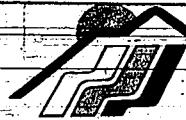


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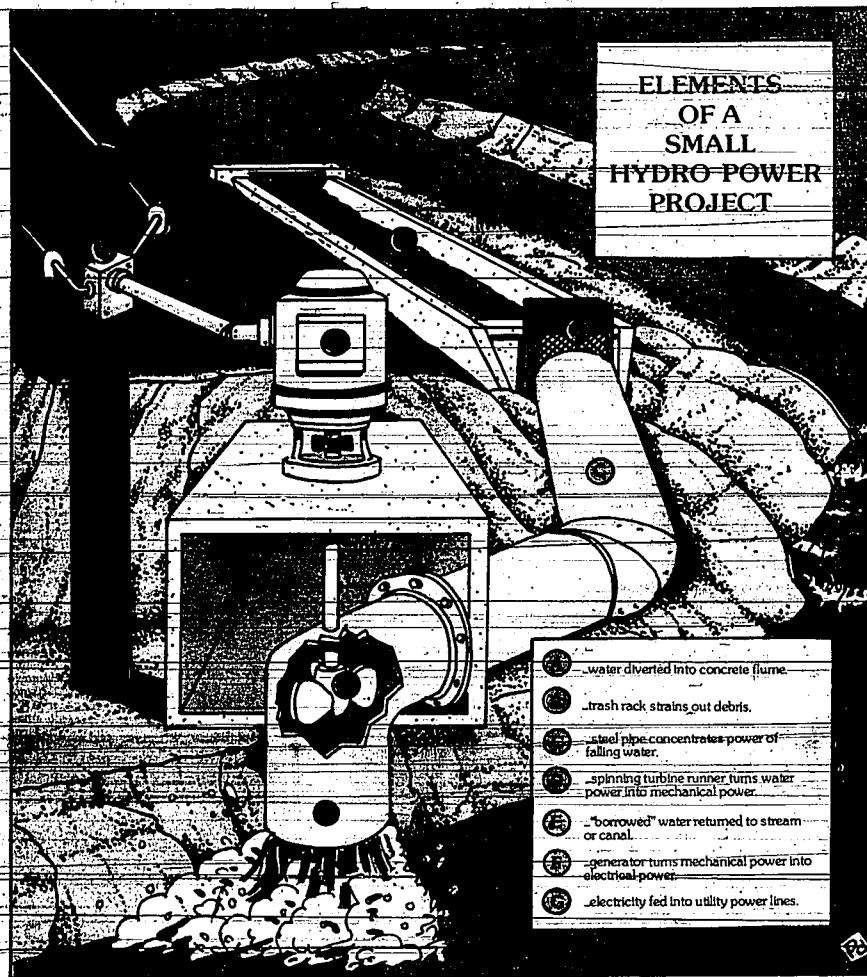


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Tough lessons at Shoshone

By DAVID MOFFAT
Times News writer

TWIN FALLS — Anyone who thinks small hydro generation is a spin-off can move money should talk to the people in a plant west of Shoshone.

"We knew we didn't know everything about the business," says Twin Falls real-estate agent Bruce Mecham, a partner in the Cogeneration Inc. plant. "That's why the first project was a small one."

Cogeneration is a partnership founded by five J-11-B engineers from Twin Falls and Boise, and three business associates from the Twin Falls area.

The Shoshone plant was its first venture.

It was built on a site where water once powered the city before the coming of Idaho Power Co. lines. But in recent times, the sagebrush site had reverted to the cow, gopher and jackrabbit that live on this tract of land between Union Pacific tracks and the banks of the Little Wood River.

It was June 1982 when the Shoshone plant became the second of the new breed of hydro facilities to come on line in the Magic Valley.

"After a year of operation, the partners admit the plant had its share of problems. And although mistakes have been learned, they now talk with greater soberly about the industry."

hydro power

Editor's note: This is the second of a seven-part series on Idaho's rapidly expanding small-hydro industry, which is centered in the Magic Valley.

Once, the business of turning falling water into electricity was reserved for the big boys.

The federal government mastered the Columbia River with the Grand Coulee project, and plowed the Colorado River with Hoover Dam; Idaho Power harnessed the Snake River at its passage through Hell's Canyon.

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Then in 1978, a new federal energy policy opened hydro-power to the amateur producer. It seemed like a broad breakthrough for the keen and the enterprising.

Cogeneration had plans to be up and running before other developers got to the starting line.

It still plans to be in the business long after others have dropped by the wayside. But the Shoshone experience has shown that the boulevard is not without potholes.

Numbers help tell the story. The project's original budget was \$500,000, Mecham says. It now has cost about \$650,000.

Worse, the plant is producing only enough revenue to make the payments on its 15-year loan from Idaho First National Bank, he says.

And repairs and redesign have meant the idling of the plant's three turbines for two to three months.

That "down time" cost Cogeneration its original contract with Idaho Power, Mecham says.

The Shoshone plant was designed to produce about 315 kilowatts, enough power for about 150 households. The original contract to sell this electricity to Idaho Power offered the "safety" of regular monthly payments based on that capacity.

Now, Cogeneration is paid only for the power it

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Simple principle brings forth power

By DAVID MOFFAT
Times News writer

TWIN FALLS — The principle behind most hydro power plants is simple: funnel as much falling water into as confined a space as possible.

The power of falling water, once contained and concentrated, can be made to do big things.

The hydro turbine is the first step; it turns water into mechanical power.

Hydro turbines come in a variety of forms. But when pump equipment is installed in reverse, as it is at Cogeneration Inc.'s Shoshone plant, it does its work by means of a "runner" which is placed in the most constricted passage through which the water flows.

The runner has the same general appearance as a boat's propeller. Unlike the propeller, however, it turns as the water is forced through it; the reverse of the process that moves a boat forward.

The mechanical power of the turning runner then is transferred out of the turbine by a rotating shaft. To produce electricity, the shaft must be connected to a generator, the other essential mechanical component.

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revolving trash rack, at the end of the flume to strain out debris. On the other side of the grate, it enters a steel tube or "penstock" in which it is stacked up, and then run through the generating equipment.

Two key factors determine the amount of power generated.

One is the height to which the water is stacked. This is the project's "head."

The other is the amount of water available. This is "flow."

Small-scale hydro can be either high-head or low-head, high-flow or low-flow, depending on the site. But different turbine equipment must be used in different circumstances.

High-head turbines rely primarily on the velocity of a small volume of water. Low-head turbines rely on the pressure of a large volume of water.

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U.S. policy may spark fresh fires

By NORMAN D. SANDLER
United Press International

LA PAZ, Mexico — Mexican President Miguel de la Madrid emphasized his differences with President Reagan over U.S. policy in Central America Sunday with a warning that the U.S. show-of-force could "touch off a confrontation" in the region.

The two presidents staked out their divergent views on turmoil in Central America during a round of meetings intended to focus on the bilateral issues of trade, economics and immigration.

Reagan embraced the principle of self-determination, and insisted the United States is involved in Central America to help its allies achieve that goal.

"People should be able to determine their own solutions and that why we've responded to calls for help from certain of our Latin American neighbors," Reagan said. "We will consider it a beautiful day in the history of that region when all the foreign elements, including our own, may be safely withdrawn."

Secretary of State George Shultz said later that, "The problem in Central America is not a show-of-force; it is the use of force" by guerrillas armed or controlled by Nicaragua, Cuba and the Soviet Union.

De la Madrid is a member of the Contadora Group — Latin American leaders who have joined together to

find a framework for a negotiated peace in Central America.

Like other Contadora leaders, de la Madrid has endorsed the premise that foreign intervention of any kind is a threat to regional stability and that the problems that now exist in Central America are best overcome by attacking economic deprivation and social injustice.

Their policy differences, focusing largely on the presence of U.S. military advisers in El Salvador, CIA-backed operations against the government of Nicaragua and massive military exercises, dashed hopes of keeping the dispute over Central America in the background of the La Paz meeting.

The two leaders brought their meetings to a cordial conclusion with an exchange of toasts and talk of cooperation.

In a joint communiqué, they reviewed the issues discussed during the day, ranging from Central America and Mexico's economic problems, to drug smuggling, illegal immigration, and cooperative programs along scientific, technical and cultural lines.

