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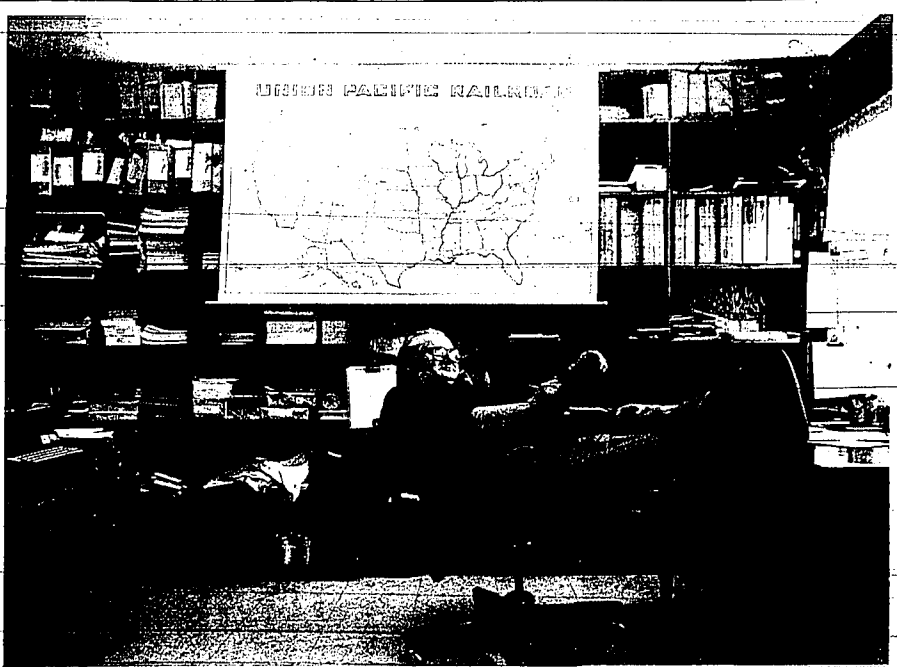
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If the PUC grants Union Pacific's request, agent Guy Simons could be spending his final days at the Buhl freight office

Brooks backs rail agencies

By RICK SHAUGHNESSY Times-News Capital Bureau

BOISE — Rep. John Brooks' legislative career has not been known for championing the causes of organized labor. In fact, the Gooding Republican probably is best known for his sponsorship of "right-to-work" legislation in three of his five terms in office. So it is at least a little unusual to see him sponsoring a bill at the request of a union — the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks.

of agricultural commodities — not union jobs — from the adverse effects of rail-agency closures.

On Monday, the Idaho Public Utilities Commission heard preliminary testimony from Union Pacific Railroad officials on their request to close eight of 10 such rail agencies in Magic Valley communities. The company intends to replace its on-site agents with toll-free telephone service to regional freight offices.

The bill sponsored by Brooks and supported by the rail clerks union would express to the PUC that the intent of the Legislature and the policy of the state is "that the maximum retention of

existing railroad lines, including branch lines, is in the public interest."

The union contends that closure of the rail agencies — by removing the rail agents — would be the beginning of the end for rail service to these rural communities, according to union President Tracey Young.

Young concurs with Brooks that the bill is not pro-union legislation. "This is not an organized labor bill; it's a farmer's bill," he said Monday.

He said rail agents in the affected communities will get other railroad jobs because of their union. See PUC on Page A2

Iraq attacks oil terminal

Island focal point in gulf war

By JOSEPH PANOSSIAN The Associated Press

NICOSIA, Cyprus — Iraqi warplanes Monday attacked oil tankers anchored near Iran's vital oil export terminal on Kharg Island in the Persian Gulf, Baghdad radio reported.

"Today is the first day of a blockade that we have decided to impose in this area, which we had already declared as a restricted military zone," said an Iraqi military communique broadcast on state radio and television stations.

Iraq did not say how much damage the attacks inflicted, and there was no immediate confirmation of the attacks from Iraq.

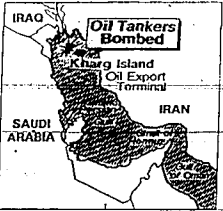
In Washington, State Department spokeswoman Diane Kelly said the attacks hadn't been officially confirmed and might not be for some time, but "we don't have any reason to doubt that the reports of attacks on Iranian tankers are true." U.S. officials said they didn't think Iraq would attack the oil terminal itself or ships of other nations.

But an Iraqi military spokesman warned "all-oil tankers and ships against approaching Kharg and against doing work with the Iranian regime which exports crime and chaos to all states of the world." Kharg is Iran's main terminal for oil exports in the gulf region.

In the 3½-year-old war, Iraq and Iraq often issue conflicting claims about battle action. Most of the reports cannot be verified because Western reporters are rarely allowed into the war zone.

Iraq released neither the number nor the nationality of the oil tankers it said it attacked. It also was not known if anyone was killed or injured in the air attack.

At least four Greek freighters and a Turkish cargo ship have been hit in previous Iraqi air raids in the Persian



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Gulf but not at Kharg Island, 130 miles southeast of Iraq's southern border. The freighter Antigonai was sunk Nov. 21 when it was hit by an Exocet missile as the ship was leaving the Iranian port of Bushire in the central sector of the gulf, according to Lloyd's of London. The insurance firm said the missile "strayed" from its target, and although the Antigonai sank, the crew was rescued unharmed.

In August-September 1982, three Greek ships and a Turkish freighter were hit by Iraqi missiles and damaged or destroyed in the northern gulf near the Iranian port of Bandar Khamseh.

Iraq declared a 1,500 square-mile area of the northern gulf to be a restricted military zone in the summer of 1982. It said any foreign ships entering the area "would be entering into a military zone for suspect purposes" and Iraq would not be responsible if they were struck in raids against Iranian shipping.

See ATTACK on Page A2

City, county split over Boise airline

By BOB FREUND and DAVID MOFFAT Times-News writers

TWIN FALLS — The two government bodies that operate the Twin Falls-Sun Valley Regional Airport were flying in different directions Monday over which airline should be given a federal subsidy to provide regular service to Boise.

The Twin Falls City Council picked Horizon Air of Seattle, which has been operating on round trips a day between Twin Falls and Boise on an interim basis. By a vote of 5-1, it rejected the advice of the airport board, which had favored Sky West Airlines of St. George, Utah.

However, the Twin Falls County commissioners backed the airport board and chose Sky West. Council members are scheduled to meet with airport board members at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall to support a single carrier. The federal Civil Aeronautics Board has final say over the subsidy and the carrier picked to serve the route.

The airport board, which advises its

two parent governments, earlier Monday had selected Sky West because of its strong financial position, its lower bid for the federal subsidy and the timing of its two proposed round trips daily, said John Doerr, an airport board member.

Sky West, which has been profitable throughout its 12-year history, has proposed a schedule timed so that travelers from Twin Falls could arrive early in the morning at Boise and return either at noon or late in the evening. The second arrival in Boise would be in mid-afternoon.

Horizon, a 2-year-old carrier, also is offering an early morning flight to Boise, but no return trips until late in the afternoon. Its second arrival also would be in mid-afternoon.

Sky West also has told the federal agency it can provide its service for a subsidy of \$153,389 a year, almost \$80,000 cheaper than Horizon's full-service bid.

Although Sky West flies to all major cities in southern Idaho, its route system extends generally south from Twin Falls. Horizon's network primarily branches north and west to See AIRLINES on Page A2

Legislature \$17 million short of needs

By QUANE KENYON AP Capital Writer

BOISE — Unless there's some breakthrough on approval of new taxes, it appears the Idaho Legislature is at least \$17 million short of meeting its "critical" budget needs.

House Speaker Tom Stivers says he's committed to voting against new taxes this session, and has the votes to keep sales tax increase bills bottled up in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

Stivers wants to put \$20 million in anticipated surplus into next year's budget. He said last week that would give the state an adequate budget for next year.

But the Legislature's budget committee learned Monday that won't work — without at least \$17 million in new revenue, or some major cutbacks. Budget analyst Jeff Youtz told



Legislators it will take \$509 million to fund a maintenance budget, plus four or five "critical areas."

With or without guidance from the House's tax committee, the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee plans to start work Tuesday on its major education budgets.

On the agenda for discussion and possibly final action will be the Legislature's public school support bill and also appropriations for the colleges and universities.

Stivers' proposed budget, about \$492 million, would allow for a 5 percent increase in state agency operations, a

5 percent increase in public school support, 6 or 7 percent more for state employee salaries and \$2.7 million to fund programs previously paid from federal funds.

Youtz said it would take a budget of \$509 million to pay for House Bill 475, which grants a \$20.4 million one-time increase in teacher salaries. That budget level would allow an extra \$2.7 million for higher education, \$1 million extra for the Department of Corrections and \$800,000 to the Department of Water Resources for work on the Swan Falls water rights issue.

Gov. John Evans has proposed a budget of \$560 million, \$105 million higher than the current budget.

New revenue bills generally originate in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee. That panel is considering a variety of bills to increase state revenue, but so far, none has been approved.

Chairman Rep. Steve Antone, R-

Rupert, said last week it appears the panel is deadlocked 9-9 on a bill increasing the state sales tax from 3 to 4 percent. Antone said he won't bring the bill up again until it appears there is a majority to approve it.

House Bill 475, the major education bill of the session, is being held in the Senate Health, Education and Welfare Committee after passing the House.

Budget analysts indicated the Legislature will be committing itself to huge bills now and in the future if the bill is signed into law. Analyst Mark Faloner said the bill calls for \$20.4 million this year, to boost Idaho public school teacher salaries closer to the national average.

But he said the actual bill will be much higher. If teacher salaries go up \$20.4 million, another \$1.4 million will be needed for Social Security, and about the same amount for retirement payments.

Polls show Hart gaining on Mondale

By DAVID ESPO The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — As the candidates shook the last hands of a long New Hampshire campaign, two new polls indicated Monday that Sen. Gary Hart was closing in on Democratic presidential front-runner Walter F. Mondale one day before the state's kickoff poll.

"I'm not looking at the polls. We're doing well," the former vice president said as he greeted workers outside a shoe factory on a cold morning. But Hart, bidding to displace Sen. John Glenn as Mondale's closest rival, declared, "There's a lot of voter switching." In the final hours of the campaign, "People are jumping all over the place."

Hart declared he already has won in New Hampshire, because he is "considered a serious candidate."

Glenn appeared at Franklin Pierce College in Rindge and, when asked by reporters whether he was worried about Tuesday's outcome, replied, "I'm concerned about it, of course."

Well-oiled machine — B6

Franklin Pierce was the only native of New Hampshire elected president, and Glenn opened his speech to a largely student audience by saying, "With all due respect to Franklin Pierce, I expect to do better in San Francisco than he did in 1828 when he was nominated on the 49th ballot."

San Francisco is the site of this year's Democratic national convention.

"Two fresh polls agreed Mondale holds a lead over Hart, who has surged into second place on the strength of a surprise runner-up finish in last Monday's lead-off Iowa caucuses. But both also showed Hart solidly ahead of Glenn and within striking distance of Mondale if the Colorado senator was able to maintain his momentum. An ABC-Washington Post poll reported Mondale had 22 percent of the support, to 25 for Hart, 15 for Glenn and 8 for the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

Former Sen. George McGovern had 5 percent; Sen. Ernest Hollings had 3; followed by Sen. Alan Cranston with 2 percent and former Florida Gov. Reubin Askew with 1 percent in a survey of 450 voters. The poll was based on a three-day rolling average and had a margin of error of 5 percent.

That amounted to a seven-point lead Mondale lead over Hart, down from a 14-point lead that the same poll reported for the three-day period ending 24 hours earlier.

Another poll, conducted for Cable News Network, showed Mondale with a healthier lead over Hart and Glenn, 38.2 percent for the former vice president, 22 for Hart and 15.4 for Glenn. The margin of error was 4 percent, and the telephone survey was conducted among 500 Democrats and Independents who said they are likely to vote Tuesday.

Polts aside, the candidates worried about a snowstorm forecast for primary day, and how that would affect a turnout that Secretary of State William Gardner said would run to 112,000 Democrats and Independents.



SEN. GARY HART Sees voters switching



WALTER F. MONDALE Not looking at polls

Demos deplore 'brush'

By EVANS WITT
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON — President Reagan told the nation's governors Monday he might consider tax hikes if big deficits remain after further federal spending cuts, but Democrats complained that Reagan "brushed off" their appeals for major action this year to stem the flow of red ink.

The governors said they got no direct response from Reagan during the half-hour meeting at the White House to their own budget proposal, under consideration at the National Governors' Association winter conference this week.

"I don't think this administration is listening," said Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis, a Democrat. "I don't think it's listening to us, and I don't think it's listening to the American people. That's one of the reasons we're in the kind of mess we're in."

Reagan emphasized he would stay with his plan for a "down payment" on the deficit this year, currently under negotiation with Congress, state executives said.

"The president said he had to pursue his down-payment strategy as the first step in the deficit battle, but we are concerned about the deficits," said Illinois Gov. James R. Thompson, the GOP chief of the governors' group.

