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Winter's back
with a flurryStorm drops plenty of snow
on southern half of Idaho

By The Times News Service and Associated Press

TWIN FALLS — A late winter, but it did stop flights at both the airports in the Magic Valley, but it did stop flights at both the airports in the Magic Valley, and the regional basketball tip-off between North Idaho College and College of Idaho in the Magic Valley, Rickie College had to be postponed when NIC's team was stranded in the snow. Only a few minor injuries as drivers eased off their gas pedals.

The storm didn't muster enough force to halt air traffic at the Twin Falls Valley Regional Airport.

Saturday morning, snow was still falling through southern Idaho, Huley and Burley in terminals.

Idaho's coating area roads with a layer of packed snow and ice between North Idaho College and College of Idaho in the Magic Valley, Rickie College had to be postponed when NIC's team was stranded in the snow. Only a few minor injuries as drivers eased off their gas pedals.

The snow swirled into the Magic Valley early Saturday, pushed by powerful gusts of wind, by 10 a.m. able to keep the Magic Valley a major highway open, and until 1 p.m., the snowdrifts were still open.

However, winter roads across the state were closed Saturday. The day melted some sections of Interstate 84 between Meridian and Boise, but the snow continued to fall down to the summit between Water and Cambridge. However, by nightfall, they were still closed.

In the west, was still, and Meridian started to recover again with snow. Pass on Interstate 15 into Montana was to remain according to sheriff's department impossible. The Monday police said.

Possible, though, stopped some traffic south of Twin Falls was hazardous.

State highways officials also said lifting snow also was a problem. U.S. 20 between Arco and Idaho Falls, particularly on Interstate 84, Idaho Falls "closed" and the Idaho Falls heading south into Utah, according to National Weather Service. The state was closed at noon.



Winter's back with a flurry. A heavy snowfall has blanketed the southern half of Idaho.

Mess at city's sewer plant to result in probe

By ANNETTE CARY
TIMES News writer

TWIN FALLS — Seven times the acceptable amount of suspended solids was released from the Twin Falls sewer plant on four recent days, prompting the city to hire consultants to investigate the problems plaguing the sewer plant.

There are also problems on the sewer line crew, where all the workers on the crew but the manager have quit during the last two weeks, City officials concede. There is employee unrest at the sewer plant.

Since state environmental officials released a report criticizing maintenance and laboratory tests in January, Sewer Superintendent Mike Gann's responsibilities have been

reduced, and lab supervisor Cathy Heaps has resigned.

The excess effluent is "far more serious" than problems found in a December joint study by the federal Environmental Protection Agency and the state, said Gary Burkett, an engineer who represented the Division of Environment of the state Department of Health and Welfare in the study.

Problems at the plant have grown beyond the city's ability to handle, said city manager Tom Courtney Saturday.

The city has retained James M. Montgomery Consulting Engineers, Inc., to manage and operations of the sewer plant, particularly to determine the cause of excess suspended solids being released into the Snake River, Courtney said.

This is the city's first inspection in at least two years, Courtney said. Although laboratory tests were not completed satisfactorily for

engineers from Montgomery's California office will be given a free hand to look into anything they think necessary" at a cost not to exceed \$6,000, he said.

The city's discharge permit allows a monthly average of 30 milligrams per liter of suspended solids to be released per day. On Feb. 9, the suspended solids count was more than 200 milligrams per liter. On all but one day from Feb. 19 to Feb. 22 the count exceeded 200 milligrams per liter, Courtney said.

An average count for the month has not yet been figured, but he suspects the total will exceed the amount allowed by the discharge permit, he said.

This is the city's first inspection in at least two years, Courtney said. Although laboratory tests were not completed satisfactorily for

an average of almost 11 daily samples per month in the last eight months of 1984, valid tests showed no pollution problems.

Burkett said Saturday that he had no reason to believe that effluent problems existed then.

Since the report was released, supervision of the sewer line collection crew has been taken from Gann. "We felt he needed to concentrate his efforts in the treatment area," Courtney said.

Heaps resigned from the city in February to take another job, Courtney said. She was not under pressure to resign, city officials say.

Courtney declined to release a copy of her letter of resignation. Heaps could not be reached for comment.

Supervision of the sewer line crew of five workers and a manager was transferred to

Robert VanOstrand of the public works department.

In mid-February two long-term workers resigned. Courtney said they told city managers they had found better jobs.

Last week the remaining three workers resigned in a dispute over sanitary working conditions.

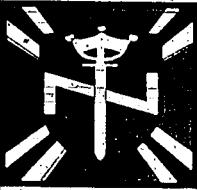
The crew is responsible for maintaining work and inspection with cameras of the sewer collection lines in the city.

"When we assigned collection, we locked at home for hours and utilized our time to do significant amount of time being spent to come back (to city hall) for breaks and lunches," Courtney said.