Just as they agreed to disagree on Central America, the two presidents indicated breakthroughs are yet to come on such more points as trade, with Mexico pushing for greater access to U.S. markets.

Both presidents said in separate statements that U.S.-Mexican relations have improved despite persistent friction over trade and economic policy.

Nicaragua hints at Cuban pullout

By United Press International

Nicaragua is prepared to withdraw Cuban military advisers and half the import of Soviet arms, diplomats said Sunday.

In another development, Salvadorean rebels said they are in talks with San Salvador in response to U.S. naval operations off Central American coasts.

In a third, Nicaragua's Foreign Minister said the Sandinistas would demand total withdrawal of U.S. troops in Honduras for military maneuvers and an end to arms supplies to that country.

According to diplomatic sources, the Cubans and Soviets have made it clear they will not risk confrontation with the Reagan administration in Central America.

With the Reagan administration in Central America, and the Nicaraguans are softening on certain key issues.

In Managua, the Interior Ministry announced the indefinite closure of La Prensa, Nicaragua's only independent newspaper. It stated La Prensa was being closed down because it "defied a decision by the president's board of directors and widow of the former director of the newspaper, publishing unauthorized material."

Despite government censorship, La Prensa published an article on its front page Saturday charging "cowards" closed down the house of Dona Violeta Barrios, president of the newspaper's board of directors and widow of the former director of the newspaper, Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, who was murdered Jan. 10, 1978.

In El Salvador, leftist guerrillas said their attacks on the capital and recent attempts to destroy a power station north of the capital are in response to U.S. naval operations off Central America.

More French marines on way to Chad war

France rushed more marines to Chad Sunday and ordered troops already there to establish a defense line to protect the capital from a drive by Chadian rebels and Libyan troops.

"A line has been drawn across the sand and Libya is being dared to step over it," a Western military analyst said of the widening French involvement on the side of embattled President Hissene Habre.

Habre has told his people Libya troops occupy all of northern Chad.

A French military spokesman in Ndjamena said a paratroop assault in the capital was ordered to fly today to the western village of Sallal, 250 miles to the northeast.

Some 2,000 Chadian soldiers loyal to President Hissene Habre have regrouped in Sallal after being driven from the northern oasis town of Faya-Largeau — by what the government called a force of 3,000 rebels and 2,000 Libyan soldiers.

The rebels launched their offensive seven weeks ago to overthrow Habre and restore ousted President Goukouni Weddeye to power.

Before moving to Sallal, the 5,000-strong garnison took up positions in the town of Kouritoto, but was driven south once again by intense Libyan aerial bombing, according to Information Minister Soumnia Malamat.

Chadian rebels are now in full control of Kouritoto, about 120 miles northeast of Sallal. Western diplomatic sources and aides to Libyan Leader Muammar Khaddafi said in Tripoli.

Besides ordering troops to Sallal, French commanders Saturday sent troops from Ndjamena to the eastern city of Abeche with helicopters, armored cars, antitank missiles, recoilless rifles, antiaircraft guns, machine guns and mortars.

Others members of the French contingent remained around the capital.

Some go high-tech route, others try 'hayseed' approach

By DAVID MOFFAT
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Cogeneration Inc. took the relatively high-tech, automated route in building its first small hydro plant.

The Cogeneration partners reasoned that they were going to be in the hydro business a while. Therefore, they should build the best project from the outset.

But for the owner-operator, there is another approach.

Jack Witherspoon, a Cogeneration partner and a retired Twin Falls pump-supply dealer, calls it the "hayseed" approach.

"It's one thing to design a sophisticated machine; it's another to put it to use in the field," he says.

His sentiment about hydro projects finds right in line with his suspicion that farmers may be the world's best mechanics. They routinely fix equipment without benefit of fancy tools and precision-milled replacement parts, he says.

Witherspoon should know. He has been in



small hydro projects since 1968, when he installed his first turbine to power a jukebox, among other things, at Clarendon Hot Springs near Ketchum.

More recently, Witherspoon claims to have pioneered the use of pumps that run in reverse as hydro turbines.

In short, it was known for years that certain types of simple, unperfected pump equipment could be adapted to do the same work as an expensive turbine. But as far as Witherspoon knows, he was the first to actually try it.

Witherspoon has a rough, hands-on manner.

He chooses his words, but he does not beat around the bush.

Once, he says, he stunned a University of Idaho engineering seminar by stating bluntly that the entire Middle Fork of the Salmon River should be developed for hydro power.

The way he sees it, development of a resource that he suspects is larger than that harnessed by the federal dams on the Columbia River would benefit everybody, not just the few who can afford a wilderness rafting trip.

In looks, his son, Aaron, the owner of Idaho Pump Supply in Twin Falls, is every bit the same burly, grass-roots technician, even though he claims he does not see "eye-to-eye" with his father on many things — one of which is the Salmon River.

But he does agree that a small hydro project can be built at a minimum of costly engineering and fancy gadgetry. There should be little cost to the customer.

"By hook or crook, we get it done."

Father and son have designed several small plants in the area, including the first to come on

line in the Magic Valley, that built by Dan and Wayne Skeen on Mud Creek, north of Buhl.

All of their projects have not operated perfectly from the start. There have been equipment and site problems. But they are proud that they designed them within limited budgets.

They are most proud of the 210-kilowatt project they did for Doug Greg and W. Gene Hull, the owners of the Curry Bean Co. No cost overruns plagued this \$350,000 effort, Jack says. It is producing power at projected levels.

Civil engineering is the design of the plant, other than its actual machinery. It usually accounts for two-thirds of a project's costs, he says.

Good, simple engineering in the early stages can save developers considerable amounts, Jack says.

"The numbers have to be good; hayseed or engineer."

JACK WITHERSPOON
45 years of experience

Shoshone

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plant produces. And it has three years to repay Idaho Power \$34,000 for electricity the utility purchased but was not delivered because of the down time.

The turbine equipment caused most of the problems, Mecham says. The problems became apparent almost immediately, says Jack Witherspoon, a retired Twin Falls pump-supply dealer and another Cogeneration partner.

The machinery had to be shipped back to its manufacturer, Byron Jackson Co., a large Los Angeles-based pump company.

Small-scale hydro production has become feasible recently, in part

due to the use of standard pump technology, Witherspoon says. But he believes Byron Jackson tried to be overly innovative with the equipment, instead of sticking to proven technology.

The equipment suffered from a "cavitation" problem. A chemical action caused by agitated water molecules — it literally "eats up" turbine blades, Witherspoon says.

The blades had to be redesigned and replaced. In addition, a new lubrication system had to be devised, using grease instead of water.

But turbine problems were not the only pitfalls, says Marc Edson, a Boise pump expert hired this spring as Cogeneration's maintenance man.

ager.

Nobody expected that debris in the water and ice could prove so hazardous to the machinery, he says.

Dick Criswell, a foreman, was hired to design and install a mechanical trash and lockback to solve this problem.

The rack lifts debris out of the water.

In addition, the partners believe they underestimated the amount of water available. They could have built a larger plant, but they decided early on to adapt an existing structure, instead of starting fresh.

Shoshone has had its successes. One has been the electronic equipment designed to run the plant in the absence of human supervision, says Bill Block, a J-U-B engineer and another partner. Eventually, the equipment will be connected to a central Cogeneration computer.

Because the firm plans to be in the business a long time, "we are trying to get to the point where these plants are self-sufficient as possible," Block says.

But Witherspoon wonders if all of the cost was justified.

His opinion: illustrations of a difference in philosophy among the partners.

On the one hand, is the tendency of engineers "to build the biggest bridge," he says. On the other, is the attitude of "hayseeds" like himself, who just want to get the job done at the least possible cost.

Mecham says Cogeneration is satisfied with the operation now. But it has taken a year of negative cash

flow to get there. And the investors may have to continue to subsidize the plant until Idaho Power has been repaid its \$34,000.

Idaho Power officials point to these types of problems as indicators of the general nature of reliability of the small-scale industry.

Bill McMahon, a legal counsel for the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, says Idaho Power's projects have had start-up problems, too. For example, an Oregon coal plant that the utility helped build operated at only 30 percent capacity its first year.