"He says after all the spending cuts that should be made are made, if there was still a deficit that was considered harmful, he would consider raising taxes," Thompson said. "He clearly has the authority to do that in that one-two order. So he's not talking about a tax increase this



Illinois Gov. James Thompson discusses health care costs

year. "The route would be a fairer tax code rather than simply raising rates."

Reagan "believes the economy is strong enough to withstand the pressure of the deficits until 1985. Clearly, some others do not."

Larry Speakes, chief White House spokesman, said the administration has "always been willing to look at taxes of sorts as long as it didn't interfere with the recovery."

He said Reagan told the governors he would be willing to think about raising taxes if his program "did not meet the needs for recovery."

But Speakes emphasized that what Reagan proposed is "spending cuts first, before you go to revenues."

On the subject of deficits, Speakes also said the White House is opposed to the plan by the chairman of the Senate Budget Committee — first unveiled last week during negotiations between the White House and Congress — to cut the growth of defense spending.

Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., proposed a formula that would limit the growth after inflation to 5 percent for the coming fiscal year, 4.5 percent for 1986 and 4 percent in 1987. Reagan's proposed budget contemplates increases in defense spending authority of 9.2 percent in 1986, and 3.5 percent in 1987.

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'Hot' transports receive OK

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, rejecting predictions of a catastrophe, Monday allowed trucks to continue transporting radioactive materials on highways that pass through densely populated cities.

The court dismissed an appeal by New York City and New York state officials who said the Reagan administration has failed to address adequately the possible "catastrophic" impact on the environment of a highway accident involving nuclear waste.

The administration said it carefully weighed the consequences before adopting a rule in 1981 that permits trucks on interstate highways. The risk of a major disaster is "infinitesimal," Transportation Department officials concluded.

In other actions Monday, the court: Entered a dispute involving millions of dollars in welfare benefits by agreeing to an administration request to review a ruling favoring California recipients of Aid for Dependent Children. The administration says some 45,000 California families are getting an average \$43 more per month than Congress intended when it cut federal spending in 1981.

Refused to become embroiled in the case of Walter Plovehchak, the Soviet youth who refused to return home with his parents four years ago. The decision still leaves the fate of the boy — who is living in Chicago — very much in doubt.

Turned back an attempt by two young men to get back \$500,000 in buried cash they found on a Texas ranch five years ago. The money has been turned over to McLennan County, Texas.

Agreed to decide whether Trans World Airlines must compensate pilots who were prevented from taking lower-ranking jobs as flight engineers when they became 60. The court will review a ruling that TWA owes back pay and other benefits to 10 pilots who were found to be victims of illegal age discrimination.

In the case involving transporting nuclear waste, the federal rule pre-empted a growing number of state and local regulations restricting shipments of radioactive materials.

Local-option tax bill returns

BOISE (AP) — A House committee has voted to introduce another local-option tax bill — although there's no indication it will draw more support than similar measures stalled in the House Revenue and Taxation Committee.

The debate was brief. Rep. J.F. Chaddard, R-Idaho Falls, merely said he was renewing his objection to new taxes, without going into details.

Lucas said his measure was similar to other local-option bills, except it gives a county the option of imposing either sales or income taxes.

His proposal calls for cities and counties to divide the revenue generated from the tax.

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Stores move slow on card charge

By The Associated Press

Users of the nation's 600 million credit cards probably won't have to pay more immediately to use their plastic, even without a federal ban on surcharges. Retailers said Monday they didn't want to take the chance of alienating customers who prefer to "charge it."

"Sixty-five percent of our business comes from credit-card users and we don't want to do anything that would threaten that business," said Joseph Gallucci, senior vice president for finance of Woodward & Lothrop, one of the largest department-store chains in the Washington, D.C., area.

"We think imposing a surcharge now would be confusing to our customers and confusing to our sales people," added Gallucci.

Monday was the last day for Congress to act to prevent the midnight expiration of a 10-year ban on surcharges for credit cards. U.S. House lobbyists on both sides and legal squabbling delayed action earlier and

passage by both the Senate and the House of a bill to settle the matter before the deadline was considered unlikely. The ban lapsed once before for three weeks in 1981 — without any widespread reaction.

Merchants pay card-issuers from 2 1/2 percent to 7 percent of the face value of a credit sale. Consumer groups opposing the surcharge ban argue that cash customers subsidize the ones who use credit. Supporters of the ban, including card issuers, claim surcharges would be confusing and mean an added expense to shoppers.

Stores are free now to offer discounts to customers who use cash, but a Federal Reserve Board study showed only 11 percent do so, and many provide the bonus only if you ask for it.

What's the difference between a credit-card surcharge and a cash discount?

Think about a store with a single price on an item. A discount is a reduction from the regular price; a surcharge is an addition to it. It is estimated that credit cards

account for as much as 80 percent of sales in some categories, and credit use is booming.

Federal Reserve Board statistics show outstanding revolving credit of the kind you get with credit cards grew by \$1.72 billion in December, an annual rate of increase of 29.3 percent.

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Tanker sinks after blast; 22 rescued

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — The 661-foot tanker American Eagle, its side ripped open by a fatal explosion a day earlier, sank Monday with 24 crew members aboard while waiting for a tow in the gale-whipped Gulf of Mexico, the Coast Guard said.

Two crewmen were lost but the other 22 were rescued when the American Eagle went down at 5:40 p.m. about 180 miles southwest of New Orleans, said Petty Officer Gary Starks at the Coast Guard's 8th District headquarters.

Three crewmen were killed and three others were injured Sunday in an unexplained explosion aboard the ship. The blast left the American Eagle dead in the water.

The tanker went down as a sea-going tugboat was en route from Port Arthur, Texas, to tow the ship to Galveston, Texas, its original destination, Starks said.

"The tanker is pretty bad out there — there are 16-foot seas, 40 knot winds and low visibility," Starks said. "The ship broke up from the weather, tossing and turning out there."

He said the injured men, some suffering from hyperthermia, would be airlifted to coastal hospitals. Some were taken from the water by crewboats that were routinely in the area and by a Coast Guard helicopter, he said.

Starks said the Coast Guard was sending another helicopter and the cutter Valiant to the scene to help search for the two missing crewmen. The Coast Guard said a British merchant ship, the Fort Edmonton, also had been standing by until the tug arrived.

Sunday's explosion, about 5 p.m., tore open the right side of the ship, above its waterline.

Coast Guard pictures taken from the rescue helicopter showed a large tear in the side, twisted railings near the bow, a toppled hood and what appeared to be a spare propeller teetering near the side.

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Congressional 'big spenders' also good guys

Management process proves costly

Introduction

Joe and June Mainstreet are being interviewed by a local representative of a national polling organization, which is conducting a survey of attitudes about the Congress. Let's listen in on their conversation:

Interviewer: What do you think of Congress?
 Joe and Jane: They're a bunch of big spenders.

Interviewer: What do you think of your own congressman?
 Joe: Oh him, well, he's a pretty good guy!

Interviewer: And why is that?
 Joe: When the Air Force wanted to close the base outside town, he wouldn't let them. Same with the Amtrak train. They wanted to shut the line down, said it cost too much. But he pulled some strings to keep it here, because this town would be nothing without it.

Jane: And he got the feds to build us a new lake where we can take the kids and swim for free now. He gets things done for his district!

Interviewer: What do you think of the tax rate?
 Joe: Way too high! We won't be able to send our kids to college if they go any higher.

Interviewer: What do you think about government spending?
 Joe and Jane: Out of control! Those big spenders in Congress are going to bankrupt the country.

This fictional exchange bears more than a casual connection to reality. A public opinion poll conducted nationwide during the summer of 1983 found, for instance, that 31 percent of those sampled disapproved of the way Congress was handling its job, while only 19 percent disapproved of the way their own congressional representatives were handling themselves in office.

Those 21 percentage points of difference may reflect as well the same sort of ambivalence many Americans feel when they attempt to assess the impact of spending decisions made in Washington.

Of course, this is all part of the American political process, which is based in part on the balancing of local needs and national interests — well recognized that the two are not always congruent. Right from the inception of our country, legislators have faced the challenge of representing the local concerns of their constituents, and at the same time responding with a national perspective on issues that transcend local or regional interests.

Third in a series

Editor's note: This is the third in a series of reports on the federal deficit from the Grace Commission report. Today's excerpt is taken from the supplementary report on congressional bicentennial in the budget process. The report's final version deleted identifying names of congressmen and locations.

On the surface, all this does not appear to be especially relevant to PPSS's mandate to recommend ways in which the federal government can increase efficiency and reduce costs. However, in pursuing its work, PPSS task forces have identified numerous instances in which Congress has become directly involved in the day-to-day management of federal operations, in order to support local interests, with resulting decreases in administrative efficiency. Congress may have every constitutional right to exercise its lawmaking powers not only to set funding levels and policy guidelines for programs, but even to mandate administrative procedures. PPSS certainly has no competence or desire to argue constitutional issues. However, it appears to us as professional executives and managers that there is a significant dollar cost to congressional exercise of that right — just as there is when a board of directors in a private-sector corporation becomes involved in making operating decisions — and that the cost should be taken into account during debate about how detailed congressional involvement should be in a particular program's management.

In our experience, the greater a board of directors or a top-level management's involvement with day-to-day decisions, the less effective and productive the operating management becomes, especially when over time, operating management is thereby prevented from adjusting to the inevitable changes in its environment. There are always exceptions, of course, but successful private-sector corporations are generally guided by the following basic tenets of management:

- Tell those who execute program responsibility what to accomplish, not how to do the job.
- Give management the tools and sufficient

authority to accomplish this mission.

- Give management the flexibility to employ as they see best the personnel and other resources allocated to them to accomplish their mission.
- Monitor senior management executives to see if they are accomplishing the stated mission, but do not saddle them with an outside presence that tells them how to do their job and constantly meddles in even the smallest details of their operations.

PPSS recognizes that the complexities of the checks-and-balances system in the federal government make the analogy between private-sector and public-sector practices an imperfect one. We, nevertheless, feel that these principles have relevance for the relations between Congress, which makes the laws, and the executive branch, which carries them out.

This report focuses on four basic management functions that must be present and executed by the executive branch of government: efficiency and cost-effectiveness of operation is to be attained. Specifically, these functions center on:

1. The Agency Strategy — Determining what the agency is (in most cases previously determined by the Congress), what it is expected to accomplish, where it is headed, and when it will get there.
2. The Agency Structure — Establishing the structure necessary to accomplish and support the strategy and defining appropriate functions, organizational roles and responsibilities, and related authorities and reporting relationships.



Some major recommendations

Recommendation	Details	3-Year Savings	
		\$ Billions	Equivalent To The Three-Year Personal Income Tax of The Following Number Of Median Income American Families
(1) Bring Civil Service Retirement Benefits Closer to Private Sector Retirement Norms.	Government pensions are fully adjusted for increases in inflation vs. average private sector adjustments of 3%. Typical retirement age in private sector vs. 63 to 64 in the private sector.	530.000	4,508,566
(2) Bring Military Retirement Closer to Private Sector Retirement Plan Norms.	Military retirement benefits equal 75% of base pay after 30 years service, about double private plans. Some retirees actually earn more than equally ranked active-duty officers.	20.100	4,221,029
(3) Privatize the Federal Power Marketing Administrations.	Government subsidized power, sold at one-third market rates, costs industrial users only 2.4¢ per kWh in the Northwest compared to 12.0¢ per kWh paid in San Diego for power generated by the private sector.	19.837	2,991,214
(4) Require the Military to Purchase Commonly Used Parts and Equipment Competitively.	The Pentagon has been buying stores, available in any hardware store for 3 cents, for \$21 each.	7.330	1,101,791
(5) Upgrade Federal Computer Systems.	Federal government computers average 6.7 years old, twice the private sector average. Half are 20 old and manufacturers no longer service them.	6.537	982,417
(6) Improve DOD Inventory Management.	PPSS found one shipment of DOD inventory system operation 6 months overdue. The program is 100% budget annually — such data, little information.	5.6074	912,834
(7) Repeal Davis-Bacon-Type Legislation that Requires Government to Pay "Prevailing Wage" on Federal Construction Projects.	Originally intended to prevent outside contractors from undercutting local builders, these laws are now obsolete, outdated, unfair, more competitive contractors.	4.970	746,919
(8) Track Earnings of Social Security Beneficiaries to Eliminate Excessive Benefits.	The system used by SSA to enforce proper income reporting to three years behind schedules, and the delay cost the government \$120 million in interest in 1981 alone.	1.957	594,600
(9) Increase Delinquent Tax Collections.	Despite growing non-compliance, the IRS decreased tax examinations from 2.44 of all filings in 1977 to 1.74 in 1981. Delinquent taxes presently total over \$100 billion.	1.891	585,062
(10) Tighten up Sick Leave Policy.	Federal employees use 444 more sick days (9 days) than private sector employees in non-manufacturing industries (15.5 days).	1.690	554,554
(11) Total - 10 Major Recommendations		5114.389	17,190,863

One way in which Congress can exert influence over what are often administrative rather than policy decisions is through the legislative rider. This is language added onto a bill which has no direct bearing on the main thrust of the measure, and so merely "rides" along with it. The rules of both the House and Senate supposedly bar this practice, but those rules are often ignored, to the serious detriment of the taxpayer — those "forgotten" American families of four people who pay a median federal income tax of \$2,218 per year, per family and work long hours each week to put themselves in the position to pay this. Congress uses such riders not only to impose spending directions and requirements on the executive branch, but also to direct management operations or even override management decisions.

