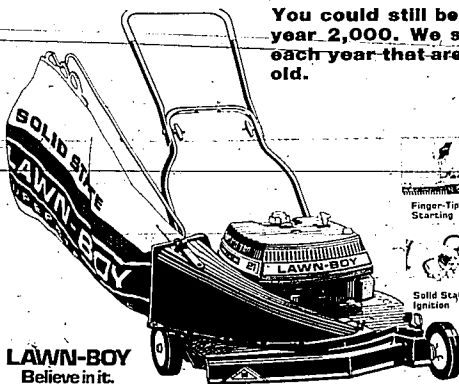
"The team really did everything they are capable of doing," he said. "And I think we're capable of going out on nationals and doing quite well."

CSI's dominance of the rodeo was illustrated by the fact that all of the finalists but two in the saddle bronc riding were from CSI.

Other placings of the team included Doyle Parker, first, bull riding; Delwin Amy, first, saddle bronc riding; Calvin Amy, fourth, saddle bronc riding; Ed Uhrig, third, calf roping; Jeanene Conroy, first, breakaway roping; and Lenna Bradford, second, barrel racing.

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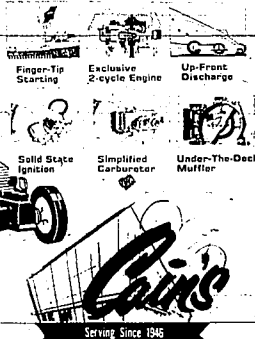
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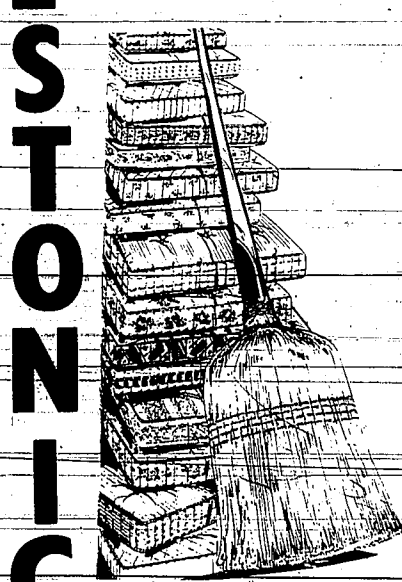
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- 2 Queen Sets (firm) Reg. \$539.95. **\$329.95**
- 1 Queen set (extra firm) Reg. \$479.95. **\$299.95**
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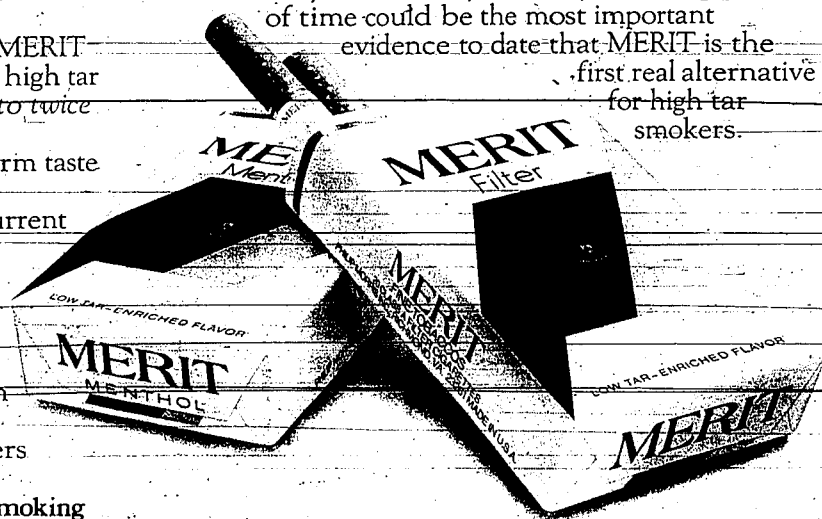
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Schools squeezed by tighter funding

By BEN MCKELWAY
Times-News writer

MAGIC VALLEY — Less dependence on property taxes next year will bring Idaho schools one step closer to an equalized funding system, but some Magic Valley schools will still fall below the state funding average.

Although the state Department of Education estimates an average increase of 8.2 percent for schools across the state, Twin Falls superintendent of schools James Sawin expects his district to have approximately 3.5 percent more money next year.

Legislation implementing the 1 percent initiative reduced each school

district's taxing source by 11 mills. The Legislature eliminated four mills of county property taxes formerly earned by schools and reduced a district's own maximum levy from 27 to 20 mills.

Several districts are holding elections in hopes a majority of voters will approve an additional, or "override" levy, which would bring in more school funds. No such election has been scheduled for Twin Falls.

The Legislature will vote the void caused by tax reduction with other state funds and added more funds to make up for some of the value lost through inflation. Idaho schools will receive an average of \$790.50 per

student for the next school year, according to Reid Bishop, associate state superintendent of schools in charge of finance and administration. The figure, based on an estimate of next year's enrollment figures, will be drawn up by their budgets between now and June 30.

Although property taxes will account for roughly one-third less of next year's school funding, wealthy counties will still fare better than poorer ones. Twin Falls County has traditionally fallen below the state average in the assessed value of its property, according to Sawin.

Regional Idaho Education Associa-

tion Director James Shackelford notes that the average Magic Valley teacher's salary is below the statewide average of \$12,624 a year. The IEA opposed the 1 percent initiative last November, as did a majority of the voters in seven out of eight Magic Valley counties.

"We're pleased that we came out of the Legislature as well as we did," said Shackelford. "However, what the Legislature allowed us to do is to limp through next year. I don't believe we can do it for two years in a row, though, and that means next year the Legislature will have to directly face the question of a tax increase."

"The proponents of the initiative

said education would not be hurt. That is not true — education is being hurt," Shackelford continued.

Although most districts are just beginning to get down to specifics, the funding picture becomes clearer every week. School administrators throughout the valley are looking for ways to pinch pennies. A Times-News survey of districts south of the river revealed varying solutions to the same problem.

Cassia County School District, which includes all of Cassia County, will ask voters to approve a six mill override May 15, the day after they hold a public hearing on their budget. Assistant superintendent of schools

Norman Hurst says the district is expecting a three percent funding increase over last year. He said the school board may have to reduce the duties and pay of some teachers and lay off others.

In Buhl, superintendent Robert Pratt predicts his district will be right on the state average with a 2.2 percent increase, setting the level still falls below the national 10 to 11 percent rate of inflation. He said the school system will lose 26 Mennonite students to their newly constructed private school. At \$790.50 per student, that change means Buhl School District will receive \$20,553 less in state funds.

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Complaint initiates DHW probe of hospital

By BEN MCKELWAY
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A citizens' group here has charged Cassia Memorial Hospital with ignoring its obligations to provide free care for poor people.

The Cherry Hill Coalition, a group of low-income residents of Minidoka and Cassia counties, has filed a complaint with the Department of Health, Education and Welfare. The complaint claims the hospital has failed to provide the amount of such care required by federal law.

A DHW official will investigate the charges when he visits Cassia Memorial later this month, adding fuel to a growing controversy over medical care for the poor in Cassia and Minidoka counties.

In December, Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert was found to be in violation of Hill-Burton Act regulations by DHW's Bureau of Health Facilities and Financing.

The bureau's decision came after its investigation of an April 1978, complaint by Kenneth Baker, a former Heyburn resident who now lives in Buhl. It gave the hospital 60 days to set things right, and debate continues over the results.

The Hill-Burton Act, passed in 1946, requires U.S. hospitals to give a designated amount of free or reduced-fee medical care, often called "uncompensated care," in return for free construction grants or low-interest building fund loans they have received from the federal government.

Cassia Memorial and six other Magic Valley hospitals have such an obligation.

Although hospitals may choose one of three methods of dispensing their free care, the obligation continues for 20 years from the date the federally funded construction was completed. Cassia Memorial's obligation expires in 1992, Minidoka Memorial's in 1981.