Sure, small hydro has had its problems, McMahon says. "But the power industry in general has to be

debugged. It takes a while for any system to grow up."

Until Shoshone, which was designed as work progressed, Mecham says Cogeneration's second effort on Rock Creek, was designed fully from the start. A nationally known Seattle hydro engineer reviewed the plans, and it should offer fewer surprises, he says.

Although he still believes it to be a good investment, Block says small-scale hydro has not turned out to be "the gold-rush thing" as it originally was proclaimed.

And Witherspoon says his association with Cogeneration "has yet to lay a golden egg."

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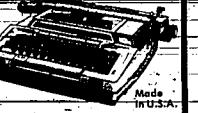
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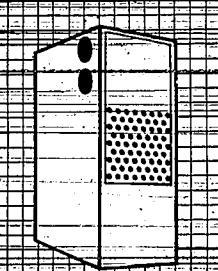
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Several unforeseen problems have hurt the Shoshone plant

Storms start fires, floods across West

By United Press International

Intense thunderstorms pounded the West, with rains piling a giant slab of granite rock on mountainides in California.

Since last summer storms roared across southern California and moved across Nevada and Utah into central Colorado. Thunderstorms remained along the Gulf of Mexico Coast.

A flash flood watch was issued Sunday night in Utah for Carbon, Juab, Millard, Salt Lake, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Utah and Wasatch counties and parts of western Emery and eastern Beaver.

A man seeking shelter from thunderstorms that drenched Florida was struck and killed by lightning.

An army of firefighters doused a brush fire that charred 275 acres in San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Two firefighters were injured while battling the blaze.

Thunderstorms also hit Oregon, where firefighters extinguished wind-fanned fires that charred more than 300 acres of juniper and sagebrush near Redmond.

It took about 325 firefighters just over 5½ hours Sunday to control the California blaze that was sparked Saturday in dry grass.

"With the winds being as erratic it sure could have been a whole lot worse," a fire dispatcher said.

In Yosemite National Park, Calif., a giant slab of granite roared down a mountainside, crashed into a roadway and blocked one of the park's entrances.

FARM FOR SALE

The Government is offering for sale a 104 acre farm, 55 acres crop land, 80 shares of Bigwood Canal Company, Good condition, located in Gooding, Idaho. The property may be purchased for cash or fifteen percent (15%) down and the balance in twenty (20) equal annual installments. All bids must be accompanied by earnest check, cashier's check, postal money order, or bank money order, payable to the Treasurer of the United States for at least five percent (5%) of the total bid. The property may be inspected at any time. Additional information and bid forms can be obtained from the Farmers Home Administration, 438 Idaho Street, Gooding, Idaho, 83330, telephone number 934-4458. The opening of sealed bids for the property will be public. Bids will be opened at 3:00 p.m. at the Farmers Home Administration Gooding Office on Friday, September 2, 1983. The Government reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The property will be sold without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, or marital status.



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Other opinions '84 figures hold key

Republicans and Democrats — but especially Republicans, and understandably so — reacted with almost unrestrained joy to the government's report that the country's unemployment rate dropped last month to 9.5 percent, from 10 percent in June.

Since President Reagan automatically is targeted when things go haywire in the economy, whether it's his fault or not, Reagan is fully entitled to claim credit for the country's better unemployment condition, whether he can make such a claim legitimately, or not. Credit he quickly did claim, too.

If there are still 10.6 million Americans actively seeking jobs, a record 10.3 million were employed in June. Their earnings, distributed between consumption and investment, should help maintain the pace of the nation's economic recovery.

For Ronald Reagan's second-term prospects, the more important figures on inflation, cost of living, unemployment and interest rate levels will be those of the summer and fall of 1984.

— Lincoln (Neb.) Journal

Women understand him

There he goes again. The president who tried so hard last week to be gallant and only succeeded in making women angry again has loosed his Justice Department upon Title IX. The department is of all things intervening on behalf of an obscure Pennsylvania college to argue that it's all right to discriminate against women on campus sometimes.

Until now Title IX, the sex discrimination clause of the Civil Rights Act, has been construed to mean that colleges receiving federal funds couldn't discriminate against women in any program or activity. Now comes Solicitor General Rex Lee to argue that the law only affects those programs that actually receive federal funds, not the entire range of college activities or programs.

Praise the ladies, but keep them in their place. Poor, chivalrous President Reagan, so puzzled at why women never seem to understand him. And all the while his problem is that they really do.

— Detroit Free Press

No quest for new ideas

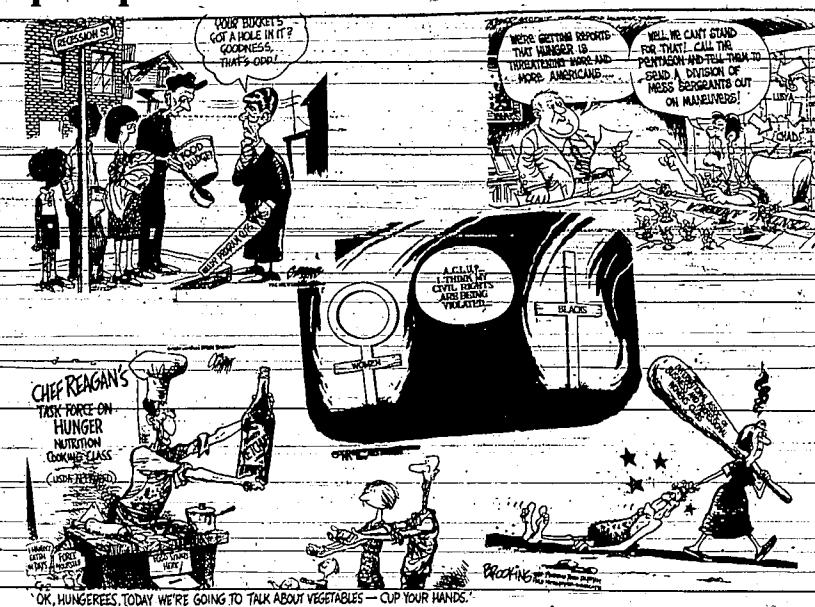
Congress should sponsor a contest. What is needed is a congressional competition with cash prizes for submitting ideas on new items to tax.

A few committees are already brainstorming among themselves, but more suggestions are desperately needed if the budget deficit is to be reduced. Congress might consider an old technique — the "suggestion box" — a large receptacle prominently placed outside the Senate and House doors, where everyone would pass entering and departing the hallowed halls.

So far there are few signs that an organized idea-hunt is planned around the theme, "Ideas for Reducing Federal Expenditures."

— The Indianapolis News

A pen-point view ...



... of White House woes

Horse sense about all that's missing

Everyone, it seems, is now out to reform our schools.

From blue-ribbon committees to the man or woman on the street, each person is devoting a plan to strengthen our educational effort.

A common thread seems to run through most of the recommendations — back to the basics. We should concentrate our efforts on furnishing the skills needed to compete in the adult world and put less emphasis on esoteric courses.

Therefore, we should see less offerings in educational systems such as pottery, fly-fishing and coed billiards — right? Wrong.

The College of Southern Idaho at Twin Falls has announced the offering of a new course in horse management, and that's no bad idea.

The two-year program culminates with the award of a degree in agriculture equine technology. When students finish with the program, they should know



Phil Batt

how to buy a sound horse, ride it, feed it and take care of it, according to the program director.

Hurrah.

A housewife or businesswoman interested in improving his or her riding skills could take the riding classes, according to the release. That's mighty important to the taxpayers who are funding the program for the school.

In case regular riding doesn't suit your fancy, English riding also will be offered. There is a hitch, however. Participants will be required to furnish their own horse.

"Hunters and ranchers who are interested in learning how to use their horses in the wilderness can take a packing class," the offering continues. That class also will teach you how to care for your horse in the woods, as well as sheeling and dress regulations. This type of basic education should be important to us all.

Horse management also will be taught. I could probably use that, as I've never been a very good rider. In fact, if I tried it again, I'd probably get thrown off and end up in stable condition, instead of being frisky as a colt.

The only thing I am missing is horse sense, concerning the role of public, tax-paid education. I don't know what this program is costing, but maybe we're getting taken for a ride.