For example, in May 1983, the Department of Agriculture's Farmers Administration (FmHA) announced plans to move its office from one city to another within the same state. The agency's appropriations bill, which came out in June, did not specifically bar the move, but in reports accompanying the measure, the House and Senate agricultural appropriations subcommittees both said it should not be done. Despite these opinions, FmHA responded that the report language was not legally binding and that the agency intended to proceed with the move.

Congressional reaction was swift. A supplemental appropriations bill for FY 1983 was being considered in July, and to it was added a clause which declared:

"None of the funds appropriated by this or any other act may be used to relocate the office of the Farmers Administration from _____ to _____."

If the president disagreed with the rider, he could not reject it without vetoing the entire bill. That would have affected essential funding for the food-stamp program, the Health and Human Services Department, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Commerce, Department of Justice, Department of State, Department of Defense and other agencies which were included in that supplemental appropriations bill.

Regardless of how strong his disagreement, the president had no right to veto or approve the entire bill, including the rider, which is what he did. The president's veto power is specifically expressed in the Constitution: "Every bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, before it becomes law, be presented to the president of the United States; if he approves, he shall sign it, but if not, he shall return it, with his objections..."

will take to run the federal government, including new initiatives for the fiscal year beginning that October, the appropriations subcommittees divide the plan up according to their own areas of jurisdiction. For example, the appropriations subcommittee on transportation has charge of the budget for the Department of Transportation — all of it. Over the eight months which follow, the secretary of Transportation, along with the administrators of the various agencies within the department, will appear at hearings called by the subcommittee chairmen, where they will explain and justify their spending requests. Sometimes, they have to explain and justify why they want less. Specifically, the Urban Mass Transportation Administration may or may not, for example, want to spend funds for a particular subway system in a particular city. Or, the Federal Aviation Administration may want funds to expand an airport in one community, or close an airport tower in another.

Congress can require the agency to build a subway wherever it wants, or it can keep a congressional floor open by voting the funds to operate it.

Each member of Congress, then, is continually put in a position of balancing potential conflicts between overall national interest and the local-regional special interests of his or her constituents.

Using legislative rider would exert influence

term "bill" in a much narrower sense than it is now employed. In the early stages of our government, each bill was concerned with a single specific subject which had to be clearly identified in the title. During this period, a president could veto all the proposed legislation on a single subject, by vetoing a bill.

Over the years, Congress had enlarged the number and scope of unrelated subjects that together comprise a bill, until a single appropriations bill today may cover several unrelated departments, agencies and programs. Thus, the president is sometimes deprived of the authority to selectively veto proposed legislation on a single subject.

One way to remedy this problem would be to institute an item veto, such as is available to the governors of 43 states. Item veto power would enable a president to separate from his approval of much unrelated subjects that together comprise a bill, until a single appropriations bill today may cover several unrelated departments, agencies and programs. Thus, the president is sometimes deprived of the authority to selectively veto proposed legislation on a single subject.

It is important to recognize that our recommendation of a presidential item veto in no way impinges on Congress's constitutional rights and obligations. Rather, it adds to the political process a constructive element that could lead to a significant reduction in management inefficiency. In the past, this particular element was perhaps not necessary — and obviously no changes should be made in political processes unless doing so is of critical importance.

Thus, in the 1960s, it was possible to tolerate whatever inefficiency that legislative riders and similar actions introduced into administrative matters simply because the resulting budget deficits averaged a "manageable" \$6 billion a year. Now, however, the country is facing deficits approaching \$200 billion annually.

In the equivalent circumstances, a private-sector enterprise would take drastic steps to tighten its belt, eliminating all systematic inefficiencies in its authorization, management and operating practices. PPSS is arguing here that implementing an item veto is one such decisive action that the federal government needs to take in order to mitigate an inherent weakness in the political process — and to enable the federal government to optimize the use of its nation's human and capital resources.

The dimensions of the challenge were clearly shown in a remark made by a leading representative to his colleagues in the House just before Congress adjourned in 1983: "We have confessed to an already doubling nation that we are ruled by political fear, rather than economic courage."

Letters

Test twice each year

In reading your editorial concerning the recommendations of the committee on excellence in education, I was struck with the following:

At the present time the only independent evaluation of our school systems and students occurs after graduation — by employers in industry, in commerce and in government. When the grade is unsatisfactory, the student and society are the losers. To overcome this appalling deficiency and waste, we need an early warning system — an independent in-progress evaluation of performance.

I suggest that twice a year tests be conducted by an agency outside the school system to measure performance. The results of these tests will be the criteria for promotion by the student and performance of the teacher and the school system.

We can hear the cries of the educators now. Education is too complex and important for layman interference. One must be professionally trained to educate, etc.

At any level it does not take a genius to decide if a student can read well, write well and do arithmetic adequately.

In a fair manner it requires only a modicum of good judgment to relate teacher performance to student performance, school system performance to both.

Think about this. The educators establish the curricula, hire the teachers, administer the system, evaluate performance and graduate the student.

Where are the checks and balances? I recommend serious consideration for independent student testing; the results to be used as a criteria for promotion and teacher and system performance.

JOHN E. COOLIDGE
Halley

Go back 20 years

I would like to ask the right-wingers in this area if they plan to bring Mr. Eddie Childs, the Houston oil tycoon, into the Magic Valley this year to campaign for the re-election of the Republicans? He has not been here in 20 years since he is piling up tens of millions of dollars of profits under this crooked supply-side oriented administration. If he does come, I can't wait to hear his explanation of why gas and oil is costing us consumers so much when there is in fact a glut on the market.

If they use the age old philosophy "If you repeat something often enough, it will become fact," then they may just pull it off and get the big deceiver, Ronald Reagan, back in for another term and we can kiss four more years good-bye.

About the vitriolic comments from Heyburn, would you believe I have lived here for fifty years and I don't know the man, the processing plants have brought in all kinds.

Thomas Meade says Reagan is not a warmonger. I say that anyone that turns 16-inch guns on civilians is a warmonger and worse! Also you do not have to go back a hundred years to find fault with governments. Mr. Meade, just go back twenty.

We, the good old United States, killed six million plus men, women and children in Vietnam and laid to waste several million acres of fertile productive land with 255-T, Sylvek, agent orange, etc. And for nothing more than to satisfy a stubborn knothed in the White House and a few selfish corporations and manufacturers. So history does repeat itself over and over with the sanction of the scholars like Mr. Thomas Meade.

RICHARD GRAF
Heyburn

Licensing needed

There have been recorded cases of child abuse in Idaho due to that fact that Idaho does not have mandatory licensing of child care.

This law needs to be passed to exempt no one. Children are being watched in basements without adequate fire escapes and with phones upstairs. If these homes ever caught on fire, these children would burn up.

Just last week in Boise, a pimp-drag dealer applied for a day-care license. How about the sex molester from Coeur d'Alene that molested children in his day care. His license had been revoked in another state. Because Idaho does not have mandatory child care licensing, he opened up a day-care center in Idaho.

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Curb deluge early

It was well reported that Lyndon B. Johnson was the most vulgar man ever to occupy the presidential chair. Late reports from Washington tell of John Block being caught between continuously mounting surpluses and his inability in this election year to

wangle enough votes in Congress to continue the massive giveaway of cheese and butter from storage to charitable institutions. The incoming flood of this ill-conceived dairy program is again filling the warehouses emptied by his releasing 100 tons of cheese. Caught in this treadmill, his jerry built plan of paying dairymen for not milking their heavily mortgaged cows is not being met with favor and the tanker trucks roll from dairy to processing plant to commodity credit to costly storage.

Let me suggest that this deluge be mortgaged far beyond the true value of the gradual lowering of an unrealistic support price and withdrawal of bureaucratic financing of new dairy plants. This would give those mortgaged far beyond the true value of the gradual lowering of an unrealistic support price and withdrawal of bureaucratic financing of new dairy plants.

Let us assume the government told the auto industry, "We will loan you money at low interest rates to build new plants. Increase production and we will buy all unsold units at a predetermined price and place them in yards where they will be kept in top shape, properly guarded with inspectors and insurance fully paid."

Imagine the mad rush into car building with men quitting their shoe shining jobs to become government "expert economists." Visualize the horde of lawyers fighting for plush jobs while cars rolled off assembly

lines into storage. Think of the insurance companies making billions insuring "dead horses" while other billions were spent creating roofed storage yards to protect investment while the printing presses rolled along turning out bales of paper dollars with the brave motto "In God We Trust" and the national debt soared to heights comprehensible only to the gigantic minds of politicians with one arm up to the shoulders in the U.S. Treasury.

But enough of this half-baked government muddling that jumped from program to program in one of the most notorious vote-buying schemes since the creation of the New Deal.

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Not a 'demotion'

Find it incongruous that your paper would make the statement that Mr. Simcoe's change of position is "in essence, a demotion." As this was not a direct quote, (at least, there were no quotation marks denoting a direct quote), I can only assume this was the "opinion" of your reporter. The new position requires a degree in school administration. Where, then, does "demotion" enter in?

I suggest your reporter refrain from making judgmental statements that are both disparaging and inaccurate. Mr. Simcoe has done an outstanding job in the position he currently holds and will do an equally fine job in his new position. We are indeed fortunate to have people of his caliber in Twin Falls School District. Three cheers for Doyl Simcoe!

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I would like to share with you an experience I recently had. I was one of the few who braved the cold to protest the passing of the white nuclear train in Shoshone.

I was deeply overwhelmed by emotions, some of which I understood and some I didn't. I first had feelings of fear as the train neared us. Fear that these wretched passing in front of my eyes could destroy all mankind. Then I felt deepened sadness, sadness for my children, neighbors

and for you the people I don't even know. Then as the caboose went by, I felt anger. Why do we have to live in a world where our biggest fear is man himself? Finally, as I am writing this letter, I feel discouraged.

Is it or can it ever be possible for the people for Maple Valley, for one minute to put aside their religious, racial and political prejudices to stand together and fight for what we all so deeply deserve — peace?

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Hagar the Horrible

I LIKE THIS HOUSE, BUT WHY IS THE BASEMENT DOOR LOCKED? I DON'T KNOW BUT IT'S NOT IMPORTANT... ...IF YOU'VE SEEN ONE BASEMENT, YOU'VE SEEN THEM ALL.

Gasoline Alley

Polly and I have decided to get married! How wonderful! Do you think you'll like living in the city? We won't be living in the city! I'm going to help Polly run the farm! With his warm strong hands... the cows will love him!

Garfield

I GOTTA GET HELP FOR THIS CATCH IN MY BACK. HEY, GUYS. WHAT WE HAVE HERE IS A FAILURE TO COMMUNICATE.

The Born Loser

I WANT TO SEE SOMEONE ABOUT ARRANGING A LOAN FOR A NEW CAR... YOU WANT TO SEE MY BOSS... THIS WAY, PLEASE. THIS IS THE "LOAN ARRANGER"... THANK YOU, TONY!

Wizard of Id

I'M GOING TO HAVE MY HELMET CHECKED. I HEAR SOMETHING FATTILING UP THERE. NO PROBLEM... HE SAID I HAD A SCREW LOOSE. I COULD HAVE TOLD YOU THAT.

Hi and Lois

YOUR BATH WATER IS READY, DITTO! OKAY, MOM! DITTO LIKES STUFF TO PLAY WITH IN THE TUB.

Beetle Bailey

DOWN! DOWN! EVERYONE DOWN! THIS IS A TOUGH WAY TO MAKE A LIVING.

Shoe

THE SPECIALS TODAY ARE BOURGANOISE, GOULASH, STROGANOFF, AND A NICE REEF STEW. ROZ IS REALLY AMAZING... HOW MANY PEOPLE DO YOU KNOW WHO CAN SAY "LEFTOVERS" IN FOUR DIFFERENT LANGUAGES?

Andy Capp

INSIDE CHALKIE-PICKIN' A FEW LOSERS. FLO, WHERE'S ANDY? THERE YOU GO, LET'S PLUTIN' THE MOCKERS ON IT!

Blondie

FOR OTHERS, I'M HAVING A WISDOM TOOTH PULLED THIS AFTERNOON. WISDOM TOOTH! DON'T HAVE IT PULLED, MY BOY! SEE IF THEY CAN'T TRANSPLANT IT TO YOUR BRAIN.

Peanuts

WHAT KIND OF A SHOW IS THIS, MARCIE? THERE AREN'T ANY PICTURES... WHAT DO WE LOOK AT? THIS IS A CONCERT, SIR... JUST LISTEN TO THE MUSIC... I DON'T BELIEVE THIS... AN AUDITORIUM FULL OF PEOPLE JUST SITTING HERE LISTENING TO MUSIC... SOMEONE THOUGHT HE HAD A GOOD IDEA, BUT IT'LL NEVER GO...

Daily crossword

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LM. Boyd

What's what

West Germany's City of Cologne is so conscious of its pioneering role in perfume history that it observes some peculiarly related laws. It's a punishable offense there, for example, to smell up your apartment building with pickled herring.