The coalition's complaint against Cassia Memorial, filed in two segments, the hospital has broken the law by:

- Writing off uncollected bills as legitimate uncompensated services without regard to the debtor's eligibility for Hill-Burton assistance.
- Altering a Dec. 19, 1977, report to DHW in order to hide the above practice.
- Failing to provide Hill-Burton eligibility criteria, on request, and substituting a flyer which refers low-

income patients to the Mormon Church and the Cassia County Commissioners.

Failing to post adequate notices about the Hill-Burton program in the admissions area, the emergency room and the business office.

- Failing to enclose such a notice in bills for emergency room services.
- Failing to inform patients that they may be eligible for uncompensated services.

Both Cassia and Minidoka hospitals have chosen Hill-Burton's "open door" option meaning they have pledged to give free or reduced-cost care to anyone who cannot afford to pay his or her bill.

Federal regulations require open-door hospitals to screen all patients and inform the eligible ones of the Hill-Burton program, according to Hugh Campbell, regional program consultant for DHW's Public Health Service division in Seattle.

Campbell, who will conduct the Cassia Memorial investigation next week or soon after, also led the investigation which led to the December DHW decision that Minidoka was not in compliance.

He added that failure to enclose notices of available free care in its emergency service bills would be a violation for any hospital committed to the open-door policy. This failure was the chief fault cited in the Minidoka decision.

"To our knowledge, Cassia Memorial's policy has been a no-door policy rather than an open-door policy," said Mark Zuckerman, research assistant for the 30-member Cherry Hill Coalition.

"We know the hospital has never recognized Hill-Burton as something they want to obligate themselves to," he said. "There's no way you can hide 20 years of non-compliance."

Zuckerman and John Harris, another coalition aide, are in VISTA, the domestic branch of the Peace Corps assigned to the Burley office of the South Central Community Action Agency to help poor people in the Burley-Rupert area.

"They don't tell you anything at the hospital," Harris said. "The Burley area leader for the coalition, Ramon said several of her friends and relatives have qualified for free care but were denied it or were never informed it was available."

Harris said since the complaint was reported in the South Idaho

Press, eight more people have complained to his office about the hospital's policies. One of these is Albion widow Joyce Asher, 24. Asher says she was unemployed when admitted to Cassia Memorial on Jan. 18, for surgery. Although her insurance paid for a portion of her bill, the hospital is billing her for the remaining \$1,245. Still out of work, she said she was never told of the Hill-Burton program.

Harris said the coalition might sue the hospital if the members are not

satisfied with the results of this month's DHW investigation.

"For each year they were in violation, we would like to see them add one year to their term," said Harris.

Fred Schloss, administrator of Cassia Memorial, said the coalition is not in a position to make a formal complaint against the hospital.

"In the first place, they are badly misinformed, in the second place we have no responsibility to them and in the third place they have set themselves up as judge, jury and enforcers," he said.

"He said the hospital does have posted notices, which Zuckerman says are too small to fill the requirement. But Schloss was unwilling to comment on the other charges. The hospital's Board of Trustees has drawn up a reply to the charges, however. Some segments of that statement are:

- "The Hospital Board refuses to be intimidated by such actions and will continue to respond to and work with



Visitor looks over Cassia Memorial Hospital financial information located by admission office

only those persons properly associated with Hill-Burton."

"The board has been extremely concerned at the attempt by the federal bureaucrats in altering the Hill-Burton program from its original intentions."

"A request was made in 1978 for answers to legal and moral issues raised by the attempt to force these new regulations on the hospital. These questions have not as yet been responded to."

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Kimberly, Filer await zoning decision

By JEFF SHER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission has delayed a decision on whether to accept proposed areas of impact for the cities of Kimberly and Filer.

At its regular meeting Thursday the commission decided to hold further meetings with officials of the two cities before deciding whether to accept their proposals for impact

County zoning administrator Ed Woods said Friday. "They (the commissioners) weren't ready to accept it yet because they felt like they didn't have enough information."

The commissioners apparently balked because of the size of the requested impact areas.

"A city impact area is an area outside the city limits into which it would be able to control development to make it compatible with available city services."

Woods said the commission decided unanimously "they want to talk to these (city) commissions directly and determine their reasoning for asking that extensive an area."

The City of Filer has asked for an area of impact extending beyond its city limits, to the mile line in all directions.

The City of Kimberly is seeking an impact area roughly the same size as its school district, or one which would extend from the Snake River Canyon

rim on the north to one mile south, two miles east and two miles west of Kimberly.

Kimberly zoning commission chairman John Nelson commented after learning of the county's decision. "We're going to stay within the school district so we'll probably fight it. We don't want our schools to overgrow."

The commission also heard several requests which it will decide at its May 10 meeting.

Resources study comment sought

TWIN FALLS — Forest and range lands in the United States could, with more effective management, meet nearly all demands for renewable resources, according to the recently released Resource Planning Act Study Report.

The report was released by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Forest Service, and officials of the Sawtooth National Forest are asking for public comment on the study.

Comments will be accepted through June 8, and interested persons should write to the regional office prior to that time.

The report analyzes present and future needs for timber, water, range forage, fish and wildlife. It presents a series of alternative forest service programs which would supply varying amounts of these resources.

Rising prices for goods and services obtained from wood and

water, as well as outdoor recreation and other renewable resources, will have adverse economic, social and environmental impacts unless the country stops using the resources at a pace faster than the renewals, forest officials point out.

The RPA program addresses anticipated national needs for both forest and rangeland resources over the next 50-year period. Planning for meeting these needs will be contained in a final program which will be prepared and adopted after public input. The public is now being asked for comment to assist in drafting the program and preparing the final assessment.

Sawtooth Forest Supervisor Ed Fournier urged area residents to view the RPA report which is available at all forest offices and send their comments to the U.S. Forest Service, Intermountain Region Information Office, 325 25th St., Ogden, Utah, 84401.

State spends \$9,000 for replacing unused pipe

TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Department of Highways has just spent \$9,000 replacing an irrigation pipe in Twin Falls that hasn't carried water in two years.

It's not that the highway department wanted to replace the pipe.

But, according to state highway engineer Bill Merritt of Twin Falls, the state had no choice.

Although the pipe, which runs south along Washington Street from the West Five Points intersection, has not been used for two years, property

owners in the area west of Washington Street, south of Addison Avenue West and north of Rock Creek Canyon still have rights to water from the pipe.

But right now, city water superintendent Joe Coon pointed out, pipe or no pipe, the city will not open the

headgates to run water through the pipe because the property owners in the district have not maintained the irrigation ditches, and the ditches are blocked.

But Coon agreed the state had no choice but to replace the pipe. "Someone would probably sue if they didn't put it in," Coon said.

Ketchum Tomorrow up for sale

TWIN FALLS — The Ketchum Tomorrow weekly newspaper may soon be sold to its third owner in the last year of its publication.

Tomorrow owner Sam Thoen of Spokane said Sunday. "The paper has been for sale for about six to eight weeks."

Thoen added that he has been

talking to a "couple of different papers" interested in purchasing the paper and a sale may soon be made.

"By Wednesday I'll know for sure," he said.

Thoen bought the newspaper in late March of 1978 from former New York Daily News national and International editor William Sunderland. Sun-

derland owned the paper for just over one year before he sold it.

The Ketchum Tomorrow has been locked in a bitter struggle for the limited advertising revenue of the Ketchum Sun, a resort area with another local weekly, the Mountain Express.

Someone would probably sue if they didn't put it in," Coon said.

Merritt said it's cheaper to replace the pipe now while the state is reconstructing the West Five Points intersection than to tear the pipe out now and have to replace it later if a property owner in the district decides to fix his ditches and demand water.

Coon said ditch owners do not forfeit their ditch right-of-ways until three years of non-use have elapsed.

Nader says nuclear no good

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Consumer advocate Ralph Nader said Sunday nuclear power is not "an acceptable risk" and it would be cheaper to close plants now than after more accidents.