Former Lt. Gov. Phil Batt writes a column from his ranch near Wilder.

He's at bay in his home-grown jungle

What happened was that a few years ago people started growing up houseplants instead of cut flowers.

The children gave their mother a palm tree for Mother's Day; they gave me a philodendron for Father's Day and three dieffenbachias for Christmas.

My wife put them in the living room. The relatives brought a snake plant a few months later, and a friend presented us with a fiddle leaf plant which my wife put in the library to help "cheer" it up.

She dutifully watered them and talked to them and they started to grow ... and grow ... and grow.

Then she decided the living room looked bare and bought some grape ivy which she wrapped around the fake bamboo and some adipras which she placed in the corner near the television set.

Someone sent us a Schefflera for an anniversary, and friends who have a farm in the Shenandoah trucked in two spider plants which were put in the dining room. A picture south wall presented us with three rubber plants, and another friend was given a potted elephant plant of all my own.

My daughter, who was going away to college, asked us if we would keep her weeping fig plants while she was away, and somewhere I can't remember who, sent us a box of screw pine.

The house looked green-and-lovely-for-a-short

while. But then a strange thing happened. The plants kept getting larger and larger. First they took over the living room. I noticed this when the man who came to fix the TV set got lost and was never heard from again. My wife wanted me to search for him, but I said to her, "Are you kidding?

That night I said to my wife, "We've got to move out of the dining room. It's not safe to eat there any more."

"They're only plants," she said.

"What about scorpions and snakes? You can't have that much foliage without scorpions."



Art
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That living room's a jungle.

One Saturday I bought a muckete and tried to chop a trail through the living room to my library. But after four hours I realized it was hopeless. The more I hacked away, the faster the houseplants grew. We closed off the living room.

We were sitting in the dining room one evening when I noticed I couldn't see anyone at the table.

"Was an eerie feeling as I shopped through the palm leaves: 'Is anybody there?'" I thought I heard a voice coming from the end of the table saying, "You Tarzan, me Jane." But it could have been the wind. I looked up and saw one of my children sitting in a branch of the palm tree. "What are you doing up there? Sit down and eat your dinner."

"Where can I sit?" he wanted to know.

"Up over there," I said.

"I can't fit my chair," he said.

"Do you think they'll ever send a rescue ship to find us?"

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We pursued our defiance down between the dining room and kitchen and started to eat all our meals in the kitchen. Occasionally a kangaroo vine or the grape ivy tried to speak in, but I kept an ax by my side and every once in a while I chopped off what it had crawled to our food.

My doctor warned me to stay out of the library unless I wanted to take a gamble on catching malaria or yellow fever.

Despite our efforts to keep the plants from getting into the kitchen, a yucca vine crushed the door down and in a matter of time the kitchen was a forest.

One evening I lost my wife for four hours, and only by luck stumbled over her next to the Waring blender. Worse, both the dog and the cat had become wild and we decided to free them to live like the life of their ancestors, before they had been domesticated by man.

Two weeks later we moved everyone up to the second floor of the house but the plants followed. At first we kept them at bay by starting small forest fires and retreating to the bathroom, but the vines began to climb the walls.

I am now writing this from our attic on the third floor. If anyone needs this please send help! We have enough food to last us one more week. Tell the helicopter pilot we have a gray mansard roof. That's the only thing that keeps us from the rats.

Editor's note: Art Buchwald is taking a three-week course in Remedial Dirty Campaign Tricks to prepare himself for the 1984 presidential election. He left behind some of his readers' favorite columns.

There is no experience like taking a 9-year-old fishing

Listen to this, because it comes from a guy who knows.

It comes from a guy whose gut is wrenching and whose nerves are shot. It comes from a guy whose pride has been reduced to a whispering shambles of its former self.

It comes from a guy who takes a 9-year-old boy fishing.

At first I bought the line. You've all heard the rumors about the great personal rewards of father-and-son togetherness. Bring them up in the way they should go. Teach them the joys of the great outdoors and all that sort of thing.

Further, I perceived a certain equity in allowing my progeny to tag along through field and stream. After all, he has foregone shoes, lunch money and other luxuries for years so that his father might acquire a fuller complement of fishing equipment. It's only fair that the kid get to see the stuff once in a while.

And so the naive logic drove its dastardly point home. The line was cast. Father was lo-

one carries a \$2.99 Zecko rod and reel purchased at a garage sale and a styrofoam cup full of aluminum cans that were citizens before World War II.

The old one rigs up with painstaking attention to blood knots, improved clinch knots and what-not. A prayer is offered to St. Schwellenbach, patron saint of the matched hatchet.

Child proceeds to assemble a tangle of monofilament somewhat more complicated than the Gordian knot. In the process, he includes himself and one of his dogs in the wrappings in a manner that would have confounded Hoodini.

Child decides to solve all apparent problems by disassembling his reel and submerging same in creek.

Father makes a mental note to research Idaho's child-abuse laws with a close eye toward any glaring loopholes.

After a confused interval, knife is applied to the entire mess and the process begins anew.

(We must skip a few moments here. They

are filled with language not suitable for a family newspaper.)

Now father can be understanding above the deepest hole in the river. He is holding both dogs attempting to attach boulders to their collars.

Meanwhile child is reeling in a trout that dwarfs the one dad was after a few moments ago. Upon landing same, he offers the following: "Too bad you're not having any luck, Dad. Wanna try some of my worms?"

Father makes a mental note to investigate methods of retroactive birth control.

Somewhere in this world there are happy people. Somewhere there are men whose lives are tranquil and full. Somewhere there are men who are in tune with the music of the spheres.

Somewhere there are men who have never taken a 9-year-old fishing.

Dick Manning is news editor of The Times-News.

Buhl gains grant

By KAREN MAIN
Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Although it struck out the first time around, the Buhl Recreation Association will receive a \$29,000 federal grant to develop two baseball fields and a logging path in the community.

Last week, Pat Hamilton Jr., who organized the project for the recreation association, received word from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation that the grant has been approved.

"The recreation association, through the city, originally applied for the federal grant in March. But when the first grants were announced, Buhl finished 11th; 10 grants were awarded."

Since the grant must be matched locally, Hamilton says he will contact civic organizations and businesses to contribute 50 percent of the cost through "in-kind" donations of labor and equipment.

"We promoted it as a community project," Hamilton says. "I hope a lot of labor can be donated and equipment can be bought at cost."

"Buhl needs more playing fields because baseball and softball are quite popular for a town our size," says Bays.

"A jogging path would be added to the project because the community had to show a multi-purpose use for the land," Hamilton says.

"Since people really don't have any place to go out to jog or run," and since the high school does not have a track, Hamilton says the jogging path was chosen to serve people of all ages.

The second stage of the project is to be completed in two years.

The first stage will cost approximately \$60,000, which will be funded by the grant and the matching community efforts.

The two baseball diamonds will be constructed on 5.5 acres of school-district property northeast of the high school, off Shoshone Boulevard.

A 6,400-foot gravel jogging path will

be built in the area.



Rescue personnel prepare to send a plane crash victim to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The Piper Colt, at right, was demolished.

Blackfoot pilot dies in plane crash

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

JACKPOT — One Blackfoot man was killed and another critically injured late Sunday afternoon when their light plane attempted an emergency landing on U.S. 93, north of Jackpot, and fell into a roadside field.

Ken Power, 29, the pilot, was pronounced dead in the wreckage at the scene. His passenger was thrown from the plane and was rushed to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was reported in critical condition late

Sunday night.

The name of the second man, also from Blackfoot, was not released by authorities pending notification of relatives.

The plane was flying low over U.S. 93 at about 4:55 p.m., said Brad Irish of Twin Falls, who

saw it coming from the other way and he pulled up real fast, steep to avoid it," Irish said.

The plane then disappeared over a hill in front of Irish.

Eyewitness Dean Johnston was over the hill when the plane got to that spot. "He said the plane leaned over on its wing and did a nosedive into the ground."

"He couldn't pull it up," Johnston said. "The one guy on the right-hand side flipped out."

When passers-by stopped to help, the injured man was lying on the ground outside the plane, and the pilot was still in the wreck.