By the time workers dismantled equipment and drove back to city hall, one to two hours

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In the eye of 'The Order,' revolution is in the air



"We declare ourselves to be in a full and unrelenting state of war with those forces seeking and consciously promoting the destruction of our faith and our race. Therefore, for blood, soil, and honor, for the future of our children, and for our King, Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves to battle America." — The Order's declaration of war against the United States of America, signed Nov. 25, 1984.

By RICHARD T. PIENCIAK
The Associated Press

HAYDEN LAKE — A murder in Denver, A

\$3.6-million armored car held in California, a bombed synagogue in Boise. A shootout with the FBI in Oregon. A deadly 35-hour siege on an island in Washington's Puget Sound.

Were these violent events merely the work of a small, isolated band of white supremacy fanatics?

Or were they the precursors of a "revolution" based on a purported Biblical premise of religious and racial superiority?

The answer is a little bit of both.

The crimes, along with a second armored car heist, a bank robbery and operation of a widespread counterfeiting scheme, have all been attributed to The Order, an anti-Semitic organization dedicated to the overthrow of the United States and Canadian governments.

While the string of violence was certainly insufficient evidence that any revolution was underway, the FBI deemed it serious enough to launch a full-scale domestic security-terror investigation.

The FBI, which considers terrorism one of its top four priorities, has also formed a task force with representatives from the Secret Service, U.S. Marshals Service, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Internal Revenue Service.

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Shultz-Ortega talk bears meager fruit

IDAHOT FALLS (AP) — State Republican Party Chairman Dennis Olsen died Saturday at his Idaho Falls, Idaho, while shoveling snow.

He was pronounced dead at an Idaho Falls hospital at 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

"I was just devastated," said state Sen. Ann Rydalph, R-Idaho Falls. "The whole Republican family is feeling a great loss right now."

"He was a tremendous leader," she said. "He was a great strategist. He was a devoted party person."

Rydalph said first vice chairman Lee Shleman of Coeur d'Alene will temporarily replace Olsen as acting chairman. She said the State Republican Executive Committee will call a meeting after Olsen's funeral Wednesday to decide when the state's central committee will meet to discuss a permanent replacement.

The bylaws of the state Republican party mandate that a permanent replacement be named within 30 days.

Ms. Rydalph said she hoped arrangements could be made Wednesday for some Republican legislators to attend the funeral in Idaho Falls.

Olsen, 54, has led the state Republican party since 1977.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — U.S. Secretary of State George P. Shultz met for nearly an hour Saturday with Daniel Ortega, and no major progress was made toward resolving differences between the two countries.

"I don't know that anything has changed, although perhaps there is a recognition all around that the center of negotiations must be the Contadora process and the sooner everyone gets back to that process the better," Shultz said later.

He was addressing a news conference soon after his 7 a.m. meeting with the head of Nicaragua's leftist Sandinista government.

Ortega reserved comment after the meeting until he could address his own news conference.

Shultz also challenged Ortega's proposal, announced Wednesday, to declare a "moratorium" on new weapons systems in Nicaragua and to arrange for the departure of 100 Cuban advisers.

"We compute that if they have 100 Cubans leave by the end of 1985, which is what they said, (at this rate) it would take until the middle of the next century for all the Cubans to have left," he said.

Shultz said he hoped Nicaragua's announcement Friday that it would release Jose Urbina Lara, 23, a Nicaraguan removed by force from the Costa Rican Embassy in the Nicaraguan capital of Managua, would lead to a resumption of the Contadora group talks.

With an interpreter between them, Daniel Ortega (left) talks with George Shultz.

Order

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Service, the Bureau of Prisons and numerous state and local police departments to investigate crimes committed in the name of white supremacy.

Federal agents have arrested more than 20 people since November, including several charged with being accessories after the fact or with harboring members of The Order. The FBI has several warrants for at least half a dozen others.

"We're concentrating on people who are committing violent acts, not specific groups," Assistant FBI Director William Baker said. "We know that these organizations can espouse violent crimes and not take any action. The people we're after have taken the rhetoric and made it kinetic."

Sewer

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was wasted by each of the employees, Courtney said.

Lester Adams, a line worker for nine years, said the workers needed to come back to the station to clean the raw sewage from their lunch-forgetting-lunch-and-drinking-on-their-breaks.

The city did not provide the hot water promised for workers to wash their hands with, he said. He ate lunch Wednesday and Thursday in the cab of the van the sewer crew uses and was sick Friday, most likely a result of eating under unsanitary conditions, his wife said.

Courtney said the city provides overalls and gloves to the crews and

Last fall, 12 members of The Order signed a right-wing declaration of war, promising to kill all politicians, judges, journalists, bankers, soldiers, police officers and federal agents committed to the name of white supremacy.

The document specifically addressed members of Congress, accusing them of betraying Vietnam, subservience to Israel and allowing the Soviet Union to gain military supremacy.