At a taping for ABC's "Issues and Answers" program, Nader said nuclear power is "terribly expensive" and predicted that economics would soon force General Electric out of the reactor-making business and touch off an exodus by other firms.

"That accident in Pennsylvania, for example, will probably cost a total of \$1 billion, direct and indirect, before all the totals are added up," Nader said.

"It does seem clear that on the basis of economics, on the basis of reliability, on the basis of safety, nuclear power doesn't come close to being an acceptable risk."

Nader said it would be cheaper to shut down nuclear power plants now than it would be later "when there are hundreds of nuclear plants and nuclear plant catastrophes."

"There will come a day when there will be major catastrophes near Chicago, Detroit, or Boston and then we are really going to be in a fix as an economy and as a population," he said.

"Meet the Press" Iran's chief spokesman in the United States said Sunday Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has barred his Islamic revolutionary committees from secretly seizing suspected supporters of the old regime.

Shahyar Rouhani, a student revolutionary serving as spokesman for the Iran Embassy in Washington, said the ayatollah moved for the second time in a month to put an end to the secret arrests, interrogations and trials.

In remarks on NBC's "Meet the Press," Rouhani said the revolutionary committees were "prohibited from arresting and interrogating anybody" without the permission of the central government of Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan.

Khomeini ordered an end to secret trials last month at the request of Bazargan, but the proceedings resumed in April with the execution of former Prime Minister Abbas Amir Hoveyda.

Rouhani explained the trials as excesses of "a grass roots revolution" in which "all the casualties have been sustained by the people" with members of the shah's SAVAK secret police emerging "alive and well with arms in their hands."

"Face the Nation" Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza said Sunday he is returning to his strife-torn country after a weeklong U.S. vacation that some observers felt might turn into a self-imposed exile.

Somoza said he would return Monday to the capital, Managua, in time to address the Ninth World Youth Anti-Communist League Conference.

Somoza's regime has been under attack from Sandinista Liberation Front rebels, who at one point captured the provincial capital of Esteli, 90 miles north of Managua. National Guard troops recaptured the town Saturday, according to a government spokesman.

On returning to his Central America country, he said he will attempt "to neutralize the Sandinistas so they don't wreck the election in 1980." Somoza told interviewers on CBS's "Face the Nation" program.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A cache of \$100 bills has been turned over to Senate investigators by the former wife of Sen. Herman Talmadge, the four-term Democrat from Georgia who is under investigation for misuse of campaign gifts.

Betty Talmadge gave 77 \$100 bills to Senate Ethics Committee staffers on April 4 and told them the money came from an account hung in a closet of Talmadge's Washington apartment, the Washington Star reported Sunday.

The large denominations appeared to contradict sworn testimony by Talmadge that his pocket money came from small cash gifts by Georgia constituents, the Star said.

Asked about the cash, Talmadge spokesman Gordon Roberts said, "We have no comment at this time."

Talmadge, who is chairman of the powerful Agriculture Committee, will appear before the Ethics Committee on April 23 in public hearings to face charges he converted campaign donations to personal use and diverted Senate expense funds to his personal bank accounts.

Mrs. Talmadge told investigators she removed about \$10,000 from the account in early 1974. She spent some of it but kept the \$7,700 and the original envelopes containing the cash.

The Star reported Mrs. Talmadge told investigators there was at least another \$10,000 in the overcoat pocket. She said she had been taking cash from the overcoat since the late 1960s.

Senator's overcoat had \$100s

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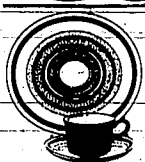
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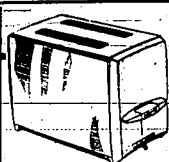
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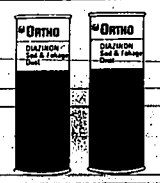


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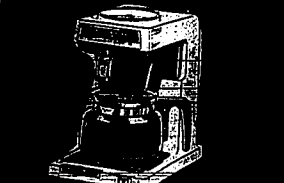
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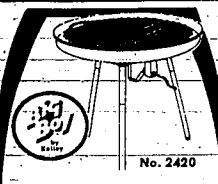
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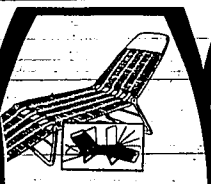
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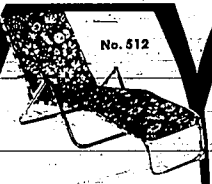
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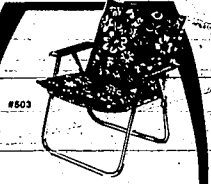
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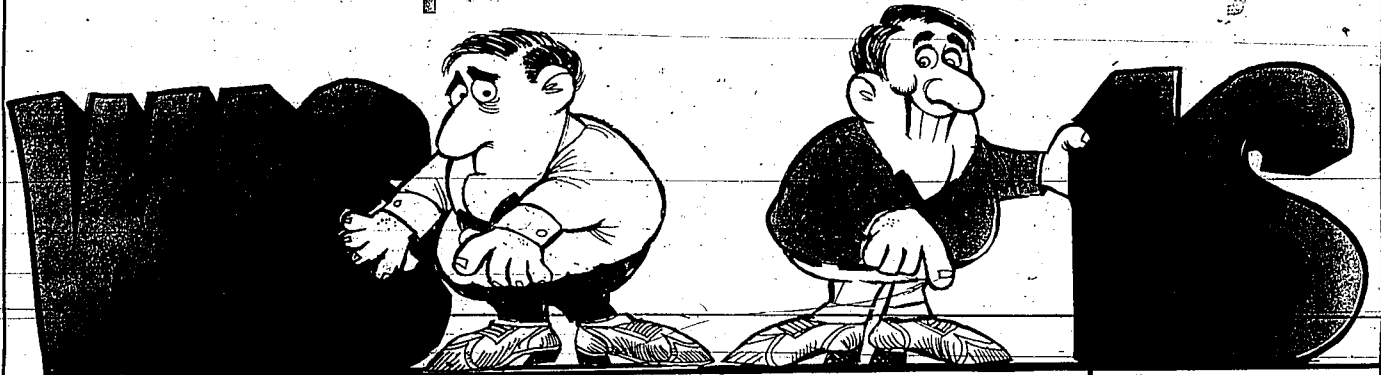
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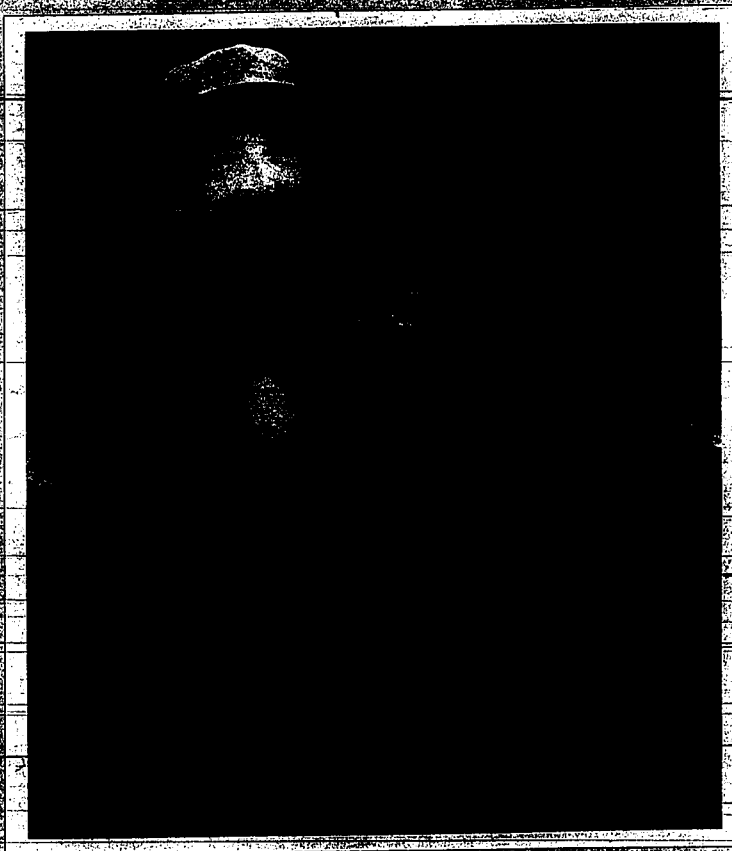
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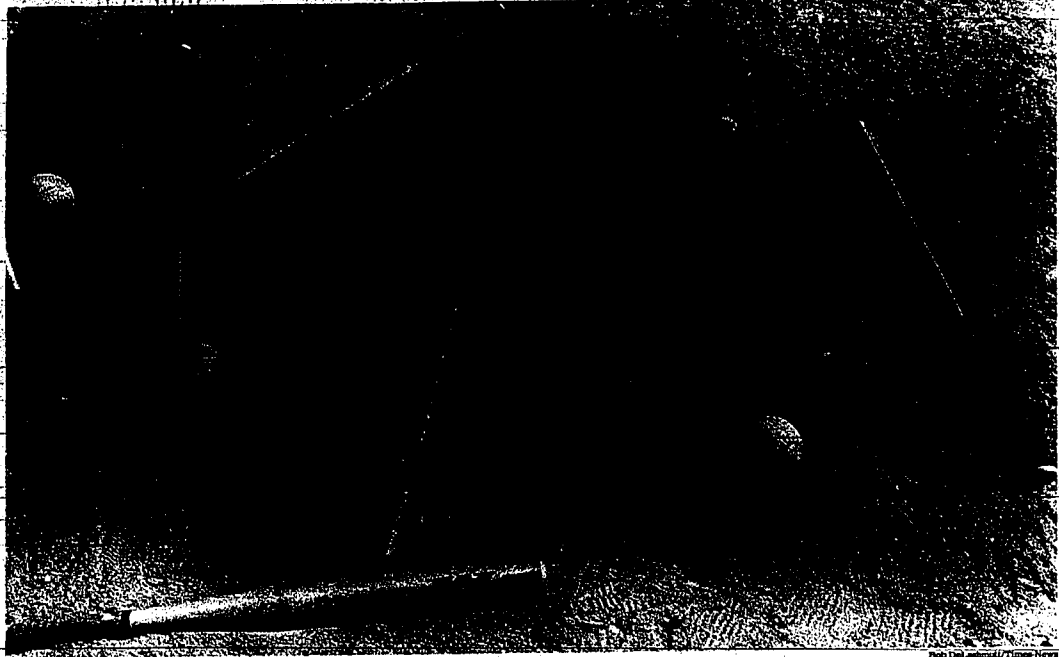
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SPORT