The male lovebug on the average devotes 56 hours of its life to making love. The lifespan of the lovebug is only a little more than 56 hours, understandably.

In Florida, you can be fined and sent to jail, if you stay more than five minutes in an election booth.

Am told 3-month-old babies are now being taught to read.

GEORGE EDDY
Q. What's a "George Eddy"?
A. Cafe slang for one who leaves no tip.

Q. What's the oldest commercial soft drink on the market?
A. Dr. Pepper. Been around since 1885.

Q. All American sports evolved out of games of combat, except one, which evolved out of hard work. Name that one.
A. Rodeo.

HUBERT HUMPHREY

A much-admired fellow was the late Hubert Humphrey. Two things come to mind when his name is mentioned: One, he used a new razor blade every time he shaved. And two, he said, "No sane person in the country likes the war in Vietnam, and neither does President Johnson."

All generalities are false, including this one. Example: A popular line in education now is, "Let's get back to basics." But it does not endorse the teaching of sex in the classroom.

Don't know what pokeweed is, but the record shows that's what the North American Indians used to treat venereal disease.

Toy-makers sell little leaden soldiers that sprawl, not stand. Some are bandaged. Some show wounds. Some appear dead. To make miniature battlefields seem realistic. What fun!

All the platinum ever mined would make a cube only 14 by 14 by 14 feet.

Address mail to L.M. Boyd in care of this newspaper.

Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES:
Whatever is unusual will appeal to you today. Consider new ways to use your talents. Do something dramatic and original, and in the evening be romantic and social.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A good day to get together with friends. Look for the personal items that you like so much. Think constructively.

Taurus (Apr. 20 to May 20) Go to whomsoever has power over your affairs and ask for favors you need. Adopt a new attitude where your vocation is concerned.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Be

alert to changes going on around you. A new contact could do you a favor so don't hesitate to ask for it. Rest up.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Study bookkeeping carefully. Spend as much time as possible with the one you love; this brings greater understanding.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Get out of that rut you are in, and make new contacts who are more modern thinking and can be helpful to you. Keep busy.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 21) Find the right way to make your work more efficient and profitable. Discuss with an associate how to make real progress.

LIBRA (Sept. 22 to Oct. 21) You enjoy pleasure more than the average person, so plan a fine evening with your mate. Stop counting the cost so much and be generous.

SCORPIO (Oct. 22 to Nov. 21) Family will go along with your most constructive ideas today so talk them

over. It's good news to stress people into your home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get out of that rut and make new connections that will make them more valuable. Then talk over with an expert how to have more prosperity in the future.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Study your possessions and make them more valuable. Then talk them over. A good day to be active.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You

can be very active with your friends during the daytime, but tonight make fine plans for the future.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Handling outside affairs during the daytime brings fine results. Gain the support of some influential person.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY, he or she will be one who will want to have a good education and will work for tuition, if necessary. Give every opportunity to express the self. One who will definitely become a bigwig here.

People

Actress feels no less beautiful at 40

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress-model Catherine Deneuve, whose face has graced magazine covers and movie screens for two decades, says she doesn't feel "any less beautiful now than she's 40."

"Forty is not so old any more — not what I used to be 15 or 20 years ago. One is an old woman the moment she is no longer desirable," Miss Deneuve says in the March issue of Harper's Bazaar.

Miss Deneuve has been in 53 movies and is the heroine in the upcoming film "Fort Saganne." She also designs her own line of jewelry, which she models in the magazine with Yves Saint Laurent fashions.

She said there are days "when I don't feel beautiful, when I don't look like the person I'm supposed to be." "When it's expected that you're to look a certain way, you just have to work a little harder," she said.

Former mayor hired as utility consultant

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Former Mayor Frank Rizzo was retained as a full-time consultant on government relations and security matters by a municipally owned utility.

Rizzo will be paid \$5,000 a month starting March 1, "and for the foreseeable future," James G. McKee, chief executive officer of the Philadelphia Gas Works, said in a statement Monday.

Rizzo was mayor for eight years, until 1980, after spending 28 years in the city's police department, where he rose to commissioner. He will continue to receive his \$45,000-a-year pension from the city.

Rizzo was barred by the City Charter from running for a third consecutive term as mayor. Current Mayor W. Wilson Goode defeated him in last year's Democratic primary when he tried to make a comeback.

Rizzo, who has a strong law-and-order image, was sought because of "the unique combination of his know-



WILLIAM S. PALEY
Cited by TV Guide



JOANNA CARSON
Silent on what sought



FRANK RIZZO
Keeps fingers in pot

edge of governmental affairs, his extensive police experience and his unusual knowledge of Philadelphia and its problems," McKee said.

CBS founder given magazine's award

RADNOR, Pa. (AP) — William S. Paley, founder of the CBS television network, has received a life achievement award from TV Guide, the magazine announced Monday.

Paley founded the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1928, resigned as chairman on April 20, 1983, and is now a director.

"Paley surely has done more to shape popular entertainment in America than anyone else alive," the magazine said in its March 3 issue. It cited his "instinct about popular taste" and his support of "independent television journalism."

Paley is the fourth recipient of the annual award. Previous winners were Edward R. Murrow, Sylvester (Pat) Weaver Jr. and Lucille Ball.

Mrs. Carson says court ruling fair

NEW YORK (AP) — Joanna Carson denies that she asked for more than \$2 million a year in temporary support from entertainer Johnny Carson, whom she is divorcing.

"I think the decision that the court made was very fair," Mrs. Carson said Monday, referring to a judge's awarding her \$420,000 a year last week from the "Tonight" show star, pending a final divorce settlement. The judge also gave her \$2 million as her share of an equal split of the couple's liquid assets.

The press "said that I asked for \$220,000 a month and very frankly I didn't ask for \$220,000 a month," Mrs. Carson said on ABC's "Good Morning, America."

She did not say how much she asked for, but court papers filed by her lawyers said she needed \$20 million as her share of an equal split of the couple's liquid assets, servants, other household expenses, gifts and taxes.

Former president joins parkway tour

ATLANTA (AP) — Members of a federal advisory council were joined by former President Jimmy Carter as they toured the site of a controversial parkway which would lead to Carter's presidential library.

The federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which will make a recommendation on the proposed road to the Federal Highway Administration, met Monday in Atlanta to hear public comments and review the site of the 2.4-mile Presidential Parkway.

The road, strongly opposed by neighborhood groups, would cut through several historic districts to connect downtown Atlanta with Carter's planned presidential library in the Emory University area.

Indiana town's street lights to burn for another year

WHEATLAND, Ind. (AP) — It took a hot time (20 gallons of chili) in the old town (125 years) to do it, but Wheatland has raised enough money to keep its street lights burning for at least another year.

Townpeople had hoped their "streetlight chili supper" Saturday night would raise some money for the

Knox County town's light bill. But by the time the supper was over they had raised a whopping \$1,100 — \$1,500 of that in donations even before the chili was cooked and the 150 hamburger patties were formed.

"I used to think Wheatland was off the map. But when I see these people coming in from everywhere, I see that

they really do care," said Deanna Baker, who took food orders along with her mother, sister and niece.

Town officials planned the supper after learning of a proposed 15 percent rate increase by Public Service Indiana. If approved, the increase would add \$768 to the town's already ailing \$19,000 annual budget.

'Dirty diaper' smell leads to arrest of 5

LANCASTER, Calif. (AP) — A "very unique odor" wafting from the lone house on a dirt road led Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies to arrest five people on drug charges.

Narcotics investigators confiscated a half-gallon of what they believed to be amphetamine still in liquid form, manufacturing paraphernalia such as scales and beakers and eight loaded weapons, Deputy Joe Garza said.

A citizen tipped deputies about noon on the strange odor, which Garza likened to "very dirty diapers." They obtained a search warrant and raided the house about 50 miles north of Los Angeles on Sunday afternoon.

The adults were booked for investigation of manufacturing amphetamines and held at the Antelope Valley substation in lieu of \$50,000 bond each.

Garza identified them as Charlotte Robinson, 26; Albert Robinson, 30; Sherry Stufflebeam, 27; Doyle Stufflebeam, 26, and Charles Stupp, 28. Five children at the house, ages 3 to 8, were put in the custody of their grandparents.

The weapons confiscated were a pistol and silencer, a rifle mounted on a tripod, three shotguns and three handguns.

Pepsi's million-dollar Jackson ads go on air

NEW YORK (AP) — Two million-dollar Pepsi Cola commercials, including the one Michael Jackson was making when his hair caught fire, were unveiled Monday — one day before their network television debut, during the Grammys show.

One of the ads shows Jackson coming onstage for a concert with fireworks exploding from flashpots behind him. During the last of five shootings of the scene on Jan. 27, Jackson suffered second-degree and third-degree burns and lost some hair when burning material landed on his head.

Alan Pottasch, Pepsi's vice president for creative services, said a previous (live) of the scene was used in the commercial.

"We wish it had never happened," Pottasch said of the accident. "We think everything people would be capable of doing in advance was done" to prevent it.

Pottasch acknowledged that there was increased interest in the commercials because of the accident. But he said there would have been great interest anyway because of the involvement of Jackson, whom he de-

scribed as the "absolute top musical personality in the world today."

Jackson and his five brothers were paid \$5 million for their appearance in the commercials, an exclusive sponsorship of a concert tour this summer and an "association" lasting through 1984 during which the Jacksons agreed not to make ads for any other food or beverage, Pottasch said.

In addition to the payment to the Jacksons, the commercials cost \$2 million, Pottasch said.

Roger Enrico, president of Pepsi Cola U.S.A., said at first he "choked" on what he thought was the "outlandish figure" of \$5 million for the Jackson contract.

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A reporter, pointing out that Michael Jackson is a health food enthusiast, asked if he drinks Pepsi Cola.

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Major storm sweeps through Midwest

By The Associated Press

A snowstorm rivaling the Blizzard of 1978 blocked highways in the Midwest with 5-foot drifts and disabled cars and trucks Monday, giving many schoolchildren and office workers a holiday, as snow spread from Dixie to the Northeast.

Missouri officials declared a state of emergency and mobilized National Guard troops.

In Texas, law officers joined firefighters battling brush fires

fanned by 50-mph winds that had charred 9,000 acres and about 30 homes, barns and other structures since Sunday. One firefighter was killed when his truck was struck by vehicle en route to a fire, and four were seriously burned in another area.

Texas Gov. Mark White mobilized a National Guard unit to help remove stalled cars and trucks, many flipped on their sides and blocking Interstate 40 and other highways in the

Panhandle around Amarillo which was hit by a blizzard with 72-mph winds on Sunday.

"We've got about 140 vehicles, 80 estimated to be tractor-trailer rigs, that are just in all states of contortion out there," said Lt. Paul Hoff of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The winter storm was blamed for at least one death in Illinois. A 77-year-old East St. Louis old man was killed and four other people were injured Sunday when a car skidded off icy

Route 15 and fell 30 feet down an embankment.

As the latest snowstorm pushed eastward Sunday night and Monday, snow fell from Arkansas to New York, with accumulations of more than a foot across much of the Midwest. It was building as fast as 2 inches an hour in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Winds gusting to 40 and 50 mph produced near-blizzard conditions from southern Illinois to western Ohio. Winds were clocked at up to 71 mph in Bluefield, W.Va.

Weather watchers warn of heavy spring floods

WASHINGTON (AP) — The threat of flooding looms over the West and could spread to other regions in the nation's second wettest winter, weather watchers warned Monday.

Utah appears at the center of the hazard, but the danger could easily move west to Nevada, Idaho and Oregon, said Robert Clark, a water specialist at the

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In 40 years as a hydrologist, Clark said, he has never seen two consecutive winters as wet as 1983 and 1984.

He said precipitation has been two to five times normal in some parts of the West. Current conditions are similar to those of last spring, when flooding damage was estimated at

more than \$1 billion nationwide, he said.

Cold in November and December allowed record snowpacks to build in the West, said Ron Girard of the National Environmental Satellite and Data Information Service. He cited as an example Colorado's snow cover, now 167 percent above normal.

Clark said melting snow has raised soil moisture to excessive levels

across much of the nation — except the South — raising the potential for flooding if spring rains add to the water.

Extremely wet soil was noted in parts of Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Virginia and North Carolina, where floods could occur following a spring rain of one inch in three hours, Clark said.

Rape victim challenged

FALL RIVER, Mass. (AP) — A woman who says she was raped in a barroom of cheering strangers said under cross-examination Monday that she delivered drinks to two of her alleged assailants before the attack.

She also admitted she had cheated the state welfare department for three years, and said she had filed a lawsuit against the bar on principle, but did not intend to profit from the trial.

The six-hour cross-examination came as Superior Court Judge William Young denied defense motions for a mistrial based on an alleged change in the victim's testimony.

"You know if these men are found not guilty you will not get any money," defense attorney Kenneth Sullivan said, referring to a \$10 million lawsuit she has filed against the bartender and owners of Big Dan's tavern in New Bedford.

"I'm suing them for the principle that they were wrong," she said.

Sullivan also asked if she had been offered money to write a book.

"I was offered to sign contracts, and I refused them," she answered.