The aircraft, a "Piper Colt," crashed about eight-and-a-half miles north of Jackpot, about 50 yards south of U.S. 93. A passing trucker

apparently called in the crash to authorities on a citizens-band radio.

Johnston, who also is from Blackfoot, drove back to Jackpot to summon help. He said he had talked to the victim shortly before they left Jackpot.

He also said he had heard reports attributed to an airport mechanic that the plane had experienced engine trouble when taking off.

Twin Falls' sheriff's deputies still were investigating at the scene late Sunday night. Authorities do not yet know the cause of the crash.

MD events coming up

TWIN FALLS — Several Twin Falls civic groups and businesses are teaming up to make the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association fund-raising campaign a success.

A casino night and dance, a "walk-a-long" and a "super-skate" will be held this month to raise funds for the non-profit organization.

The casino night will be held this Saturday, Aug. 20, starting at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls Elks Lodge, at 205 Shoshone St. N. Admission will be \$2.50 per person or \$4 a couple.

The event will be a night of fun, gambling and dancing. It is being sponsored by the 7-11 stores and the Elks.

For more information call Nick Fisher at 733-7003 or Naomi Moseley at 733-6613.

The walk-a-long will be held Saturday, Aug. 27, at 9 a.m. Participants will take pledges for a 10-mile walk, which will start and end at the Circle-K store at 515 N. Washington St.

Sponsor forms can be found at Circle-K store.

The super skate and barbecue also will be held on Saturday, Aug. 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Skateland.

Skate and Boy Scout Troop 63 are teaming up to run the event.

Sponsor forms are available at Skateland.

Burley tot dies while playing

BURLEY — A 24-month-old boy was electrocuted Sunday while playing with a hose near an extension cord at his home, according to Cassia County Coroner C.B. Young.

Joe Hernandez, the son of Francisco and Brenda Hernandez of 1035 Occidental Ave. in Burley, was killed about 2 p.m., Young said.

Poole said the electrical cord was plugged in the house and stretched outside to power a trouble light.

The light was off the ground safely, but an open, two- or three-way plug was lying on the ground, the coroner said.

"The boy had been playing with the hose in the water, and from the best we can figure out, the water got deep

enough that it filled up the receptacle on the end of the cord," Young said. The plug probably charged a large puddle of water on the ground, he said.

The boy was found face down in the water by his mother when she checked on him, said Officer Lonnie Richardson of the Burley Police Department.

Attempts to revive him by his mother, neighbors, paramedics and doctors at Cassia County Memorial Hospital failed, Richardson said.

Young said the boy had severe burns on the chest and arms, but not on his feet.

The coroner has ruled the death accidental. There will be no autopsy or inquest, he said late Sunday.

Cars on display in Jerome set show visitors a-drooling

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

JEROME — Most were a bit aged. But they weren't showing their dues around the wheel wells or at the door seams or on the chrome grills. Their owners had buffed, polished and shined away most flaws before driving their cars onto the grass showroom at the annual Jerome Car Show in the city's park.

Some cars obliged with signs revealing their ages while some spectators were able to pinpoint the year by looking at the profile. The rest of us, well, we picked out the most stylish or prettiest or even the most muscle-bound entry to "drool" over.

This past weekend was the 15th year that the Horseless Carriage Club of Magic Valley has assembled the autos and a few trucks to show the public.

It's not the largest show in the state, but it's growing. About 70 vehicles

entered this year, said club secretary-treasurer Mary Dodson of Hailey.

The show brought out not only the general public, but also the dedicated collectors who are working on projects or who wanted to talk cars with their peers. They could say, "I'm at a chat-off an old auto-parts market that took up half of the grounds."

But two close-to-perfect summer days brought out more spectators than swappers, it seemed.

They found that walking the aisles was a jaunt backward into automotive history ... past the 1981 custom Toyota pickup with sheepskin seats ... past a 1969 Shelby Mustang, one of the classic street muscle cars ... past a lime green 1959 Edsel, the car that went the way of the dinosaur ... and past the spacious 1941 black Chevrolet business coupe.

"They'll be past the medium-blue 1930 Model-A Ford ... even past the venerable Model-T Fords of 1925 and 1927 ... and past the 1918 Dodge

Brothers touring car ... to a true horseless carriage, Russ and Opal Howell's 1906 Maxwell Bristoe.

"We just got it running a couple nights ago," said Mr. Howell, standing beside the two-cylinder, 10-horsepower auto.

The Maxwell, a forerunner of the Chrysler Co., is hand-cranked and has

opalescent headlights and hand-lit.

The spokes wheels are made of wood.

The four-and-a-half-mile gas tank is under the front seat and a small

trunk is directly behind. The radiator

has brass plating — and a pinhole-sized leak.

The wheel stands high in the cab. Except for the dark green

color, it looks like a modified car.

Without the horse in fact, the Maxwell Bristoe Motor Co. patterned

the design on that idea and the

of other manufacturers, Mr. Howell says.

But he has renovated it carefully

since buying the auto in Portland

about five years ago. New parts were

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Among the older cars at Jerome City Park was Russell Howell's 1906 Maxwell.

Registration time arrives for area schools

By HARRIET GUTHERTZ
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's time for Magic Valley students to get in that last load of miniature gold or that final slide down the hydraulics because it's time to be back to school in short order.

With Buhl as the only exception, students will be going back to school within the next two weeks. And registration is scheduled to start as early as Monday.

So it's time to get those new shirts and shoes assembled and to lay in a stock of pens and paper.

Relief from 24-hour-a-day kids is around the corner for parents. But it's the end of freedom and, ugh ... a return to the heat rows of desks and homework for the valley's poor, suffering youth.

Here's when the area's schools will

open: 11:30 a.m. and from 1 to 1:30 p.m. Elementary students new to the district should bring proof of immunization before registering.

Lunch tickets and student accident insurance may be purchased at registration time.

Castelford — School will start Aug. 22. Kindergartners can register today from 10 a.m. to noon. Parents should bring proof of immunization and the birth certificate.

High-school students will register Aug. 19. Call for exact hours.

Elementary and junior-high students will register on the first day of school.

Fees will be the same as last year. A student activity card will cost \$15.

Murphy — School will start Aug. 22 with a half day. All students will

register on the first day.

Blaine — School will start Aug. 22. Call for registration dates.

Hansen — School will start Aug. 22. High-school seniors and seniors will register on Aug. 18, with seniors filling out class schedules between 10:30 a.m. and noon. Juniors get their chance from 10:30 to 3 p.m.

Sophomores and freshmen sign up from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and from 1 to 3 p.m.

All other students register on the first day of school.

Jerome — School will start Aug. 22 at 8:30 a.m. That's a half hour earlier than usual, and buses will arrive earlier. School will run all day.

High-school students will register from Aug. 24-25.

Kimberly — School will start Aug. 22.

Junior-high students will register on Aug. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon.

High-school freshmen and sophomores will register on Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Fourth-, fifth- and eighth-graders will register on Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Second-, third- and seventh-graders will register on Aug. 22 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

High-school seniors will register on Aug. 19. Seniors will register from 9 to 10 a.m. Juniors from 10 to 11 a.m. and freshmen and sophomores from 1 to 3 p.m.

Sophomores will register from 9 to 11 a.m. on Aug. 22, and juniors will register from 1 to 3:30 p.m. on the same day.

Hagerman — School will start Aug. 24 at 8:30 a.m.

Buses will run the same route as last year, and school will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. The regular class schedule will start on Aug. 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. with a hot lunch served.

High school juniors and seniors will register Aug. 18. Seniors will register from 9 a.m. to noon, and juniors will register from 1 to 3 p.m.

Freshmen and sophomores will register on Aug. 19 — sophomores from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Now 70 years old

Mother's surprise visit started club

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Mother's Surprise and Study Club of Twin Falls will celebrate its 70th anniversary this Wednesday.

A reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. that day at the home of Mrs. Harold Frazier, off Meander Point Road.

Current and former members and friends are invited, according to Rose Regna, the club president.

From a "humble" beginning in August 1913 with nine members, the club grew over the years to 52 members on file in the mid-1930s. Originally, members had to live within certain prescribed boundaries. This requirement has been dropped, but the club continues to serve as a neighborhood meeting place for women in the rural northwest section of Twin Falls.