A sports supplement to the Times News

April 16, 1979



Bob DeLorenzo/Times-News

Softball equipment will begin to dot Magic Valley fields tonight with the start of the Twin Falls season

Top teams remain tough in men's softball

TWIN FALLS—It appears it will be a case of the rich getting richer and the poor staying poor in Twin Falls men's softball this summer.

Corner Pocket-Depot Grill-Turk Club swept through the Twin Falls Men's A League last year with only two losses, and many figure the hard-hitting champions will be right back on top again.

Corner Pocket scored 365 runs in 24 games a year ago. Simple arithmetic shows an average of 15.2 runs per game, an average that makes the defense's work that much easier.

The champions had five players with batting averages over .500, and they averaged 18.3 hits per game. On defense, they yielded only 6.5 runs per contest.

But right behind the Corner Pocket was Cain's Furniture-Northwest Plywood, a team which lost six times in league play last season.

Cain's scored only 20 fewer runs than did Corner Pocket, and coach Tom Ash thinks his team can overtake the defending champions this year.

Club 39 Twin Falls Merchants finished third last year and are expected to be near the top again in 1979.

as well as the Karpel-Shoppe R.C. Cola and Independent Meat. Twin Falls Realty, champions of the B League last season, have moved up to the A League and should add extra competition.

Rounding out the A League will be Wholesale Carpet-Beds, Snake River Tire, Quality Roofers-Hockins Oil Sewer and Water and Filer Mug and Grill-Quality Wood.

With Twin Falls Realty moving up, the door is open for Twin Falls Bank and Trust to make its move in the B League. Bank and Trust finished in a tie with Twin Falls Realty last season but lost in the post-season playoff.

Both teams had 18-6 records, with Donnelly's Sports-Al's Tire Factory one game back with a 17-7 record. Despite finishing third, Donnelly's outscored the top two teams in the league.

But of all the teams returning to the B League, Troy Laundry had the best offense. Troy scored 331 runs despite winning only 10 games. An improved defense could make Troy a contender this season.

Also adding strong competition to the B League will be two top C League teams from a year ago, Kentucky Fried Chicken and Monday, April 16, 1979

Ground Round—Rounding out the B League will be Idaho Power, Rainbow-Curl Mfg., Western Farm Service, Perkins Cake & Steak-Klover Club, Coca Cola and Otis Hall Construction-Taco Johns.

The C League will be seeing a lot of new faces, although the Clip and Pedersen's, two teams which finished in the middle of the pack in 1978, will be back to fight for the pennant.

Also back is the Idaho Migrant

Council-Quality Fresh Foods-J.C. Penny, Kellwood and Mountain Bell. New faces in the C League will include Chesleys Lounge-Juans-Aslett Electric, Idaho Frozen Foods, John Lutz, Willis Inc. and Pufahl Construction.

First on Memorial Day

Six tournaments this summer

TWIN FALLS—Although league play takes up many a night for Twin Falls softball players, tournaments consume almost every weekend. However, six of those tournaments will be played right here at Harmon Park.

The first weekend to fill the city with hundreds of outsiders will be Memorial Day weekend, May 26-28.

There will both men's and women's tournaments that weekend, with some 25-28 men's teams competing as well as another 18 women's teams.

The city will not get much of a rest, a major men's tournament

scheduled for the next weekend. Chad Browning, city recreation director, said top teams from all over the west will be in town for the June 1-3 tournament.

One of the top teams in the tournament will be McU Sports from Boise, a team which has gone to the national finals in each of the last four years. Also on hand will be several top teams from the Salt Lake City area.

A major women's tournament will be held June 15-17, featuring some of the top women's teams in the area, including Twin Falls's own Blue Lakes-Green Trout team. The following weekend, June 22-

24, a men's class A tournament will be held at Harmon Park, and a women's class A tournament will be played here July 6-8.

The final tournament of the summer will be the district championships beginning July 23. Browning said that tournament will run for several weekends until the field can be narrowed down to the eventual winners.

Men's and women's state tournament finals will be held Aug. 10-12, but Twin Falls was not lucky enough to land the tournaments this year.

The men will play in Moscow while the women will compete in Coeur d'Alene.