The 22-year-old mother of two admitted to defense attorney David Waxler that she was ineligible for welfare during three years when she accepted payments from the department.

"That doesn't have any effect as to why you're here today — the fact that District Attorney (Ronald) Pina has total authority to prosecute you for a 20-year felony?" asked Waxler.

"No."


The cross-examination came after the woman identified two men sitting in the courtroom as taking part in the attack on March 6, 1983.

When asked to identify her attackers, the woman pointed to John Cordeiro and Victor Raposo. Raposo smiled slightly.


Cordeiro, Raposo, Virgilio Medeiros and Jose Medeiros, all 24, are being tried on charges of aggravated rape in a morning trial. The two Medeiros men are not related.

Daniel Silva and Joseph Vieira, both 27, are being tried on the same charges in an afternoon session. The six are being tried separately to prevent the possibility of defendants testifying against one other.

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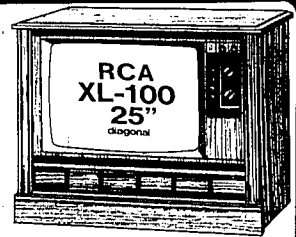
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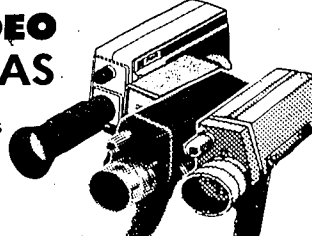


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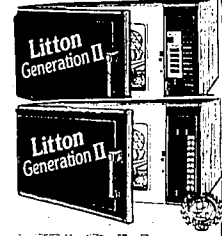


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Kelly Delmore of the Early Childhood Learning Center, knows it's wise to be immunized

Focus is on shots for kids

By ANNA WAGNER
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Concern over declining immunization levels among preschoolers has led the South Central District Health Department to designate this week as "Immunization Awareness Week."

This week, public-health nurses will be visiting area preschools and day-care centers to focus attention on the immunization problems occurring with 2- and 3-year-olds.

Cheryl Juntunen, the department's physical health director, says that throughout the week, health officials will be providing information to parents, educating youngsters and setting up clinics in an effort to promote improved immunization practices. District nurses also will provide day-care centers

with medical enrollment cards and encourage them to keep records on every child, Juntunen says. "The cards will be sent home for parents to complete and return to the day-care centers. The information will be used by the South Central District Health Department when it surveys area day-care centers in April to determine preschool immunization levels." According to Juntunen, a 1983 survey showed that only 52 percent of the state's 2-year-olds were fully immunized. "Ninety percent of the youngsters should be immunized to prevent major outbreaks of childhood diseases," she says. "The downward trend appears to occur at the age of 18 months, when children are scheduled to receive another series of diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis shots, and

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Gold plant proposed for key salmon area

By HAL BERNTON
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — A Kellogg-based mining company has asked the U.S. Forest Service for permission to cyanide-leach gold from 10,000 tons of mining tailings along the headwaters of one of Idaho's prime salmon-spawning grounds.

Sawtooth National Recreation Area officials say they are reviewing a proposal — submitted by the Golden Maple Mining and Leaching Co. — to construct a cyanide-based gold-recovery plant at a site along Valley Creek, west of Stanley.

Valley Creek is the final destination for a hardy few Pacific salmon that brave an 800-mile, dam-strewn inland voyage to lay their eggs in the stream's gravel beds. "After the snow melts this spring, a team of Forest Service officials will inspect the site to determine what impact the proposed plant would have on the salmon spawning grounds and other fisheries, according to Jeff Jones, an SNRA official."

"We will then get public comments and write up an environmental analysis," Jones says. "We hope to reach a decision by sometime in June."

Jones says the plant would include a 28-by-26-foot plastic-lined pad and three settling ponds eight feet in diameter. "It would be a small, three-man operation," Jones says, "and the company would be required to post a bond."

A leaching process uses a mixture of cyanide and water that is sprinkled onto piles of tailings. The mixture picks up bits of gold as it percolates down to the plastic-lined pad.

From the pad, the cyanide flows into settling ponds, according to Jones. Eventually, the mixture is pumped through columns, which separate the gold out.

Jones says the company would use a closed-loop process, which would recycle all the cyanide.

"If they (the company) lose the cyanide, they lose the gold," Jones says. "It's in their best interest, as well as ours, to ensure that they don't lose the cyanide."

Donald Long, the president of Golden Maple Mining and Leaching, says his company would like to build the leaching plant at the site of an old underground gold mine that was shut down in the 1940s.

If the plant is approved by SNRA officials, Long says it would be operated on a seasonal basis, during the spring and summer months.

Long says the plant would be a "clean operation" that "does not release any tailings or anything else. The plant would not harm the salmon-spawning grounds "in any way," he says.

Allen Ashton, another SNRA official who is reviewing the project, says that his agency's biggest concern is for the safety of the salmon who spawn in Valley Creek.

"These fish are genetically strong," Ashton says, noting that their 800-mile inland migration is the longest anadromous fish run in the lower 48 states.

"Any fish that can travel some 800 miles and can get through all those dams and back is one hell of a fish," he says.

Kathy Behr, a Stanley resident who belongs to the Idaho Conservation League, says that Valley Creek also is a top trout stream.

If the leaching project is approved, Jones says the SNRA office would monitor the plant's operation and require full reclamation of the site when it is closed.

Monitoring water quality primarily would be primarily the responsibility of the state Department of Health and Welfare, Jones says.

In a January issue of Idaho Clean Water, a State Health and Welfare Department publication, Susan Lowman wrote that "officials see fishery damage as a significant problem associated with cyanide leaching from a leach operation."

Lowman said that fish are more susceptible to traces of cyanide than humans, with cyanide concentrations above .005 milligrams per liter of water considered unsafe for fisheries.

Lowman also wrote that there are many unanswered questions about the use of cyanide, including "its fate in the environment and the results of a major spill."

Group lobbies for protection on Jarbidge-Bruneau system

By HAL BERNTON
Times-News writer

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Committee for Idaho's High Desert has launched a petition drive, urging Congress to grant 171 miles of the pristine Bruneau-Jarbidge River system under the protection of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act.

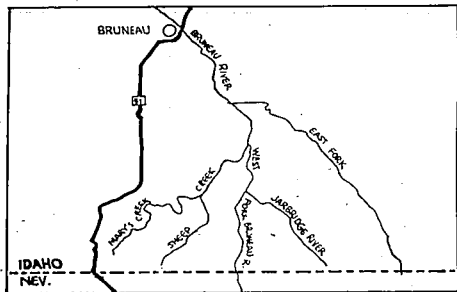
Dr. Randy Morris, a Mountain Home doctor who chairs the committee's 200-member Idaho chapter, says his group hopes the petition's signatures will persuade Sen. James McClure to introduce a Bruneau-Jarbidge rivers' protection bill later this year.

Morris says his group is fearful that without federal protection, the Bruneau and Jarbidge rivers "will be left exposed to hydro development, mining or recreational subdivision."

According to Morris, the Bruneau-Jarbidge river system is one of the only undammed desert river systems remaining in the West.

"The reason for the petition drive is to show that there is some valid concern for the rivers," Morris said last week. "There are some real opportunities for preserving fish and wildlife."

Morris says the petitions will be presented to McClure's Idaho office in a few weeks.



Morris says the 171 miles of river his group wants to protect include nationally recognized white-water runs and habitat for golden eagles, red-tailed hawks, mountain lions, bobcats and fish.

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City Council slates street projects

By DAVID MOFFAT
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Council has approved a preliminary list of 1984 street projects that will cost \$238,055.

At a work session Monday, council members heard their top selections announced by city engineer Gary Young. Young had received questionnaires from each of the council members during the week and had tabulated the results.

Out of 11 projects proposed by the city engineering department, council members selected six. They are:

- Reconstruct portions of Eastland Drive North, at an estimated cost of \$142,560.
- This will be the largest project of the year, but Young says Eastland North is an arterial street with a high traffic count that is in serious disrepair.
- Construct two storm drains on Highland Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$52,370. These will collect water that has been running onto private property, Young said.
- Widen the irregular sections of Flier Avenue West, between Ostrander Street and an Irrigation lateral, at an estimated cost of \$8,343.
- Overlay Martin Street, from Hoyburn Avenue to Flier Avenue, at an estimated cost of \$22,915.
- Install a storm drain from Falls Avenue and Chase Street to Dora Drive, at an estimated cost of \$1,200.
- Construct sidewalk where it is missing on the north side of Flier Avenue in the 100 and 200 blocks, east of the 7-Eleven Store, at an estimated cost of \$10,667.

The council also approved \$65,000 in drainage improvements at nine scattered intersections.

The total cost of all the projects that tentatively have been approved by the council is \$303,055, \$72,000 less than

the amount authorized for street reconstruction in the city's 1984 budget.

But Young said this entire \$72,000 cushion may be needed to repair streets damaged this winter by snow and ice. The full cost of that repair will not be known for another several months, he said.

The council needed to make selections now, he said, so the city engineering department can begin making the technical drawings necessary to take bids on the projects.

Projects that were not selected were: reconstruct Highland Avenue from Locust Street to Eastland Drive, \$124,000; repave Fifth Avenue West from Shoshone Street to Second Street West, \$16,000; reconstruct Harmon Park Avenue, \$108,000; reconstruct Fourth Avenue East from Madrona Street to Eastland Drive, \$105,600; and install a storm drain on Shoup Avenue East from Morningside Drive to the Perrine Coulee, \$14,400.

Falling income plagues hospital

By ANNETTE CARLY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Although the number of patients at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is up since last month, hospital officials say the hospital may never have as many patients per day as it did in the last several years.

At the monthly board meeting Monday night, Clyde Eder, a controller for Hospital Corporation of America, which manages the hospital for the county, said "less and less dollars will be coming to the hospital and medical staff. As we venture into an era with less health-care dollars,

the emphasis will have to be on greater and greater efficiencies of operations."

While the number of patients admitted has not fallen too much, patients are staying for shorter periods of time, he said. The result is the hospital is expected to give the same amount of care in less time.

But fewer patients per day in the hospital mean the hospital cannot afford to provide the same level of care, as it operates now, Eder said. "Hospitals have two choices: They can raise rates or become more efficient," he said.

Hospital administrator Bill Burns said that new Medicare regulations,

which set the maximum that a hospital can be paid for treating particular illnesses, also are going to increase the trend toward fewer patients per day.

In February, the hospital is averaging 102 patients per day, about the same number of patients as it had in October, November and December of 1983, and far more than the 89 patients per day in January, Burns said.

Still, the overall admission rate for the past five months has been lower than any month in the five years before that period, and not enough to break even, Burns said. To break

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Waste from Jerome dairies worries district health board

By ANNA WAGNER
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — The South Central District Health Department board will send a letter to the Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, expressing the board's concern over the uncontained animal wastes of dairy operators in that county.

The waste problem has prompted widespread complaints by residents.

After hearing William Allred, the district's environmentalist, report on the outcome of a recent meeting he attended with representatives of various Jerome County agencies, board members decided last week that they should urge zoning officials to take action to resolve the dairy waste problem.

Allred described how manure run-off is flooding canals, roads and even a mobile home.

Failure to enforce existing regulations, violators who are exempt from the jurisdiction of present ordinances, sketchy distinctions between a public vs. a private health nuisance and conflicts with several county officials who also have dairy interests are just a few of the issues that further complicate the matter, Allred told board members at their monthly meeting.

The Jerome County prosecutor is reviewing existing laws and ordinances to determine their enforcement effectiveness, Allred said, and the prosecutor plans to submit a report of his findings in about two weeks. If nothing can be done at that point, we'll have to consider

ways to solve the problem through new ordinances, Allred said.

"The uncontrolled dairy waste is a serious concern that can no longer be ignored," he said. "We hope to have this problem resolved as quickly as possible."

Alan Biermann, the district's environmental health director, said that although the public views this as a health problem, which it is, the agency actually has little authority to regulate action on the matter.

District director Gerald Hurst reminded board members that the department primarily serves in an investigative and advisory capacity.

"Unless it can be proven that the run-off manure will cause physical illness, our agency is at a legal standstill when it comes to

correcting the problem," he said.

Hurst said, however, that if dairies with Grade-A permits are the ones not adequately containing their animal wastes, the department has the power to revoke the violators' Grade-A permits.

If he sees this situation as a serious health hazard, he said, Minidoka County board member Henry Schodde. "Regardless of our limited authority, I think we should try to become more involved in cases of this kind, to help bring health offenders in compliance with the laws."

Board member Russell Howell of Jerome said the situation is upsetting not only the neighbors of the offending dairy operators, but the entire community. "These dairies are abusing the rights of

their neighbors, and the longer this goes unchecked, the worse the problems will get," he said.

"Even if we can't impose direct sanctions, our board can contact the proper officials and put some pressure on them to more strictly enforce the laws or ordinances that do have some teeth," Howell said.

In other business at last week's meeting, the board appointed Robert P. Thackeray of Wendell to fill the unexpired term of Rick Brailford, who recently resigned to pursue a law career.

Thackeray, who also is a Gooding County commissioner, will serve through next year, at which time the Gooding County seat on the board will be open for reappointment.