In recent years, attendance at the monthly meetings has dropped to



NELLIE PIERCE:
Oldest club member

nine or 10, although there currently are 24 members on the roll. Club officers view this as part of the social and economic changes that have occurred since the 1960s. More women working outside the home and the break-up of small-family-owned farms have contributed to

lower attendance, according to Frazier, the secretary.

But loyal old-timers continue to strive to fulfill the club's stated motto: "Aim to keep high ideals and strive to attain them."

Over the years, the members have supported many good causes and lent helping hands to neighbors in distress, as well as enjoying good times together.

Sometimes, there were more children present than adults at some of the annual social events, such as the summer steak fry. Other annual activities are the annual dinner in January, a Mother's Day luncheon and a family picnic in June.

The group's name is explained by the fact that one summer afternoon, 1913 several women surprised Mabel Woodward, who had her mother-in-law and mother visiting her, and the latter suggested that a club be formed named the Mother's Surprise and Study Club.

Bessie Brown was the first presi-

dent, and Mary Cory the first secretary.

Items from the club's minutes echo historical events. A paper read at the April 28, 1930, meeting told of the San Francisco gold rush.

The club used to meet twice a month, with programs on current events, legislative issues and book reviews. In 1939, the club became affiliated with the Idaho Federated Women's Clubs, but it dropped that association, probably during the 1960s, which the group grew smaller.

In 1967, Nellie Pierce, now 90, living at Hazeldele nursing home in Twin Falls, was honored on her 80th birthday and crowned "Queen for a Day," with Eleanor Burkhardt giving a review of her life.

Pierce is the oldest living member of the club. As far as is known, none of the original members remain, according to Mary Grabert, the chairman of the anniversary ten, who also compiled the historical material.

Senior-center activities

Twin Falls
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p.m. and bingo at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Friendship Day crafts and bingo at 1 p.m.

Wednesday, crafts and quilting from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.; pinhole quilting at 1 p.m., and grocery delivery and meal-order to Mary's Market on Wednesdays.

Thursday, pinhole at 1 p.m.

Friday, Bible study at 10 a.m. and birthday dinner at noon.

Saturday, center closed.

Sunday, center closed.

Menu:
• Monday, baked fish portions.
• Tuesday, beef and Spanish rice.
• Wednesday, roast beef.
• Thursday, oven-fried chicken.
• Friday, ham and Lima beans.

Activities:
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Summer gifts bring no 'ho-ho-ho'

DEAR ABBY: I just got a telephone call from a relative — I won't say how close — who lives less than five miles from me. She said — in a very huffy tone, "When are you coming to pick up your Christmas presents?" This is the third time she's called about this.

Abby, correct me if I am wrong, but aren't people supposed to deliver their own Christmas presents?

I might add, this relative has a car and is not handicapped in any way, shape or form.

I am so angry I can hardly write this. How should I handle it?

DEAR BOILING: You are obviously too sentimental to act this relative to please deliver them, so before the hot summer ends, take a cool off, and pick up your Christmas presents.

DEAR ABBY: This has been bugging me for years. It's the way people always greet you with "How are you?" Then they zoom right by without even waiting for an answer. If they don't interest them how a person is, why do they ask? Why not just say "Hello"?

There have been times when I would like to tell somebody how I really am, but I never get the chance because nobody waits for an answer.

I work in an office, and this morning

when I came to work, a man yelled across the room: "Hi! Lou! How are you?" Did he actually expect me to yell across the room, "Well, not too good!" my hemorrhoids are killing me!

I hope you don't think I'm a fool for bringing this up — but I feel better getting it off my chest. Am I alone in this annoyance, or are there others out there who feel as do?

— LEA (MY REAL NAME)

DEAR LEA: Face it, when most people ask, "How are you?" they don't want an organ recital. A "Fine, thanks," will suffice. And sit on the "facts" until you see your physician.

DEAR ABBY: For over 15 years, I was married to a wonderful man. He was an excellent provider. I could not have had to work, but I chose to, a good father to our children and a good Christian. I always had free rein with our funds; no questions asked. His only fault was that he was a dud in the bedroom.

I met a very attractive man about my age. We became intimately involved, and I found him to be excellent in bed. I became convinced that I couldn't live without him, so I divorced my husband and married him.

After five years, I realized that the bedroom was the only place where the burn was any good. He was inconsiderate, selfish, downgraded my children and had a roving eye. Now, I have to work in order to feed and clothe my children properly. I have bought nothing for myself in the last five years, but this man has plenty of money for whatever he wants.

I finally got my head straight, and now, I'm waiting for my second divorce to become final.

My advice to a woman whose only gripe about her husband is his performance in bed: Please see a marriage counselor or even a sex therapist, but don't get involved with another man!

I dropped the pot of gold to chase the rainbow.

— FOOLISH BEYOND WORDS

DEAR FOOLISH: There's nothing so clear as 20-20 hindsight. Well, ladies, there's a million dollars worth of advice for the price of a newspaper.

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Briefly

Pope prays at famed shrine

LOURDES, France (UPI) — Pope John Paul II Sunday thanked the Virgin Mary for allowing him to come "at last" to the shrine of Lourdes, recalling the attempted assassination which forced him to call off his visit in 1981.

The visit to the shrine — renowned for the miracle cures said to have been experienced there — was the first by a reigning pontiff, but not the first papal visit. For John Paul, who came to Lourdes in 1975 when he was the cardinal of Poland.

A Vatican source said it was almost as if the papal visit gave the stamp of approval on the "pilgrimage of the century."

The pope flew in from Rome to nearby Tarbes, where he was welcomed by President Francois Mitterrand, and then went by helicopter to Lourdes, which is nestled in the Pyrenean mountains of southwestern France.

"We believe that the whole of the international situation is in favor of the rapprochement between the Soviet Union and Egypt," Ghali said in an interview with Cairo Today, an English language monthly.

Riot police break up march

GDAŃSK, Poland (UPI) — Riot police swinging rubber clubs Sunday broke up a peaceful march by Solidarity supporters marking the third anniversary of the Lenin shipyard strike that spawned the now outlawed union.

It was the first major confrontation with demonstrators since martial law was lifted.

Witnesses said several dozen people were arrested as the police charged and scattered a crowd of up to 10,000 people marching toward the shipyard shouting: "There is no freedom without Solidarity," and "We will win."

Former Solidarity leader Lech Wałęsa, who was cheered by the demonstrators at the beginning of the march, was not present when police charged.

Stampede kills 60 pilgrims

NEW DELHI, India (UPI) — At least 60 pilgrims were killed and many others injured in a stampede sparked by a rush to pray before a figure of a saint in a Hindu temple in northern India, the Press Trust of India said Sunday.

Most of those killed were trampled or crushed by improvised structures that collapsed on top of them, a temple official was quoted as saying.

The tragedy occurred around midnight Saturday during a religious ceremony at the famous Naini Devi Temple in Himachal Pradesh state, about 150 miles north of the Indian capital of New Delhi, it said.

E. German novelist defects

BONN, West Germany (UPI) — East German novelist Erich Loest, a critic of the communist government in his homeland, has defected to the West, he said in a West German radio interview Sunday.

Loest, 57, who came to work in West Germany in 1981 on a three-year visa, said in the interview he would not return to East Germany because "I don't know what I would do there."

He said restrictions on artists working in the East had worsened in recent years and he would be unemployed if he returned.

Susan H. Hulme, M.D.

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Fear of Libyans grips Chad's capital

By CHARLES MITCHELL
United Press International

NDJAMENA, Chad — The roar of Mirage fighter jets streaking overhead sends shivers through the weary, impoverished people who live in Chad's首都。

Chad's rugged capital, which almost seems to have grown in a vacuum, is a dusty, sprawling town of 100,000 people.

Shell holes in the buildings, big enough for a truck to drive through, are referred to jokingly as air conditioning — Chadian-style.

Makishi tanks and bulldozers converted into gun mounts are a common sight — alongside goats picking at refuse and grass growing under the shade of palm trees. Overturned, shot-up cars stand in white-walled gardens.

Government radio blares reports of heavy aerial bombardment on towns in the north and east, and the threat of a Libyan advance hangs like a bad dream over the sprawling shanty town of 100,000 people.