Men's schedule

Twin Falls Men's Softball Schedule

- 6:45, Independent Meat vs. Sewer and Water
- 8:15, Corner Pocket, Twin Falls Really
- 9:15, Club OK-Twin Falls Merchants vs. Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil
- 6:45, Wholesale Carpet-Reds vs. Snake River Tire
- 8:15, Calne-Northwest Plywood vs. Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil
- 9:15, Troy Laundry vs. Kentucky Fried Chicken
- 6:45, Oils Hall Construction-Taco Joes
- 8:15, Rainbow-Curt Mig-Western Farm Service vs. Donnelly Sports-Tire Factory
- 9:15, Perkins Cafe vs. Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil
- 6:45, Chesley-Juana-Aslett Electric vs. John Lee
- 8:15, Corner Pocket-Depot Grill-Turf Club vs. Phil Mugg & Jug-Quailty Wood
- 9:15, Twin Falls Really vs. Sewer and Water
- 6:45, Mountain Bell vs. Puffah Construction
- 8:15, Troy Laundry vs. Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil
- 9:15, Idaho Migrant Council-Quality Fresh Foods vs. The Clip
- 6:45, Idaho Proton Foods vs. Willis Inc.
- 8:15, Twin Falls Really vs. Kentucky Fried Chicken
- 9:15, Rainbow-Curt Mig-Western Farm vs. Perkins Cafe & Steak-Klover Klub
- 6:45, Pendergast vs. John Lee
- 8:15, Calne-Northwest Plywood vs. Wholesale Carpet-Reds
- 9:15, Corner Pocket vs. Oils Hall Construction
- 6:45, Twin Falls Bank and Trust vs. Troy Laundry
- 8:15, Independent Meat vs. Snake River Tire
- 9:15, Chesley-Juana-Aslett Electric vs. John Lee
- 6:45, Idaho Power vs. Coca Cola
- 8:15, Club OK-Twin Falls Merchants vs. Independent Meat
- 9:15, Corner Pocket-Depot Grill-Turf Club vs. Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil
- 6:45, Mountain Bell vs. Willis Inc.
- 8:15, Puffah Construction vs. Pendergast
- 9:15, Piler Mugg & Jug-Quailty Wood vs. Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil
- 6:45, Twin Falls Really vs. Snake River Tire
- 8:15, Idaho Proton Foods vs. Pendergast
- 9:15, Troy Laundry vs. Donnelly Sports-Tire Factory
- 6:45, Kentucky Fried Chicken vs. Willis Inc.
- 8:15, Ground Round vs. Coca Cola
- 9:15, Chesley-Juana-Aslett Electric vs. The Clip
- 6:45, Puffah Construction vs. Willis Inc.
- 8:15, Twin Falls Bank and Trust vs. Perkins Cafe & Steak-Klover Klub
- 9:15, Railroad vs. John Lee
- 6:45, Idaho Power vs. Rainbow-Curt Mig-Western Farm Service
- 8:15, Mountain Bell vs. Pendergast
- 9:15, Corner Pocket-Depot Grill-Turf Club vs. Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil
- 6:45, Idaho Proton Foods vs. Idaho Migrant Council-Quality Fresh Foods
- 8:15, Sewer and Water vs. Snake River Tire
- 9:15, Troy Laundry vs. Donnelly Sports-Tire Factory
- 6:45, Piler Mugg & Jug-Quailty Wood vs. Wholesale Carpet-Reds
- 8:15, Ground Round vs. Coca Cola
- 9:15, Oils Hall Construction vs. Pendergast
- 6:45, Kentucky Fried Chicken vs. Pendergast
- 8:15, Puffah Construction vs. Pendergast
- 9:15, Puffah Construction vs. Pendergast
- 6:45, Twin Falls Bank and Trust vs. Willis Inc.
- 8:15, Chesley-Juana-Aslett Electric vs. John Lee
- 9:15, Railroad vs. Mountain Bell
- 6:45, Willis Inc. vs. Pendergast
- 8:15, Idaho Proton Foods vs. The Clip
- 9:15, Idaho Migrant Council-Quality Fresh Foods vs. Puffah Construction
- 6:45, Club OK-Twin Falls Merchants vs. Donnelly Sports-Tire Factory
- 8:15, Corner Pocket-Depot Grill-Turf Club vs. Snake River Tire
- 9:15, Rainbow-Curt Mig-Western Farm vs. Carpet-Reds
- 6:45, Quality Roofers-Hodkins Oil vs. Pendergast
- 8:15, Troy Laundry vs. Coca Cola
- 9:15, Independent Meat vs. Piler Mugg & Jug-Quailty Wood

Blue Lakes-Green Trout tops in women's league

TWIN FALLS — While the men will be playing on two of the three diamonds at Harmon Park, Twin Falls women will be occupying Diamond 3 and the chase will be on to dethrone Blue Lakes-Green Trout Farm as champions of the women's A League.

Blue Lakes just two games last season, and it outscored its opponents by more than a two to one margin. Nine of the starting 10 players on the team hit over .400.

Having the defending champions down in the standings will not be easy, but the Pour Haus and Professional Pharmacy, both back from last year, will give it their best shot.

The Pour Haus lost just five times last season, scoring just 11 fewer runs than Blue Lakes and giving up the least number of runs in the league.

Professional Pharmacy, Coors Beer and Idaho First-Safeeco Title were right around .500 last season, and best improved teams which could challenge the top two squads.

Rounding out the A League are Magic-Valley Siding, Mr & Ed's Pizza, Woverton International and Ray Reece. Mr & Ed's Pizza was last year's B League champion.

And with Mr & Ed's gone, the door is open for any one of four returning teams to capture the B League title.

First Federal Savings-Corner Pocket was runnerup to Mr & Ed's last season, finishing with a 15-6 record and two of the top four hitters in the league.

Gem State Realty-Messersmith Auction was one game behind First Federal despite scoring more runs than any other team in the league. Gem State pushed across 232 runs in 19 games.

Pepsi Cola-George K's was one game back of Gem State, and Thain Farms-Magic Valley Enterprises was one game behind Pepsi Cola.

The returning teams can expect some heated competition from Sunrise Construction, a young team which has moved out of the girls league and should add plenty of competition to the B circuit.

Payless Drugs-American Waterbeds has moved up from the

C League along with Obchelnik Insurance after both teams finished with 14-3 records and a share of the title. Obchelnik was sponsored by Budweiser last season.

Rounding out the 10-team league are: Christiansen Construction, Magic Valley Memorial Hospital and Tom and Jerry's Plumbing Service.

Only three teams in the C League last year finished with records above .500, and two of those teams have moved up to the B League.

That leaves Kellwood as the

league favorite, but league organizers say all 10 teams have a shot at the championship.

One team to "look out for" is Hunters Auto Town and RV Center, another team up from the girls league.

Haney Seed, Bert Collins and Sons, Idaho Migrant Council-OK Trucks-Burger Stop and North's Chuck Wagon should all field fine teams as well.

Rounding out the C League are Agrow Seed Company, Mountain Bell, B. Evans and a d Shanes-Budweiser-Armstrong Assoc.

Women's schedule

Twin Falls Women's Softball Schedule

- 6:45, Professional Pharmacy vs. Idaho First-Safeeco Title
- 8:15, Blue Lakes-Green Trout Farm vs. Woverton International
- 9:15, Blue Lakes-Green Trout Farm vs. Magic Valley Memorial
- 6:45, Coors vs. Magic Valley Siding
- 8:15, Thain Farms-Magic Valley Enterprises vs. Magic Valley Memorial
- 9:15, Idaho Migrant Council vs. Blue Lakes
- 6:45, Gem State Realty-Messersmith Auction vs. Tom & Jerry's Plumbing Service
- 8:15, Christiansen Construction vs. Magic Valley Memorial
- 9:15, Pepsi Cola-George K's vs. Obchelnik Insurance
- 6:45, Kellwood vs. North's Chuck Wagon
- 8:15, Mr & Ed's Pizza vs. Ray Reece
- 9:15, Agrow Seed Co. vs. Shanes-Budweiser-Armstrong Assoc.
- 6:45, Mountain Bell vs. Hunters Auto Town and RV Center
- 8:15, Professional Pharmacy vs. Coors Beer
- 9:15, Bert Collins & Sons vs. Idaho Auto Town and RV Center
- 6:45, Deer Haus vs. Mr & Ed's Pizza
- 8:15, Pour Haus vs. Magic Valley Siding
- 9:15, Blue Lakes-Green Trout Farm vs. Idaho First-Safeeco Title
- 6:45, First Federal-Corner Pocket vs. Magic Valley Memorial Hospital
- 8:15, Sunrise Construction vs. Woverton International
- 9:15, Idaho First-Safeeco Title vs. Woverton International
- 6:45, North's Chuck Wagon vs. Jimmie
- 8:15, Pour Haus vs. Professional Pharmacy
- 9:15, Thain Farms-Magic Valley Enterprises vs. Payless-American Waterbeds
- 6:45, Ray Reece vs. Magic Valley Siding
- 6:45, Agrow Seed Co. vs. Budweiser
- 8:15, Gem State Realty-Messersmith Auction vs. Obchelnik Insurance
- 9:15, Blue Lakes-Green Trout Farm vs. Coors Beer
- 6:45, Kellwood vs. Shanes-Budweiser-Armstrong Assoc.
- 8:15, Bert Collins & Sons vs. Hunters Auto Town and RV Center
- 9:15, First Federal-Corner Pocket vs. Tom & Jerry's Plumbing Service
- 6:45, Christiansen Construction vs. Pepsi Cola-George K's
- 8:15, Magic Valley Memorial vs. Payless Drug-American Waterbeds
- 9:15, Magic Valley Memorial vs. Payless Drug-American Waterbeds
- 6:45, Mr & Ed's Pizza vs. Magic Valley Siding
- 8:15, Sunrise Construction vs. Obchelnik Insurance
- 9:15, Thain Farms-Magic Valley Enterprises vs. Pepsi Cola-George K's
- 6:45, Christiansen Construction vs. Gem State Realty-Messersmith Auction
- 8:15, Pour Haus vs. Professional Pharmacy
- 9:15, Haney Seed Co. vs. North's Chuck Wagon