Police seize adult films; store closes

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer



Mini-Cassia

BURLEY — A former Burley businessman claims that he was forced to close his business when the Cassia County sheriff's office seized 112 adult video movies that he was renting to customers.

Robert Dill, who operated the store as a lingerie store off Overland Avenue, closed his store earlier this month and has left the state, according to his attorney, Dennis Byington of Burley.

However, in a Feb. 20 letter to The Times-News, Dill claimed that the seizure of the movies caused the demise of the business.

The movies were taken by sheriff's deputies in mid-January, after a creditor obtained a \$500 civil judgment against Dill. Although lingerie was his main line of merchandise, Dill also rented adult movies from the store, Byington says.

The deputies collected the property to satisfy the judgment, says Steven Bywater, a deputy county prosecutor. Dill, himself, suggested that the deputies take the movies, Byington says. Dill did not want them to take his lingerie stock because he said he would have had to close his business immediately, his attorney says.

The movies that were seized were valued at \$12,000, Byington says. The

deputies took all of the films Dill had in his possession.

Among the movie titles were "Deep Throat," "Debbie Does Dallas," "The Devil and Miss Jones" and "Sweet Sixteen," Bywater says.

The sheriff's office said later that it couldn't sell the movies at public auction — its normal procedure — because of the apparent content of the videos, Bywater says.

There also was a concern that some of the videos contained illegal child pornography due to the titles, so a probable-cause hearing was held in Fifth District Magistrate Court in Burley, Bywater says.

At the hearing, Judge Nathan Higer and other county officials viewed parts of two films whose titles suggested the use of minors in them, Bywater says. Although no evidence was found of child pornography, Higer ruled the videos were obscene, based on the criteria of the law.

Dill could have been charged with distributing obscene material, which is a misdemeanor, Bywater says.

Meanwhile, Dill had raised the \$500 and wanted the films back. But the county would not release them because of their alleged obscenity, Byington says.

The prosecutor's office intended to file an obscenity charge against Dill, Bywater says. But an agreement was reached with Dill and his attorney. The prosecutor said he would "defer" prosecution for a year. In return, Dill agreed to return 75 percent of the films to their out-of-state distributors and not make them available in the community. Also, 10 of the films would be destroyed as "punishment."

The prosecutor's office accepted the plan because among other things, there had been no complaints about the movies from the community, Bywater says.

Dill claimed in his letter to The Times-News that other video stores in Burley were renting the same type of adult movies. He said he had been singled out for prosecution.

Bywater said last week that he did not have any information about any other stores renting adult movies. He said his office had received no complaints.

Byington says Dill went out of business because he lost \$4,000 in revenue from the videos. Along with other financial pressures, Dill just could not afford to remain in business, he says.

Concerning Dill's letter, Byington said that although the prosecutor's deal "was the best we could do, it doesn't mean he had to be happy about it."

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Twin Falls County Jail, in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

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Fighting moves into downtown Beirut

By MONA ZIADE
The Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Christian and Muslim militias battled in downtown Beirut on Monday, with volleys of machine-gun fire and dozens of grenades temporarily closing the only crossing point between the halves of the divided city.

Artillery and rocket exchanges also were reported between Lebanese army troops and Syrian-backed Druse militiamen in the hills overlooking Beirut.

Diplomatic efforts to end the Lebanese crisis stalemated as Saudi Arabia's chief mediator, Rafik Hariri, delayed his return to Beirut, saying he had been summoned for urgent talks with Saudi King Fahd and the Saudi ambassador to Washington, Prince Bandar bin Sultan.

Artillery shells slammed into residential neighborhoods in fighting along the "green line" dividing Christian east Beirut from the mostly Muslim western sector. A 10-year-old boy and two adults were killed, and 19 others were wounded.

A 71-year-old priest, the Rev. James Michael Finnegan, of New York City, was killed in fighting along the green line Sunday.

On Monday afternoon, shells and rockets fell near the presidential palace in the Christian suburb of Baabda, east of Beirut, and in nearby Yarzre, where the residence of U.S. Am-



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assador Reginald Bartholomew is located, state-run television and police said. Neither residence was hit, police said.

Monday's fighting peaked at mid-morning when several rocket-propelled grenades and machine-gun fire poured into the area around Lebanon's National Museum crossing

point, which has the only safe passage between the Christian and Muslim sectors of the city.

Panicky pedestrians sought refuge in nearby buildings, and drivers honked their horns as they tried to speed away.

The crossing was shut for more than two hours. It was reopened in the

afternoon, but traffic was reported thin.

In southern Lebanon, two Israeli soldiers were wounded in the coastal city of Sidon when an Israeli army patrol was ambushed with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, state-run Beirut radio reported.

Another patrol was attacked near the village of Ghazieh, four miles southeast, the radio said.

Israeli ambulances rushed to the scene to evacuate the wounded, the radio said, but it gave no casualty figures. There was no immediate comment on either incident from the military command in Israel.

About 50 young men gathered outside the beachfront offices of the U.S. Embassy and demanded to be allowed inside to "burn down the U.S. flag." The group left the area after Druse fighters threatened to shoot.

The protest came a day after the U.S. Marine members of the multinational peacekeeping force left their base at Beirut airport for ships offshore. About 100 Marines remain in Beirut to guard the U.S. Embassy.

Another 47 Army advisers and staff members are stationed at the Lebanese Defense Ministry.

"The Lebanon issue is for the moment in the hands of third party diplomats and we're hopeful that will succeed," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said in Washington on Monday. "The United States remains ever ready to be helpful whenever we can."

World

Iran's attack failing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department said Monday that Iran has exaggerated its claims of victory over Iraq while actually suffering heavy losses in Tehran's new offensive in the 36-year-old war.

John Hughes, the State Department spokesman, told reporters there has been large-scale fighting in recent weeks between Iranian and Iraqi forces but that neither side has apparently gained much.

"We have no evidence of significant changes in the battlefield," Hughes said. He added, "It is clear that Iranian claims of successful incursions have been exaggerated and that Iraq has repulsed several probes with heavy Iranian losses."

Other remarks by Hughes reflected the recent American sympathy for

Iraq, although Washington officially remains neutral in the war, which was started by Iraq in September 1980.

Hughes said the United States "regrets" that Iran did not reciprocate a moratorium by Iraq on attacking civilian areas, noting also that the moratorium has ended.

He also said, "It is unfortunate that Iran has not heeded repeated calls by the world community for restraint, ceasefires and negotiations toward a settlement of the conflict."

The Iranian government — the Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has insisted on the resignation of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as the price of ending the conflict.

Hughes said "The United States continues to believe that there can be no military resolution of this dangerous conflict."

U.S. backs away from officer's Mexico views

By ALEXANDER G. HIGGINS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Defense and State departments Monday disavowed a high-ranking Army general's warning that Mexico could pose "the No. 1 security problem" for the United States in 10 years as a center for subversion in Central America.

State Department spokeswoman Kathleen Lang said Gen. Paul F. Gorman's comments on Mexico before the Senate Armed Services Committee represented his "personal views."

"Gen. Gorman's statements do not reflect the views of this department," said Lt. Cmdr. Richard B. Lank, a Pentagon spokesman.

Gorman, chief of the Panama-based U.S. Southern Command, who is responsible for U.S. military interests in Central America, testified Thursday in support of the Reagan administration's request to increase military aid to friendly countries in Central America.

"Unless there is a dramatic change 10 years from now, Mexico will be the No. 1 security problem of the United States," he said in response to a question by Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., on the current situation in Mexico.

Gorman noted that Mexico was outside his area of responsibility, but said Mexico City is "becoming the center for subversion throughout Central America."

The general also was quoted as saying that Mexico was "the most corrupt government and society in Central America." He called Mexico a "one-party state that has pursued a policy of accommodation with its own left and international leftist interests."

Mexico, Colombia, Panama and Venezuela make up the so-called Contadora Group which, with U.S. support, is trying to negotiate a peace settlement in Central America. The administration also is seeking to bolster economic and military aid to the region to counter what it claims are leftist forces supported by Cuba and the Soviet Union.

The Pentagon spokesman said Gorman had returned to Panama and could not be reached for comment.

Ms. Lang of the State Department said he "was asked for his personal views on Mexico, a matter beyond the principal focus of the hearing."

Religious protest sweeps across India's capital

By VICTORIA GRAHAM
The Associated Press

NEW DELHI, India — Protesting Hindus shut down factories, shops and schools across the city Monday while more than 2,000 riot police kept order and arrested five Sikh militants for burning copies of the Indian constitution.

The Hindus, who called the peaceful strike "a complete success," were protesting the government's failure to halt Sikh attacks on Hindus in the northern state of Punjab, rocked by two weeks of violence.

In Punjab, Sikh terrorists on motorcycles fatally shot a school teacher in the remote village of Faridkot, state police said. A wave of terrorism has claimed at least 83 lives in two weeks in Punjab and adjacent Haryana state.

The Hindu strike was also called to

protest the Sikh demonstration, staged near Parliament House at a white-domed Sikh gurdwara, or shrine.

The five Sikhs, in blue turbans and garlands of marigolds, tore out and set fire to a copy of an article in the 29-year-old constitution which classifies their religion — as well as Buddhism and Jainism — as part of the Hinduism.

The Sikh faith is an offshoot of Hinduism, but its adherents resent being classified as Hindus. Sikh militants are seeking greater political and religious autonomy in Punjab, where they compose 52 percent of the population.

More than 2,000 riot police had cordoned off Parliament House, and arrested the five Sikhs as they emerged from the shrine waving burning pieces of the constitution. Between 300 and 400 Sikh supporters

at the shrine shouted, "Death, death to the widow (Prime Minister) Indira Gandhi!"

There was no violence, however. The police, in bullet-proof jackets, were armed with submachine guns, bamboo spears and bamboo shields.

The five Sikhs were charged with violating the 1971 "Insult to National Honor Act," which carries a maximum punishment of three years in prison. Four other Sikh leaders were arrested on the same charge in the

northern city of Chandigarh, where they conducted a similar protest.

"We will continue to fight. Our arrest is not the end of the struggle," vowed one of the Sikh leaders, Prakash Singh Badal, a former chief minister of Punjab.

"We are ready to face bullets in our mission," he told The Associated Press in a jailhouse interview in New Delhi. "Our agitation will end only if Prime Minister Indira Gandhi accepts our demands."

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Politics

Smooth-functioning Mondale machine makes few errors

By DONALD M. ROTHBERG
AP Political Writer

CONCORD, N.H. — The Mondale machine started taking shape a few days after the 1980 election and on the eve of the New Hampshire primary it seems to have made no major mistakes and left few stones unturned.

It impresses even his rivals, and no wonder: When Walter F. Mondale needs volunteers, they arrive by the busload. While other presidential candidates scramble to beg and borrow the money to keep them afloat, Mondale is solvent.

His rivals often are hours late, but the front-runner runs on time.

And yet the question, posed by President Reagan's campaign manager, remains: "Is the campaign better than the candidate?"

With extraordinary skill, the Mondale staff out-organized all its rivals in a way that dealt effectively with perceptions that Mondale might not be a candidate with the staying power to sustain a campaign that would last through the year.

Sen. John Glenn of Ohio entered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination with the name recognition of a national hero and a belief that he had a unique appeal to millions of Americans fed up with professional politicians.

Sen. Alan Cranston of California entered the race

with a belief that Americans were ready to demand drastic action to curb the nuclear arms race.

Sen. Gary Hart of Colorado based his candidacy on the belief that voters would respond to a candidate who offered himself as representing the future rather than the past.

Mondale called himself "the people's Democrat" and emphasized his experience as a state official, a U.S. senator and vice president.

But more important to his drive for the presidency might be his role as the "organization man" of the 1984 campaign.

That organization began taking shape a few days after the 1980 election that rejected President Carter and his vice president — Mondale.

Meeting in the vice president's official residence were Mondale; James Johnson, his executive assistant who would become his campaign chairman; Richard Moe, his chief of staff; Michael Berman, his counsel; and John Reilly, a politically active Washington lawyer who was a close friend.

"They talked about the future and the assumption was that it included a presidential campaign. The only other potential candidate who could possibly rival Mondale's experienced corps of skilled political operatives was Sen. Edward M. Kennedy who was the clear leader in public opinion polls of Democrats."

Kennedy and Mondale often were moving on

parallel tracks. Both established political action committees to raise money for Democrats running in 1982, began building organizations in key early states and courted organized labor, which appeared determined to play a major role in deciding who would be the 1984 Democratic nominee.

They worked in concert in 1981 when the Democratic Party rewrote its rules for choosing convention delegates. They didn't always agree. Kennedy opposed giving elected and party officials guaranteed spots as unpledged delegates at the convention, Mondale wanted the largest number possible. A compromise set the unpledged block at 14 percent of the total. Kennedy and labor opposed exemptions allowing Iowa and New Hampshire to hold their caucuses and primary earlier than other states.

Mondale sided with the two states and won a narrow victory.

While Kennedy and Mondale had aides in the middle of the rules discussions, the other potential candidates were onlookers lacking the expertise to understand what the changes might mean in 1984.