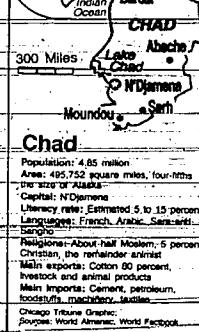
Chadians who have taken refuge in Ndjamena from 18 years of civil war — or the grinding poverty of the countryside — are never sure who the jets belong to.

Because of the bad news from the front, the planes could be Zaire's, or perhaps Libya's.

On Aug. 11, the French 400 Mirage jets are on loan from

Zaire and piloted by Zairians. Zaire also has 2,000 troops to Chad, and 150 French soldiers took up forward positions in the key eastern city of Abeche Saturday.

Massive American C-141 Starlifters land three to four times daily at Ndjamena's heavily secured airport on the outskirts of the city, carrying \$2 million in military equipment to back the regime of President Hissene Habre.



Analysis

Two things are certain in this conflict. One is the unpredictability of Libya's Col. Moammar Khadafy, and the other is that his forces would be virtually unopposed without French intervention; air cover and support for government troops.

"It has been an incredible onslaught in the north. Libya has introduced modern warfare techniques in Chad and they have been successful and deadly," said one diplomat.

"We cannot stop them. If Khadafy is serious, without help, they may come and we will fight them again," said a trader in Ndjamena's dusty and crowded marketplace.

The Libyans were here once before, occupying Chad to 1980 and 1981 after intervening to back then President Goukouni Wdeyeye against Habre, his former defense minister. In an all-out battle for the capital,

Khadafy announced his intention at the time of annexing Chad, apparently with the dream of creating an Islamic empire in Africa, riveting Western attention on the impoverished and landlocked nation of 5 million people.

France, with the promise of military aid, eventually convinced Goukouni to let the Libyans withdraw.

With two months, Habre's rebels captured Ndjamena in early 1982, after a fierce battle.

Khadafy's forces, estimated at more than 3,000 guerrillas, are marching against Habre again this time with the Libyan backing of an estimated 3,000 troops, 450 tanks and waves of Soviet-built Su-22 fighter planes.

Druze forces keep Beirut airport shut

By DAVID ZENIAN
United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanon's only major commercial airport remained closed for the fifth day Sunday, and the government turned to Washington for help to break the stalemate over the withdrawal of foreign forces from the country.

Sporadic artillery exchanges between Christian and Druze rebels continued to erupt in the Israeli-occupied Aley and Shouf mountains east of Beirut. It was not immediately known if there were any casualties.

With Beirut International airport closed, hundreds of people scrambled for space on cargo ships bound for Cyprus and other Mediterranean ports. The government said it will not open the facility without "airtight assurance that it will not be shelled again."

Druze Moslem militiamen shelled the airport Wednesday and Thursday and Druze leader Walid Jumblatt said his men will not let the airport open until his demands are met.

The demands, conveyed to the Beirut authorities through three Druze ministers kidnapped and later released by Druze militiamen, include the resignation of Prime Minister Cheif Wazzan's Cabinet.

With no apparent sign of a breakthrough, Foreign Minister Elle Salem met special U.S. presidential envoy Robert McFarlane, and government sources said another American envoy will travel to Damascus today for talks with Syrian leaders.

The National News Agency reported that Richard Fairbanks, McFarlane's assistant, would pay the

visit and meet Syrian Foreign Minister Abdel Halim Khaddam. They said the administration of Christian President Amine Gemayel hoped for a more "aggressive role" by Washington in resolving the conflict.

The demands, also between Israel and Syria, and between Israel, also between the rival Druze factions fighting for control of the districts Shouf and Aley mountains.

"The Lebanese government is convinced that the mountain crisis could be resolved if the Israeli and Syrian forces occupying the regions stop helping or encouraging the local forces," a western diplomat said.

The Lebanese government is awaiting the arrival of U.S. government officials to provide the Israeli and Syrian "to take their hands off" and allow the state to sort out the problem," the diplomat said.

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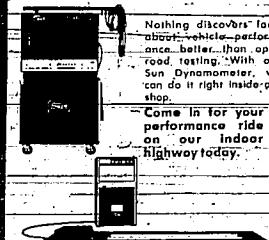
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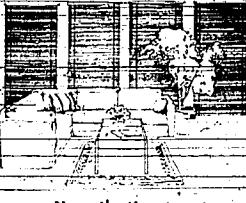
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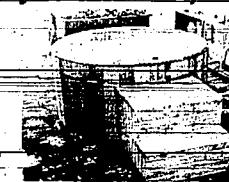
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Sports

Utah triathlete tops in Tri-Elephant-a-thon

By TED DYER
Special to The Times-News

KETCHUM — For the first two legs of the grueling Tri-Elephant-a-thon triathlon on Sunday, Bob Rosso of Ketchum was in control.

He turned in a strong performance in the 1.5-mile swim at Magic Reservoir and maintained most of lead during the ensuing 35-mile bike ride. But the 12-mile run from Ketchum to the Sun Valley and back was Rosso's undoing.

Barry Makarewicz, 22, of Salt Lake City blazed past Rosso at approximately the three-mile mark of the running leg to capture top honors in the men's competition of the third annual race.

Makarewicz, who won the Twin Falls Triathlon last month, finished the course in three hours, 23.25

minutes.

Rosso (3:31:20) followed almost eight minutes later, followed by Bill Riggsbee (3:34:20) of Ketchum and Cliff Riggsbee (3:34:20) of Boise.

It was the second consecutive time the 36-year-old Rosso — the leading backer of the event — lost the race during the running segment. He was defeated by Riggsbee last year, but won the first Triathlon in 1981.

"I had a real good swim, but the bike and run weren't quite as good," said Rosso, who carver almost 22 minutes off his 1981 time.

"I had to stand up a lot to keep the tempo up (during the bike segment)," said Rosso. "There was a little headwind, and it is uphill all the way. But at least I finished (even though it was) like I carried home the piano."

Rosso, who noted that he was lathered by leg cramps, said he was

needed to run more in preparation for next year's race.

Rosso also joked about the rigors of battling those who are 10- to 15 years younger, and said he was impressed by Makarewicz.

Makarewicz said he has ditched Rosso's 100-mile triathlons and instead challenges him each time during the runs.

"I caught him at mile three and we talked for while," Makarewicz said. "I think the problem is he doesn't have a running built."

Makarewicz said he finished among the first 10 swimmers and then passed between five and seven people during the bike race, including Riggsbee and Sundall.

Nevertheless, he started the run between two and three minutes behind the leaders.

Makarewicz, who works part-time

in bicycle repair shop when not tending Utah, said he considered himself a one-time triathlete.

"I think there are lots growing up," he said. "I started doing well without trying real hard so I decided to take them seriously."

Makarewicz described his training methods as unsystematic.

"I usually work out alone and I don't have a rigid schedule."

Makarewicz said he has been competing in triathlons for three years and will compete in his 14th race next weekend in Salt Lake City.

"I plan to make a career out of it. I like being in shape. It's a good feeling to enjoy the competition too."

He said the toughest part of being a triathlete is soliciting sponsors for the upcoming Ironman race in Hawaii — the granddaddy of triathlons — scheduled for Oct. 22.

Third-place Sundall, who also raced a whopping 25 minutes off his 1982 time, said Rosso and Makarewicz were impressive athletes.

"Rosso had five or six minutes in me in the swim and Makarewicz runs like a thoroughbred," said Sundall. "He kicks into gear the rest of us don't have."

The 30-year-old Riggsbee, last year's winner, said a lower-back strain suffered in July disrupted his training.

"Last year, I was in much better condition," said Riggsbee. "This year I'll do all the way and the field was much tougher."

In the women's race, Kalfie Rivers, 29, of Ketchum dominated. She posted a time of 3:51:32, beating second-place Bonnie Ross (4:10:04) of Woodside, Calif., by almost 20 minutes.

Rivers, a law student at the University of Oregon who placed eighth in

the 1982 Ironman, said she in effect competed with the men. Rivers said she wasn't sure she would compete again in Hawaii.

"I'm not sure this is that much fun anymore," she said.