Church softball: involvement, fellowship

By RANDY FREY
Times-News Staff Writer

TWIN FALLS — Church league softball in the Magic Valley is growing by leaps and bounds. In fact, the only thing slowing it down is a lack of softball facilities.

Still, the local league will field 18 men's teams divided into three leagues as well as girls teams which play begins April 15.

"We are really looking forward to the completion of Frontier Park so we can have access to more fields," said the Rev. Robert Seaman of the Baptist Church, Seaman's president of the Magic Valley Church League.

"Next year we hope to expand to three divisions of eight teams each

and add some more teams to the girls league," Seaman said.

Last year the church league was made up of only two divisions, but Seaman said the three leagues were formed this year in an effort "to upgrade the competition."

"We took the way the teams finished last year and moved some up and others down," Seaman said. "Then next year the two bottom teams will change leagues with the two top teams in the league below it."

While Seaman said the switch to three leagues was made to promote better competition, he stressed that the main idea behind church softball is recreation and not winning at any cost.

"The basic purpose of church softball is involvement and fellowship," Seaman said. "We allow no profanity or that kind of garbage."

Seaman said some new rules have been added this year in an effort to get more people in the lineup: Men's church teams usually have large rosters, added by the fact that a boy need only be in the seventh grade to play.

One rule change this year will allow a starter to return to the lineup if he gets out of the game the same spot in the batting order. This, Seaman said, will allow a coach to play everybody in his lineup but still be free to insert the regulars should the opposition make

the game close again.

The church league will also have a planned potluck dinner, and a picnic the night of its annual All-Stars game.

Seaman said the championship team in each league will play All-Stars made up from the other five teams.

The Christian Center of Magic Valley has been the perennial winner of the A League, and the champions have usually been able to beat the All-Stars. However, last season the All-Stars beat the Christian Center last year, and he said the league gets more balanced each summer.

Trying to knock the Christian Center from the top of the stan-

dings will be First Assembly Church, First United Methodist Church, Grace Baptist Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church of Eden.

Two teams in the A League last year have been moved down to the B League, and Seaman said they would have to be considered pre-season title favorites.

First Christian Church and St. Edward's Catholic Church have moved down, but Seaman said that any team should be able to beat another team on a given night.

Rounding out the B League will be Bible Baptist Church, First Baptist Church, Free Will Baptist Church and Twin Falls Reform Church.

Slow-pitch picking up steam in Jerome

By GARY ELIASSEN
Times-News writer

JEROME — It used to be that the words "slowpitch softball" didn't mean much to the words "slowpitch softball" were few teams and little interest.

But just like the rest of Idaho and the nation, the competitive spirit of softball has caught on in Jerome.

"It's really growing here," commented Mike Pepper, who is the recreation district director in charge of assigning fields, mapping schedules and getting umpires.

The growth in the number of teams — especially among women — bears him out: Two years ago there were no women's teams, last year five, and now this year there were 10. In men's play, the number of teams has jumped from eight a few seasons back to probably 12 this year.

"Everyone is just realizing that softball is a sport that you don't have to have a lot of ability to play. It's not like you have to be a college letterman, it's more of a recreational sport," said Pepper.

Marci Maxwell, who helps coach and direct last year's regular season women's champ, Prescott and Craig Insurance, looks at softball as a "way of having fun and getting together."

"I just like being outdoors and having a good time," she said.

Maxwell said the competitiveness is growing with each season because more women are getting involved and teams are getting better.

"Last year, since it was the first year of play, nobody knew

much about what was going on. It's going to be tougher this year," she said.

Prescott and Craig, though it won the league championship, lost out to Apricot Tree in the tournament finals.

Pepper thinks the enthusiasm level for women also is evident.

About 12 men's teams and 10 women's teams are expected to compete this year, with the men playing an expanded 18 game schedule and the women 12. The season won't get underway until May 2 for men and May 3 for women.

"We'll be accepting rosters until Friday," Pepper said, "and then be putting the 1978 schedule together.

Additions to a roster will be accepted through May 10, he noted.

"Anybody can still sign up either as a team or as an individual," he stressed.

The schedule tentatively means there will be four men's games on Mondays and Wednesdays, and two on Thursdays. The women will play four on Tuesdays and two on Thursdays. Games will be played at the two high school fields.

"Defending men's champion Moore Business Forms has indicated it will be back with most of its team intact. It's pretty much the same team which has played the last five years and been at the top each year.

"Our strength is our defense," commented one of the team's coaches, Dennis Hills. "We put in a lot of practice (15 a week) and take it pretty serious."

Moore's went through last year undefeated in both the regular season and tournament play.

Moore's also goes out of town for an occasional tournament, finishing in the top eight of the 40-team district tourney last year at Twin Falls.

His assessment of repeating as city champs this year: "I've heard a couple of teams have added some tough players so it could be a lot tougher," he said.

Head coach for the team is Bruce Thibodeau.

One renovation which will help the competition is some changes made at the fields.

"We've removed the grass from the infields," said Pepper. "This should make it a lot smoother and more playable. The grass infield just didn't hold up under the pressure."

The recreation district has an agreement with the school district for play at the two fields.

1978 Standings	
Team	Wins
Prescott & Craig	2-0
Benedict	1-1
Land Title & Escrow	1-0
United Tree	0-1
G&L Electric	0-2
Men's League	
Moore's Business Forms	6-3
Apricot Tree	5-4
Pig Newton	4-5
North Star	3-6
Wood Cafe	2-7
North Star	2-7
Jerome Auto Body	2-7
Port Sports Center	1-8
Harmon	1-8
Waco	1-8

California dominates softball poll

Play ball

Umpiring softball no easy chore

By GARY ELIASSEN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Who's America's number one softball team?

According to a pre-season poll just released by Dave Carroll Sports Co., Inc., that team is Campbell's Carpets of Concord, Calif., which wound up as the national champions in 1978 and a good bet to repeat again in 1979.

It's serious business for the defending titlists. Four new out-of-state recruits have been added from Texas, Pennsylvania, Ohio and California.

Nelson's Painting Service of Oklahoma City, the 1977 national champ and a fourth-place finisher last year, goes into 1979 ranked No. 2.

Three perennial powerhouse from the South hold down the next three spots. Two of them are North Carolina neighbors — located a couple of miles apart: Dave Carroll Sports of Sherrill's Ford, N.C. and Ken Sanders Ford of Ebenezer, Ala. are ranked third and fourth respectively, while Howard's Furniture of Denver, N.C. is listed fourth.

Carroll held a season edge over Howard's last year before Howard's wound up runner-up to Campbell's in the ASA (Amateur Softball Association) and defeated Carroll in the finals of the United States Slowpitch Softball Association. Sanders was runner-up in the ASA in 1977.