They Kennedy announced on Dec. 1, 1982, that he would not run in 1984 and the track suddenly was clear for the Mondale organization to operate with its candidate as the front-runner.

Many presidential candidates dread becoming the early front-runner because of the long history of ambushes that destroy the early leader's White House dreams.



Walter Mondale greets potential voters in Manchester, N.H.

Jackson campaign beginning to wane

By DIANNE KEARNS
The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Even before his unflattering characterization of Jews erupted as a campaign issue in the past few days, there was a growing sense that the Rev. Jesse Jackson's once-promising presidential candidacy in New Hampshire was on the wane.

The impact of his move to defuse the issue by admitting the remark and apologizing for it Sunday — and whether that action might even provide new spark for his campaign — remains to be seen.

Before the Jewish incident broke the rhetorical rhythm of his campaign by forcing him on the defensive, the crowds that once packed every hall where Jackson spoke already had started to dwindle and his itinerary had been tamed by a 20-hour day on the campaign trail.

Polls suggested his support had shrunk in New Hampshire, while some of his rivals for the nomination continued to gain, posing a threat that Jackson might finish no higher than fourth in Tuesday's primary — his first test with voters.

Jackson was next-to-last among the eight candidates in the Iowa caucuses, but made no real campaign effort there, concentrating instead on New Hampshire and the South.

"The campaign is wearing him down," acknowledged Charles Marolda, a union activist from Washington, D.C., who came to New Hampshire recently to work for

Jackson. — Still, Jackson, his aides and campaign workers deny any suggestion that the campaign peaked early in New Hampshire.

Asked after a luncheon forum Sunday whether his campaign was losing momentum, Jackson said: "Not really. We've come here with the least amount of money, the poorest campaign with the richest message, and it's gotten over. I'm just impressed with the number of younger people who have come on (the voter registration) books for the first time."

But an apparent wane has been discernible.

Three weeks ago, New Hampshire was buzzing about Jackson. Now, due in part to their second and third place rankings in the Iowa caucuses, Sen. Gary Hart and George McGovern get more notice.

The "Jackson fever" that spread so quickly after his mission to Syria, where he obtained the release of a captive Navy airman, was raised in New Hampshire, has cooled.

His ability to hold his own, and even overshadow, experienced politicians, was displayed during a nationally televised debate at Dartmouth College last month. But it did not come to the fore during a repeat performance at St. Anselm College last week.

Challenged at that debate by television correspondent Barbara Walters to retract his reference to Jews as "Itymies," Jackson appeared uncomfortable and unable to recover from the question. He never admitted making such a remark until Sunday.

Rivals laud admission

By The Associated Press

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's rivals for the Democratic presidential nomination commended him Monday for his admission that he made ethnic slurs about Jews, while Jewish leaders applauded his apology but said it didn't go far enough.

"We welcome Jesse Jackson's acknowledgment that his comments were insensitive and wrong," said Howard I. Friedman, president of the American Jewish Committee. "We were encouraged by his statement that he hopes the incident will not cause any rift between American blacks and Jews."

But Friedman added, "We call upon him now to re-examine other statements he has made in the past about Jews, about Israel, about the

Holocaust, about so-called Jewish power," about (Yassir) Arafat and the PLO, and express the hope that he will have second thoughts about those statements, too, have caused anguish not only in the Jewish community but the general community."

Appearing before a Jewish audience in Manchester, N.H., Jackson admitted Sunday that he used the term "Itymie" to refer to Jews.

"However innocent and unintended, it was insensitive and wrong," he told the audience at Temple Adath Yeshurun.

"I affirm to you that the term was used in a private conversation," Jackson said. "In private talks we sometimes let our guard down. It was not in a spirit of meanness. An off-color remark has no bearing on religion or politics."




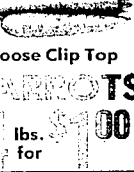
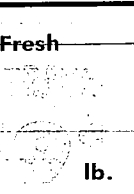
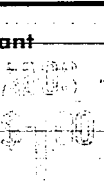
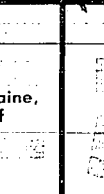
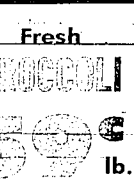
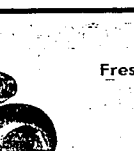



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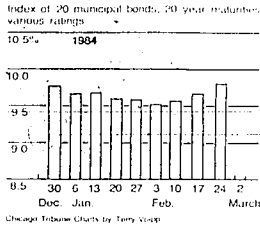
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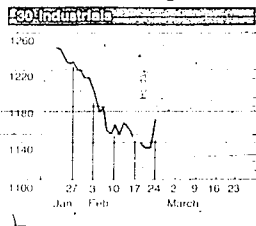
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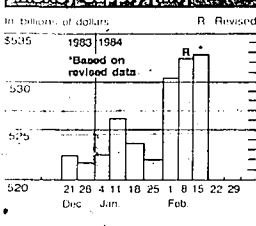
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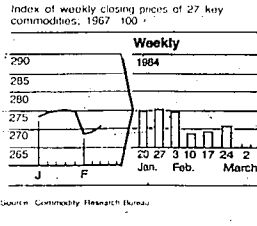
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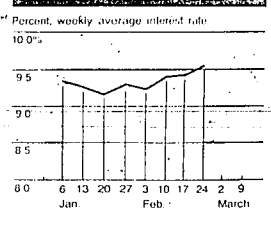
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Commodity futures index



3-month Treasury bills



Business

Fed governor to miss work

By ROBERT FURLLOW The Associated Press WASHINGTON — Nancy Teeters, the only female governor in Federal Reserve history, will miss a lot of things about the job she'll soon be losing.



NANCY TEETERS Hunting a new job

as a rather liberal member, reappointment is out of the question. She was appointed by then-President Carter in 1978, and both Carter and Reagan cheered the Federal Reserve on at the start of 1979 and 1981 campaigns against inflation.

plan to hold down tax rates as inflation rises. But forget, too, the seemingly entrenched idea of raising many federal spending programs' benefits as inflation goes up.

Stocks advance with late rally

By SKIP WOLLENBERG AP Business Writer NEW YORK — The stock market advanced sharply for the second consecutive session Monday, snapping out of its daylong doldrums with a late rally.

MetLife Douglas closed down 3/4 at 52 1/2. General Motors was up 3/4 at 70 1/2. Ford advanced 1/4 at 39 1/2.

Resales of homes at 3-year high in January

WASHINGTON (AP) — Resales of single-family homes rose 4.9 percent in January to their highest level in more than three years.

The January increase continued an upturn begun in 1983. For the whole year, sales of previously owned homes totaled 2.72 million units, a 36.7 percent jump from the recession-reduced levels of 1982.

"As mortgage interest rates continue to edge downward modestly, the pent-up demand for housing increasingly is being unleashed," he said.

North Central region, 9.6 percent in the Northeast and 3.7 percent in the South. The West had a 7.5 percent decline.

Intermountain Gas asks 7.2% rate hike

BOISE (AP) — Intermountain Gas Co. has requested a customer rate increase to cover price increases the utility has been charged by its supplier.

Chapman said. He said the 1983-1984 winter months were not a good basis for future utility bill evaluations because of the unusually harsh weather.

Commercial star feisty, outspoken

By ROSE ANN ROBERTSON Associated Press Writer CHICAGO — Clara Peller, the "where's-the-beef" lady, met the media Friday.

Mrs. Peller and her other two actresses contemplate a tiny Braud X-brunet coaxed in a "big fluffy bun." As the other two marvel at the big bun, Mrs. Peller raps out her signature line.

Mrs. Peller asked the reporter, "It's what they can do, not how old they are."

The question of age and Wendy's treatment of senior citizens has drawn criticism from the Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging, which voted to ask the Columbus, Ohio, company to withdraw the ad.

U.S. to set economic pace

NEW YORK (AP) — The United States will lead the Western world in economic growth again this year, European economic expansion will accelerate and Mexico will end two years of economic decline, according to a survey of business forecasters.

ence Board, a business information service, said the U.S. economy would grow at a 3.8 percent inflation-adjusted rate, compared with an estimated 3.4 percent increase last year.

Long-term shift in labor force alters employment figures

No matter how broad the economic recovery has been and no matter how sustained the economic expansion now appears to be, neither can account for a drastic drop in civilian unemployment approaching 3 percent in the past 16 months.

Sylvia Porter number of workers 16 to 24 years old slid by 512,000. During the 1980s, an informed estimate is that the total of young men and women in this age bracket — the backbone of the work force — will plunge by more than 6 million.

million — and it should have been fewer. It's pure statistics. And this demographic change has no relationship to either the recovery or the expansion.

the total of working women aged 25 to 59 rose by less than 1 million in 1983 as compared with 1.1 million in 1978.

unemployment rate. Ken Goldstein, Conference Board economist believes a result will be a slow decline in jobless totals.

discouraged workers — and what they do — actually are the "wage card" in all predictions. Just sort out the permanent and cyclic changes in the growth of the work force will continue to puzzle policians and economists in coming months as they look for clear trends.

Markets

Closing commodity futures

Table with columns: Month, Commodity, Close, High, Low, P.M., Close. Includes items like May Malmes, Jun. live cattle, Apr. live cattle, etc.

Local interest stock quotations

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks such as Utah Power, Albertson, Idaho Pwr. Co., etc.

Western grain

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau... soft white wheat... hard red winter wheat...

Metals prices

NEW YORK (AP) - Spot nonferrous metal prices... Copper, 66 1/2 cents a pound... Zinc, 51 cents a pound...

Potatoes

CHICAGO (AP) - (USDA) Major potato markets... Idaho russets... Colorado russets...

Livestock

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) - (USDA) Omaha livestock market quotations... Cattle, hogs, sheep...

Grain futures

Table with columns: Day, Price, Change. Lists various grain futures like Chicago (API), Soybeans, etc.

Today's stocks

Table with columns: Listed Stocks, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks like Alliant, Callahan, etc.

Valley grains

Soft white wheat 3.00, barley 5.80, mixed grain... Idaho russets... Colorado russets...

Valley beans

Great northern 3 1/2 @ 18.00, 3 1/2 @ 18.00... Great northern 3 1/2 @ 18.00, 3 1/2 @ 18.00...

Commodities

Table with columns: Commodity, High, Low, Settle. Lists various commodities like CASH POTATOES, HEATING OIL, etc.

Gold futures

Table with columns: Open, High, Low, Settle. Lists gold futures prices.

Chicago grain

SPRINGFIELD (AP) - Truck and rail bids for grain delivered to Chicago... Soft white wheat...

Macintosh is here advertisement featuring an image of a Macintosh computer and text from R&L DATA SYSTEMS, INC.

Newton's Sports Center advertisement for Magic Valley's Professional Ski Shop, featuring ski tuning services and a price of \$9.88.

Roy Raymond advertisement for the 1984 Ford Ranger Pickup 4x2, featuring a price of \$15968 per month and a 'Leap Year' promotion.

Large advertisement for First Interstate Bank with the headline 'How to age gracefully.' It lists three reasons to use the bank's IRAs and includes contact information for Twin Falls, Idaho.

Markets

Closing prices

Table listing various market indices and prices, including New York Stock Exchange, Dow Jones Industrial Average, and various commodity prices.

Large table listing individual stock prices and market data, organized by sector and company name.

Questions raising red flags over real estate partnerships

NEW YORK — People who invest in real estate partnerships generally assume that if the project goes bad, they can't lose more than the relatively small amount of their investment. Beware. It could be a costly assumption.



Under certain conditions, he suggests, the IRS might feel compelled to declare that the forgiveness of mortgage debt is income. Taxable income. Income that is taxed heavily rather than tax-sheltered.

The potential might even exist, he adds, for some investors to be dropped into deep financial hot water by the very technique they had relied upon to hand them a profit while simultaneously cutting taxes.

Because such transactions pose the possibility of a rise in foreclosures, he says, "it is my opinion that the IRS will take an increasingly strong position." Otherwise, he points out, Uncle Sam is a big loser.

Most active

Table listing the most active stocks in the market, including company names and their respective prices.

D-J averages

Table showing various market averages and indices, including the Dow Jones Industrial Average and other key performance indicators.

Livestock futures

Table listing livestock futures prices for various commodities like cattle, hogs, and sheep.

Amex stocks

Table listing American Stock Exchange (Amex) stock prices and market data.

Advertisement for Minolta EP 300 camera, highlighting its features and availability at Spencer's office supply.

Large advertisement for \$10,000 accidental death insurance, featuring a testimonial from Helen Arnold and details about the insurance policy.

Advertisement for Radio Shack & Computer Centers, featuring a \$200 off promotion on TRS-80 computers for home or office use.

Unwed mother accepts responsibility

DEAR ABBY: "No Regrets in Missouri," who found herself pregnant and unmarried, chose not to have an abortion. Instead she gave up her baby for adoption and unmarried, but I am going to have my baby and raise it alone if necessary. The father of my child wanted me either to have an abortion or to give up the child for adoption, but I would not consider either alternative.



Abigail Van Buren-Dan Abby

biological mother was, where she is, and all the questions that plague most adopted children. Sipi me

— NO REGRETS IN IOWA
DEAR NO REGRETS: You don't say how old you are or how you intend to support yourself and your child, but you sound like a very determined and together young woman.