Team competition, Brian Galling, Pete Hammer, and Monte Brothwell of Ketchum, won with a time of 2:56:07.

Men 1: Makarewicz, 3:31:20; Rivers, 3:31:32; Sundall, 3:34:20.

Women 1: Rivers, 3:51:32; Ross, 4:10:04; 2: P.J. Harpan, 4:11:51.

Childs 1: Galloway, 3:48:07; 2: Mervin Murphy, 3:48:10; Oliphant Mills, 3:49:44.

Women 1: Coach Bruce Schaefer, 3:30:45; 2: Kali Kalfie Rivers, 3:32:53; Mandy Frank, 3:49:51.

Mixed 1: Verte, Anna Aschner, 3:04:16; 2: Harder-Gehrke-Cappello, 3:18:47; 3: Barker-Garrett-Kelam, 3:28:10.

NFL drug problem huge, says report

NEW YORK (UPI) — According to a copyrighted story in Sunday's New York Daily News, well-placed sources in the National Football League say that as many as 50 percent of the players in the league use cocaine, that more than 20 percent of the NFL's 3,372 players are "hard core" users.

The paper said that the percentages are based on league-wide figures.

"On the average," said one source quoted in The News, "there are about 10 players on a team that are hardcore. The numbers are higher than many people could imagine."

Because of a confidentiality clause in the league's collective bargaining agreement, no specific players were named. But league sources said that usage of cocaine among the 28 teams varies from very little. If any, on two teams to "epidemic proportions" on several others.

The New York Jets and the New York Giants were named by a source as the two "cleaned" teams in the league.

According to the paper, sources say that NFL security is aware of 31 cases of drug use for the Dallas Cowboys. Sources also say that the San Francisco 49ers may even have a higher number of users than the Cowboys. Five Cowboys — Tony Dorsett, Tony Hill, Harvey Martin, Ron Springs and Larry Bettis — recently have been involved in connection with ongoing federal drug investigations.

Washington and Miami, last year's Super Bowl participants, were named by sources to each have at least five users.

Four players have been suspended.

In the past month by NFL Commissioner Pete Rozelle after being charged with drug violations. Those players are Ross Brown and Pete Johnson of Cincinnati, E.J. Junek of St. Louis and Greg Steinrich of New Orleans.

Redskins safety Tony Peters last week was charged with conspiring to distribute cocaine.

San Francisco Coach Bill Walsh and Chicago Bears player representative Brian Buschmann were among those reading stories.

"I heard about that report," Walsh said Sunday. "But I haven't read it, though. There is absolutely no foundation to the report."

Walsh suggested that an NFL employee may have been the source of the story released by the New York Daily News.

"If there was an NFL employee involved, he'd be disgraced to the league and he should be fired," said Walsh.

The 49ers' coach said that he could only speak for his own club and said,

"I think we monitor our players very well, and that's why I say there is no foundation to that report."

"We naturally are interested in our players' well-being," he added. "But we are not in the drug rehabilitation business and I don't think I should be in that business with the 49ers."

According to the Daily News, the 49ers and Dallas Cowboys are among the worst offenders.

Five Cowboys players are currently involved with federal drug investigations and the story claims that NFL security is aware of 34 cases of drug use on the team.

Boise team takes co-ed softball title

TWIN FALLS — Overland Pub. of Boise defeated the Bazaar of Boise here Sunday to capture the Idaho State Co-ed Softball Championship, behind the .688 average of Tim Donahue, the leading batter of the tournament.

Connie Sanlin and Doug Douglass drove in runs in the second inning to break a 2-2 tie, providing the margin of victory.

Donahue tripled in two insurance runs and scored on Randy Mansell's single in the seventh to finish the scoring.

The Bazaar's runs came in the first inning when Rod Stephens homered. Stephens led the tournament with four homers and was named most valuable player.

The final game was forced when the Bazaar defeated Overland in the previous game 8-5 on five Stephens RBIs, including a grand slam homer. Mike Tate hit a three-run Homer for Overland in that game.

The Bazaar advanced to the finals

from the losers' bracket by defeating Greens Construction and Macalley Sports, both of Boise, who placed third and fourth in the tournament, respectively.

Opening Round: Green Construction 7, Sandpiper 5; Green Sports 13, Bazaar 0; Courthouse 11, Cheesie's 9; Courteau's 10, Aeneo Auto Parts 9; Idaho First 3, Lewis' 4; Macalley 1; Bazaar 4, Cheesie's 2; Idaho First 4, Bechtold Copper 0; Sandpiper 14, Scruffy's 11; Courteau's 10, Auto Parts 14, Bulles Developers 5; Courteau's 11, Auto Parts 17, Sandpiper 3; Sandpiper's 10, Auto Parts 21; Macalley Sports 7, Courteau's 10; Auto Parts 6, Sandpiper 4.

Final: Bazaar 11, Macalley Sports 2; Overland Pub 6, Green Construction 3; Bazaar 7, Green Construction 6; Overland Pub 8, Green Construction 5; Bazaar 4, Overland Pub 5; Overland Pub 7, Bazaar 2.

Between a gold and a silver medal in Los Angeles could be the difference between an annual six-figure income in broadcasting and marketing on the one hand and a coaching job at Middletown Junior High on the other.

The politicians know it. A strong American performance in the Summer Games would seriously embarrass the Soviet Union, which made much of the United States' failure to send a team to Moscow three years ago. A convincing victory by the Russians and the East Germans in the capital city of American self-confidence would do more to mortify the United States.

The disturbing thing, if it appropriate to be disturbed anymore, by the shortcoming of the Olympics, is the attitude of a significant portion of the 1.4 billion people who will watch the Games by television next year. National pride — read chauvinism — has always been a major

element in the mass appeal of the Olympics, and a lot bigger factor than the Games' guardians ever cared to admit. But to hear Americans talk about the Olympics nowadays, you would think U.S. and Soviet tanks are going to square off at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum next summer.

Nobody cares how fast Lewis and Calvin Smith run their sprints next year as long as they smooch the East Europeans and the Cubans — and humiliate them if possible. It's far too late to paly after the loss virtue of the Olympic Games, but if the athlete's performances and their spectators mean that little, we'd just as well have Presidents Reagan and Andropov meet at the starting blocks.

The founder of the modern Games, the Baron Pierre de Coubertin, has pretty much been debunked over the past few years for his quaint primitive idealism about the young of

all nations locking arms and marching toward universal brotherhood. But he was right on one important point: the principle of amateurism is invisible. Once compromised, it disappears quickly.

Whether it first began to unravel in the East Bloc, with its anabolic steroids, athletes, jockeys, perquisites and dachas, or in the West with its running shoe endorsements and Olympic boycotts, is immaterial. With its ideals just memories now, the Games are serving regular masters.

Secular masters whose only concern with an Iggy Korfut, for example, is how much can be made from her photo session单一。her charm will play in the parlaments of Western Europe when it comes time to deploy the Pershings and the cruise missiles.

Steve Crump is the sports editor of The Times-News.

Here's a word on behalf of the baron's anachronistic drivel

That whiff of grapefruit in the air is just a hint of things to come. With the 1984 Games a year away, the medal count has begun. Carl Lewis has already grossed his three gold medals, Mary Decker her two. It's said that there is no love lost between American sprinter Evelyn Ashford and her East German archrival, Marlies Gohr, and the U.S. Treasury Department has already cut the Cubans down from a rooftop day of television satellite time to just three.

Welcome to the XXIII Olympiad, the largest-ever assembly of amateur athletes and, very probably, the last at which no one will bother to argue that the Games are amateur and non-professional. It will be refreshing, certainly, not have the likes of former International Olympic Committee President Avery

Brundage proclaiming the innocence of the Games, but the ease with which their new status has been accepted is startling. Nobody on either side of the Iron Curtain denies any more that the Olympics is an extension of international politics by other means, nor is anyone much bothered by the fact that Lewis and Edwin Moses could earn more next year than the president of the United States.

The athletes know, of course, the significance of what they will be doing next summer — and how that translates into dollars. They also know that the difference

between a gold and a silver medal in Los Angeles could be the difference between an annual six-figure income in broadcasting and marketing on the one hand and a coaching job at Middletown Junior High on the other.

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