National Rankings	
Team	Rank
Campbell's Carpets (Concord, Calif.)	1st
Nelson's Painting Service (Oklahoma City)	2nd
Dave Carroll Sports (Sherrill's Ford, N.C.)	3rd
Ken Sanders Ford (Ebenezer, Ala.)	4th
Howard's Furniture (Denver, N.C.)	5th
Capital Insurance (Nashville, Tenn.)	6th
Port City (Rock Hill, S.C.)	7th
CC's Truck (Rock Hill, S.C.)	8th
Harmon (Twin Falls, Idaho)	9th
Sanders' A Amusement (Twin Falls, Idaho)	10th

TWIN FALLS — As far as the 31 umpires in the Twin Falls Slowpitch Softball Officials Association are concerned, it's time to "play ball."

Beginning today and continuing through mid-August, these umpires will be busy making calls at men's and women's games at Harmon Park.

"We're anxious to get started," said Paul Ostyn, umpire commissioner for the Twin Falls and Buhl associations.

"These 31 umpires," he explained, "come from a wide variety of backgrounds and many of them are former softball players themselves.

"My biggest reason for umpiring," said Ostyn, "is to stay active in the game."

The pay is not exceptionally good. If a game, which allows the umpire to make about \$21 by umpiring three games in one evening. But Ostyn said the pay is a small part of what can be gained out of it.

Ostyn should know. He's been doing it now for about 31 years, and he has become known as one of the most influential umpires around the state.

The local umpires are chosen by a complex, long process of certification meetings. Someone they are to be an umpire must first apply to Ostyn, and then go through a series of certification meetings. In addition, there is a written examination, a probationary period on the field, actual umpiring, and attending at clinics after certification.

"So far in Twin Falls we've been

able to take anybody who wanted to officiate, but I think we are reaching the saturation point," he said. "We're going to have a cutoff date."

This year, the association added three more umpires, but Ostyn said this is close to the maximum the association needs each season.

"There's a lot of interest in being an umpire," he said. "Some of those who don't have a lot of skills in the game can stay in it."

One major rule change has been instituted this year: a starter may be taken out of the game and then put back in once during the remainder of the contest.

"This so-called 're-entry' rule, according to Ostyn, will give more players an opportunity to play.

"Let's say a team has a seven or eight run spread, and wants to play

some of the less qualified players, then it could send them in and then put a starter back in later if it got in trouble," he said.

"Two other rules will officially go into effect on a national level, although they have been the rule at Twin Falls for some time.

One would make it illegal to take a tag on a runner rounding or heading toward a base.

"The idea here is very clear. It's to cut down on unnecessary slides which might result in injuries," Ostyn said.

The other rule outlaws trying to run down a defensive man who obviously has the ball and can make an easy tag. Sliding in this case would be encouraged.

Another rule change calls for an umpire's strike in which an appeal can be made on a play. The ball would be returned to that circle and the team could file a protest.

Will get even better

Harmon Park fields in top shape

TWIN FALLS — An important, but often overlooked, aspect of preparation for the softball season is preparation of the city fields, and Chad Browning of the city recreation department said the diamonds are in top shape for the start of league play today.

Four fields will be used by teams this summer, three at Harmon Park and one at South Park. When the season concludes in late July, they will be ready to be used again, he said.

"With all those games, one would think the fields would be pretty torn up at the end of the season but they usually aren't in that bad of shape," said Browning. "The outfield grass gets a little

worn, but other than that they are OK."

The secret to keeping the fields nice year-round is proper maintenance throughout the season. The city hires two persons during the summer to care for the fields.

Jeff Yeggy will be in charge of the diamonds this summer, and it will be his job to prepare the fields before and after each game. Three games are played each night beginning at 6:30.

And once Hole Baseball starts, Yeggy will be spending two hours in the morning doing the same thing.

Browning said that half-way through the season the infields on all the diamonds will be retolled

in an effort to keep them soft.

"The diamonds get worn out, especially around the bases, the infield gets worn out — get the hardpan back under the ground."

Browning and his crews have already done plenty of retolting to get the fields ready for the regular season. He and Terry Miller of the recreation department — look-alike tractor and grader and leveled out the infields the best they could.

The bases, home plate and the pitcher's mound were all staked, and a diamond pro machine was used to further level out the field. When that was done, Browning said the infields were then "spiked up" to insure that enough top soil was left behind.

When the fields had set a couple of weeks, the plate and pitcher's mound were inserted and the fields were ready to go.

"The outfield grass is not in bad shape, but it still is a little brown," Browning said. "We haven't started watering it yet, so it is probably a little rough this early in the season."

But when the weather warms up the grass will be watered regularly and the fields should be in perfect condition, Browning said.

"We have the best facilities in the state," he said. "The only thing we are lacking here is adequate seating space to make any money by hosting big tournaments."

Softball becomes serious business

By RANDY FREY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who says people in Twin Falls don't take their softball seriously has not seen a Twin Falls softball team in action.

The 1979 season officially gets underway tonight at Harmon Park, but teams have been out practicing since the snow melted away and every night is a fight to locate a practice facility.

Some teams just go for the simple infield-outfield drills and a little batting practice, others engage in intra- and inter-team games and still others organize practice games with other city teams. But only one team has a pitching machine, and coach Tom Ash says his Cain's Furniture-Northwest Plywood A League team will demonstrate how much the machine has improved its hitting when it takes the field tonight.

Ash paid \$300 for the machine, and he sets it up at each of his team's practice sessions. Cain's has been averaging about three to four practices a week.

"It's really a great machine," said Ash, who bought it in California. "Not only can you use it for batting practice, but also to throw fly balls to the outfield and grounders to the infield."

Besides the \$300 Ash paid out to get the machine, he had to spend a little extra money to buy the softballs. Most teams have about six balls to their name.

Ash and his Cain's team, which finished second to Corner Pocket Depot Grill-Turf Club last season, takes its softball seriously.

"Most of these guys work all night long so they can play softball during the day," said Ash.

"And we go to about seven out-of-town tournaments, so they work extra days during the week to make up for the days they will miss," he said.

At a practice session last week, Ash's players were popping balls out of Harmon Park like there was nothing to it.

"We have some guys who can

hit," said Ash, who wrapped up the practice by taking a few swings himself.

"In a lot of games it will simply come down to which team can hit the most home runs," he said, watching Rocky Reese hit one after another over the 260-foot fence.

But to win consistently, a team will need more than just a good offense. Ash has recruited several good fielders and his team works hard on defense.

Just to show that practice wasn't all fun and games, outfielder John Bryant went up for a fly ball and came down with a broken leg. Teams in the B League like the game just as seriously, although they do a little less traveling.

Coach Carl Puetzler of Twin Falls Bank and Trust saw his team tie for the championship last year only to let several of his players go.

"I got a little upset at a couple of the players when they did some drinking before a tournament game," Puetzler said. "It's my feeling that if you are going to travel 120 miles to play in a tournament you had better come ready to play softball."

So Puetzler went out and recruited several new ballplayers, and now he is faced with the task of building a new team.

"I think we have some good young kids out here," he said while looking over his team during a workout Thursday.

"The type of players we have in the B League are a little less serious about the game although they want to win just as bad as anyone else," he said.

By less serious he meant they are not as interested in traveling to too many out-of-town tournaments. His team will spend four weekends traveling to tournaments.