I wish you luck. An unwed mother who chooses to keep her child and raise it alone (if necessary) will need luck in abundance.

DEAR ABBY: In recent years the subject of adoptees who have

searched and found their birth parents, and vice versa, has become a popular one. We would like to know: After the adoptive child had been reunited with his biological parents, (a) how did the adoptive parents feel? (b) How was the relationship between the adopted child and the parents who raised him affected? (c) Were the adoptive parents, in the end, really parents genuinely happy to meet each other?

These questions are of valid concern to my wife and me, as we have three adopted children who one day might want to find their biological parents.

We hope your readers will respond honestly so that we and other adoptive parents will know what to expect.

— CURIOUS IN FLORIDA
DEAR CURIOUS: I, too, am curious. Readers?

DEAR ABBY: Several months ago I

read a letter in your column from a reader who claimed that dogs in Holland do not bark because other dogs have never taught them how. Ah, were that so! Unfortunately, dogs in Holland bark just as much as dogs in other parts of the world. I know. For three years I lived next door to two dogs who must have been the frazzled day and night for the Olympic gold medal in barking.

We recently returned from a visit to Holland. While there we stayed with friends who had a Great Dane who should have been named "E. F. Hutm" — when he barks, people listen!

— RICHARD W. LODGE, PRESIDENT
THE NETHERLANDS SOCIETY OF ST. LOUIS, MO.

(I? Problems? What's bugging you? Unload on Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

Overweight smokers should avoid pill

DEAR DR. LAMB — Is it safe to take birth control pills until menstruation has ceased? My doctor led me to believe this. But my gynecologist told me a woman must stop taking the Pill when she reaches 40. He said the side effects become too severe at that age. What are the side effects?



Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

the Pill. I'd much rather see a woman correct her lifestyle and health and continue taking the Pill than keep on smoking and doing nothing about her weight and stopping the Pill.

The danger is an increased risk of heart attack. But as one study showed, only four in 1,000 women older than 45 who didn't smoke, didn't have high blood pressure and had normal cholesterol levels developed any evidence of heart disease in the following six years. If these same women used oral contraceptives and there were five who developed heart disease in six years, it would be

reported as 125 percent of the rate in non-users. That's how you get some of those wild news stories. In reality, there was only one in 1,000 more in users vs. non-users.

The risk of cancer from using oral contraceptives has actually decreased. The question of uterine cancer was always limited to endometrial cancer, not cervical cancer. Endometrial cancer is rarely a cause of death. There are only about 3,000 endometrial cancer deaths a year in the United States, compared to more than 30,000 deaths from breast cancer.

I've discussed these various fears in relation to new studies in the Health Letter Six-12, Oral Contraceptives and Postmenopausal Estrogens, which I'm sending you. Others who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper.

P.O. Box 1561, Radio City Station, New York, NY 10019.

DEAR DR. LAMB — I have cold sores on my lip. A neighbor told me they were herpes and said smallpox vaccinations would cure them. Is this so? I've never found anything to relieve these sores when they come.

DEAR READER — That was an old idea that's no longer supported. Smallpox and herpes viruses have no basic relationship to each other. The only licensed maker of smallpox vaccine in the United States is Wyeth Laboratories. They have discontinued the distribution of smallpox vaccines for the civilian population.

The morbidity and mortality weekly report from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta stated that the lack of availability of the smallpox vaccine for the civilian population should end its misuse in attempts to prevent or treat herpes.

'Black pepper experience' really just a ritual

It's hard to go to a restaurant anywhere and not go through the Black Pepper Experience.

For some reason, pepper has gone from a table staple to wine staple. Restaurants will serve no pepper before its time.

It's a ceremony comparable to the presentation of Eliza Doolittle to society.

First, a waiter will pose over you with a pepper mill the size of a football leg (the bigger my pepper mill, the larger the check). Then he will sing out, "Pepper!" All conversation comes to a halt. For reasons which no one can explain, it's something you have to do.

As long as people have been stalking me with a pepper mill, you'd think I would have made up my mind as to whether I want more or not. I never do. For a moment, I ponder. Then I clear my throat and say, "Yes." He watches my hand waiting for me to orchestrate how much and the precise moment to stop.

Now, here's the weird part. NOT ONE GRAIN OF PEPPER COMES OUT OF THE MILL. In fact, no one has ever seen pepper come out of the mill.



Erma Bombeck At wit's end

What do you mean, of course it does! If it did, wouldn't the entire table be sneezing?

The Pepper Experience is nothing more than a ritual without meaning — like watching the first piece of luggage come off a carousel in airport baggage. Ever see anyone claim it?

Of course you don't, because it doesn't belong to anyone, that's why. It's just an exercise to give you hope that more luggage is on the way.

Maybe it's the same with pepper. People need little visits from their waiter occasionally to know that he is still with you and has not left town for the weekend. They need to know that he loves you and cares about you and wants to be by your side.

Let the word go out, people do not need help with their pepper. For most of us, it's something we can handle. If you waiters want to make yourselves useful, hold a flashlight while we read

the menus, assist with any financing when we pick up the bill for a party of eight, or help us as we try valiantly to rescue a square of frozen butter from the ice age.

Help us dispose of our aluminum foil from our baked potato before we eat half of it.

I'm a college graduate. I can operate my own pepper mill. Why doesn't it twist? What's wrong with it? There's nothing coming out of it. Maybe I'm twisting it the wrong way.

I heard somewhere that pepper causes bad skin.

Happenings

LPNs will meet

TWIN FALLS — Licensed Practical Nurses, District No. 2, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Magie Valley Regional Medical Center in Room D of the hospital annex.

Photo meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Magie Valley Camera Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Twin Falls County Judicial Building.

Speaking contest

TWIN FALLS — Four persons will compete at the Twin Falls Toastmistress Club's annual speech contest Friday morning at the Holiday Inn. The winner will represent the club at the regional contest in April. Breakfast will be served following the contest. Visitors are welcome. Call Eleanor Berg at 733-1792 for more information.

Area recipe

CARLA STRUNK
935 N. Eisenhower
Jerome
SWISS STEAK
1 1 to 2 pound steak
1 (10 1/2 oz.) can condensed cream of mushroom soup
1 (10 1/2 oz.) can condensed tomato soup

Cut steak into serving size pieces. Brown in skillet. Transfer to a casserole dish. Add tomato soup and cream of mushroom soup. Stir well. Cover and bake 2 hours at 350 degrees. Serves 3 to 4 people.

Makes a good meal when served with mashed potatoes and green beans.

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Lifestyles/Consumerism

Millions taking the plunge into world of home computers

By LOUISE COOK
The Associated Press

Millions of Americans have plunged enthusiastically into the world of home computers, playing games, managing personal finances and handling business chores with scarcely a pause to be kept.

But anyone contemplating a first step into the field may find it a frightening one.

The Electronic Industries Association, a trade group, and the federal government's Consumer Information Center, have teamed up to take out some of the terror with a 49-page guide, "How To Buy A Home Computer," which covers the basic computer styles and accessories, explains what sort of equipment you'll need for different types of activities and provides a glossary of terms. It costs 50 cents and is available from the Consumer Information Center, Dept. 1154, Pueblo, Colo. 81009.

Before you even contemplate a purchase, you should read popular magazines on home and personal computers, talk to someone who owns one and visit a computer show and a meeting of a user's group. (That computer talk for a computer club; learning the language is part of buying a computer.)

Decide what you want your computer to do. Do not buy a computer and then try to find ways to use it. Determine the uses first.

When you're setting a budget, consider everything you will need. An inexpensive machine may require costly accessories to do the things you want, and you could wind up spending more in the long run than if you paid more initially. There is no point, however, in paying for features you will not need or use.

There are two key terms to keep in mind: Hardware, which refers to the equipment, and software, which describes the programs that tell the computer what to do. There are five basic types of home computer:

• **Computer literacy computers.** These machines cost under \$100, not including TV display or accessories. They'll help you learn about computers, play simple games, and even

learn programming. Do not expect to do anything very complicated with them.

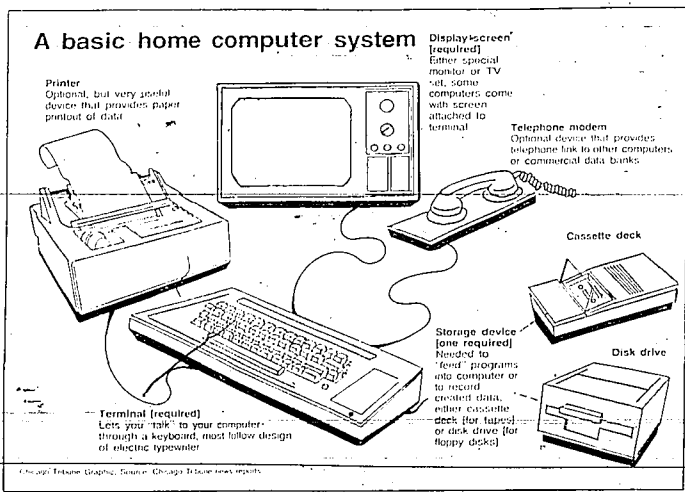
• **Entertainment computers.** At a cost of \$100 to \$500 and up, you'll be able to get a computer that lets you play arcade-quality games at home and can be used as a teaching tool for children. You generally can get colors, sound effects and a choice of recreational or educational software.

• **Home management-productivity computers.** These are the computers which you can use to prepare financial statements, draw up mailing lists or even write a book. These computers generally cost \$1,000 and up. You may be able to turn your entertainment machine into a home management computer by adding accessories, but you're probably better off starting fresh if you plan substantial business-related use of your computer.

• **Portable computers.** Self-contained computers which fit under an airline seat. The price: \$1,500 and up. Portable computers typically include a built-in TV-like display, a selection of business software and one or two built-in disk drives to run the software.

• **Handheld computers.** Even smaller than portable computers, these pocket, briefcase or lap models retail for around \$100 to \$200 and often resemble calculators with built-in liquid crystal displays and, sometimes, tiny printers. They are battery powered, can run programs and connect with peripherals or auxiliary devices to store data, plug into information networks and even send material to other computers by telephone.

The next step is to decide what kind of software you want. There are two types of programs — some with specific applications and others, called operating systems, which manage what happens inside the



computer. You don't need to know much about the operating systems software. But it is important to remember that each specific application program is written to work with a specific operating system and a specific computer. There are some operating systems which are compatible with several types of computers, but you must be careful not to buy a computer which will not work with the

kind of programs you want to use. Like hardware, software comes in several varieties: recreational, educational, home management, personal business and scientific. You should test all software by finding out how easy it is to use. (Computer jargon is "user friendly.") Read the written instructions and ask to try the program in the store. The

better programs have menus, or lists of things the computer can do, and help screens, which include instructions right in the program itself. Other considerations in picking software include how quickly the program will run, what sort of warranty is provided and what kind of informational support the manufacturer provides if you have a question.



Nevada firm readies price guide for used microcomputers

By ANN COOPER
Independent Press Service

Updating an idea long used in the secondhand auto market, a Reno, Nev., company says it is about to publish a "bluebook" price guide for the used microcomputer market. The Computer Classified Bluebook, which publisher Ralph T. Heller said

will be available in September, will list market values for used versions of the IBM PC, Osborne 1, TRS-80 II and almost 180 other microcomputer models on the market. The semiannual guide will sell for \$5 a year and include ratings of each model based on questionnaires filled out by microcomputer owners. Heller said the guide is intended for

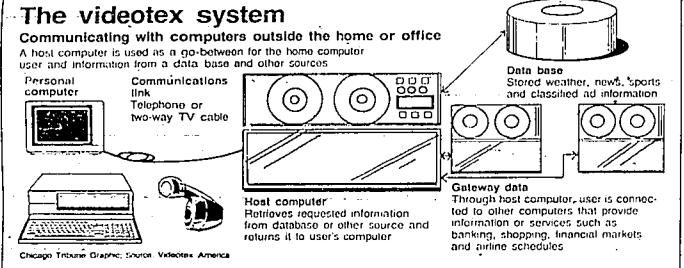
consumers, computer dealers and bankers making loans for microcomputer purchases. The market for used computers, he says, is an "increasingly active" one.

But some computer industry officials and analysts were less certain that a significant market exists for used microcomputers, the desktop-size machines that are often referred

to as home or personal computers. There is a big demand for used models of the large mainframe and minicomputer used by businesses, according to industry analysts. But in the fast-changing microcomputer market, frequent price declines often make it more economical to buy a new model than a used one, they said.

advertisers and sell it themselves, she says. In fact, classified ads — not dealers — are the source of the prices quoted for used models in Computer Classified Bluebook, Heller says.

Computer Classified employees call people who place microcomputer ads in about 85 daily newspapers and trade papers, asking whether they have sold their machines and what price they received.



Although there are companies that specialize in buying and selling used mainframe and minicomputer equipment, dealers who sell microcomputers rarely buy or sell used equipment, according to several computer retailers. "What we have found is that the market for used computers is basically through the classifieds," said Lynn Lucas, administrative assistant at the ComputerLand franchise store in downtown Baltimore. The store does not buy or sell used computers, and it advises customers who want to sell a used model to

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