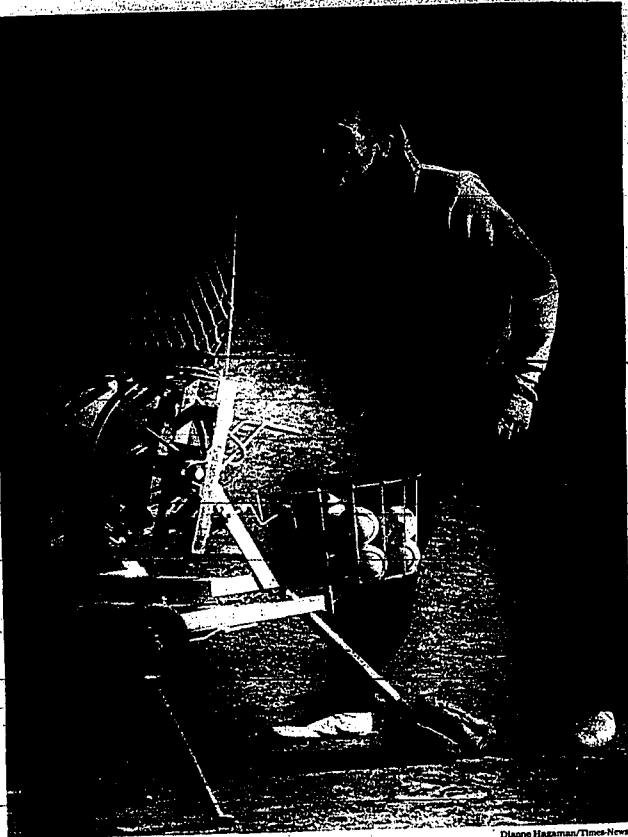
Things are still pretty serious, though. Twin Falls Bank and Trust will not play its first game until Wednesday but they plan to practice tonight. Another game will be played Thursday, making three nights of softball in four days.

to draw some 40 teams.

Tom Ash, coach of the men's class "A" Cains Furniture-Northwest Plywood team, said every time his team traveled to a tournament last year they left with \$500 and \$1,000 in the city they visited.

The same holds true for teams which come to Twin Falls, so you can't call local businessmen will be all smiles come the Memorial Day weekend.

"I can speak from experience," said Ash. "Softball players don't stay in cheap hotels. When they go to the best hotels and eat in the best restaurants. They are there to



Diane Hagaman/Times-News

Pitching machine shows how seriously Tom Ash takes softball.



Randy Frey

Tournaments big boost to city's economy

TWIN FALLS — Softball in the Magic Valley is good for the economy in more ways than one.

Despite helping to boost the sporting goods stores in the black softball does wonders for the hotel, restaurant and pub businesses as well.

The city of Twin Falls will host six tournaments this year, during these weeks the city will reap the benefits of the hundreds of persons who will frequent its establishments.

The first tournament is slated for the Memorial Day weekend. Sixteen teams will be on hand for that tournament, with the District Tournament in late July expected

have a good time."

He said they also drink plenty of beer following each game, making the bar and pizza parlor owners happy.

Simple arithmetic will show that if a team leaves \$1,000 behind when it travels to a tournament, 40 teams will leave \$40,000 behind. Not a bad sum for one weekend.

If a team plays its game during the day, the players might even take in a movie that night or head to the disco. There are endless ways that softball can boost the local economy.

But one could argue that if it hurt the economy as much as it helps it. After all, when the Twin

Falls working force is out playing softball it is not working.

Ash, however, said that the work still gets done.

"If anything, these guys work harder than ever during the softball season," he said.

He said many softball players work all through the night just so they can get an afternoon or early evening off to play a game.

If they play in a three-day tournament out of town, they normally work a week or two without a day off to make up for their time away from work.

Mike Anderson, a Twin Falls Treman and part-time employee at Sherwood's Sporting Goods, said

he works as many hours as he can during the off season so he can ask for time off during softball season.

"My wife never sees me during the winter," he said. "I work a lot of extra hours in the winter when guys want time off so when I want some time off in the summer they can pay me back then," he said.

It all works out, and no one suffers, he said.

Softball in Twin Falls is big, in fact, Chad Browning of the city recreation department said it is bigger than ever this year.

It is fun, but more importantly it is healthy. Not only healthy for those out there throwing and hitting the softball, but healthy for the local economy as well.



Bob DeLashmuth/Times-News

Twin Falls sporting goods stores still have a good supply of stock on hand despite brisk sales

Sporting goods stores reap softball benefits

By RANDY FREY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—The start of the softball season is one of the more exciting times of the year for many local athletes, but it means a lot to another group of Twin Falls residents — the sporting goods store owners.

Three of the main outlets in town are Newton's Sports Center on Blue Lakes Boulevard, Donnelley's Sports on Main Avenue and Sherwood's Sports Center on Filer Avenue.

And all three stores report, as usual, booming business the last several weeks before the start of the softball season.

"It has been great," said Bob Newton of Newton's Sports Center. "We have had a lot of teams coming in and picking up their uniforms and a lot of players

buying bats and balls."

Mike Anderson, an employee at Sherwood's Sports Center, said he has had several persons comparing prices. For the last few weeks, he said there has been a steady flow through the store.

All three sporting goods stores offer a complete line of softball equipment from uniforms to bats and balls to sanitary socks and cleats.

"I really like the sporting goods business," said Bob Donnelley of Donnelley's Sports. "People who come in the store are always friendly because they are getting ready to go out and recreate. This is really a positive business to be in."

Donnelley said he is selling all kinds of equipment right now, but bats and balls are probably the biggest movers.

"Every team tends to buy a couple of new bats every year, and there is always the need for softballs," he said. "If someone buys a glove, he usually expects to keep that for several years."

Anderson agreed that a glove is not something that is replaced from year to year, he said but sanitary socks and other items wear out a lot faster.

"Sanitary socks and softballs last only so long and then they have to be replaced," he said. "Cleats wear out too, and we sell alot of metal and polyurethane shoes."

All three stores report the sale of aluminum bats still going strong. In fact, Newton said he sells only 2 percent wooden bats.

Donnelly said he sells quite a few wooden bats, although aluminum bats are still more popular.

"They are starting to make better wood bats now," he said. "Aluminum bats have had the advantage of being made to specific lengths as well as weight, but now you can buy a wood bat the same way," he said.

And then there are a few oldtimers who started playing before aluminum bats were invented and who refuse to use the metal sticks. They continue to buy wooden bats every year.

"But aluminum is more durable and it has all but taken over," said Newton. "They don't break, and although they are a little more expensive, in the long run they are cheaper because they last a lot longer."

Newton said the Worth Bomb Bat is the most popular among Twin Falls softball players, although Sherwood's sells an equal number of HBX2 bats.

As for softballs, Worth has come out with a new polyurethane-core ball to replace the old woven-core model. The result, said Newton, is a more durable ball that stays hard a lot longer.

The harder the ball the farther it goes, and since everybody likes to

hit the ball a long way it has become a popular item.

Balls are also an item which often need to be replaced from time to time during the season, keeping the stores busy all summer long.

"We get a steady flow throughout the season," Anderson said. "People think their cleats will last one more year but then they wear out half-way through the season so they come in and buy a new pair."

And although business is good for the three main softball

suppliers in town, it could even be better if there were more teams.

"Really, we are restricted a little bit because of a lack of facilities here," said Newton. "If we had more diamonds we would have even more teams and even more business."

The smiling sporting goods store owners should be smiling even more broadly next year when the opening of Frontier Park will mean even more teams in the city of Twin Falls.

Church league needs additional umpires

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In the new C League, Seaman said the competition should be very close with Community Christian Church and First United Methodist Church's second team, possibly having the pre-season edge.

Other teams in the C League are Filer Nazarene Church, Grace Baptist Church's second team, Kimberly Nazarene Church and Our Savior Lutheran Lutheran Church.

Church league games will be played at South Park on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and

Saturdays. Three games will be played each night.

It will be a tripe round-robin schedule, with a double-elimination tournament ending the season.

Seaman said everything is going fine in preparation for the opening of league play, although umpires are still needed. He said the church league has its own umpiring staff with restrictions that are not as strict as those in city league play.

Anyone interested in umpiring church softball can contact Seaman at the Grace Baptist Church.

On the cover

Tony Mammen of Filer will be jobbing the ball for Wholesale Carpets-Rugs as softball action begins in Twin Falls tonight. Thirty men's teams and 29 women's teams will begin invading Harmon and South Parks five nights a week. Photograph by Bob DeLashmuth.



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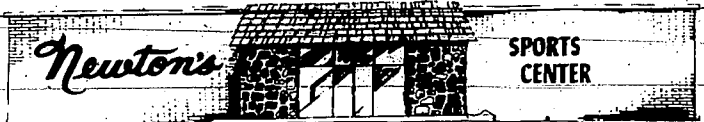
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