"We placed our trust in you. We gave you our future. And you betrayed us," the revolutionaries wrote the Congressmen when the day comes, we will not ask whether you swing to the right or whether you swing to the left; we will simply swing you by the neck.

Yet this disturbing rhetoric is not so

"more traditional" white supremacy organization. The chief difference, it seems, is that The Order stopped talking about revolution and began making it.

"I believe that they jumped the gun," said the Rev. Richard Girard Butler, who heads the Aryan Nations, the white supremacy organization located here and which spawned several of The Order's founders.

The 66-year-old Butler said he'd never seen the war document but fully supported its signatures. "I'll back any man who says, 'I'm for the preservation of our race and culture,'" Butler said in an interview.

"I still agree with them philosophically. But generally, they were pushed to the wall. They had no future," he added. "If you're white and declare yourself white, you're

isolated by this Jewish-controlled society. You can't get a job. You're non-entity."

"When this happens to virile white men like these guys were, they react. You're gonna see more of that."

And therein lies the potential for a more serious concern than boasts of revolution.

Irvyn Phillips, who keeps track of extremist activities for the B'nai B'rith's Anti-Defamation League, said the extreme right posed no threat.

"In terms of mounting substantial

political influence or in achieving

what they think of themselves. In that sense, their views are not that different from the views of left-wing terrorists like the Weather Underground. So it's not total fantasy."

Most ultra-right-wing doctrine calls for bombings and, if need be, assassinations, when the proper time arrives.

Fathers claim the Bible says whites are the true children of Israel and that non-whites, especially blacks, are inferior.

Snow

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Pass remained open throughout the day.

State snowplows spent the day shoveling aside new snow, according to a transportation department dispatcher at Challis.

"We've got guys that have got 13 to 14 hours (on),'" he said. The plows were scheduled to get back on the road at 4 a.m. this morning.

A number of cars and trucks slid off the slick roads, but there were no reports of "serious" injuries by late Saturday.

In Twin Falls, police helped reports of 38 minor accidents from Friday night to Saturday evening and the count was still continuing at press time.

In other parts of the Magic and Wood River valleys, travelers were advised to use extreme care.

As the roads started to ice up again late Saturday, the highway dispatcher summed up the situation in a few words.

"It's time to drive slow," he offered.

A woman was killed in a two-car accident on Interstate 15 about 10 miles north of Dubois, said Clark County Sheriff Dan Jernberg. Two Canadians were injured in the crash and were taken by ambulance to Idaho Falls, where they were listed in stable condition.

As snow piled up Saturday morning—Highway 20 between Idaho Falls and the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory was closed at noon.

An Idaho Department of Transportation spokesman said visibility, drifting, snow everything were problems. "We can't see to plow," he said.

In Custer County, sheriff's department authorities advised travelers to avoid the Willow Creek

Summit area on Highway 93, 23 miles south of Challis, until the road can be cleared of drifting snow.

Highway 75 from Challis to Stanley was also now covered and slick, said Lori Murphy, sheriff's department dispatcher. Highway 21 over Lost Trail Pass remained close to her, she added.

Monida Pass, between Idaho and Montana, was closed, which meant

problems for Greyhound Bus Lines. "I wish I could say," a driver for the company said about the chances of the 2:45 p.m. bus from Idaho Falls leaving for a trip into Montana, "it all depends on the weather."

The Lemhi County Sheriff's Department issued a traveler's advisory Saturday after the storm dumped at least 3 inches of new snow in the Salmon area.

The advisories were issued for Highway 28 from Salmon to Idaho Falls, and Highway 93 from Salmon to Challis, where snow covered road floors and continued heavy snow would make driving difficult, Dept.

of Public Works said.

Highway 26 at Lost Trail Pass was now covered and subbed-to-continued snowfall; but a traveler's advisory hasn't been issued for that area, he said.

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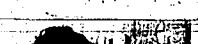
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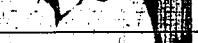
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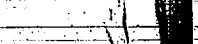
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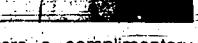


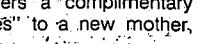


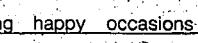


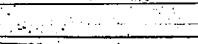




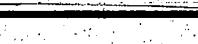


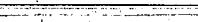












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Senate OKs anti-smoking bill, 26-14

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Senate, torn between protecting the public health and guarding private property rights, has approved legislation placing restrictions on smoking in public places.

"I would hope that within a few years, social pressures would make it unacceptable to smoke in public places," says Sen. John Peavey, D-Carey. "This is just a little nudge in that direction."

After heading off an attempt to effectively kill the so-called Clean Indoor Air Act, supporters of the constraints mustered 26 votes to give the final legislative approval Saturday and send it to Gov. John Evans. Fourteen senators opposed the measure.

It bars smoking in most public places and effectively requires the owners of others like restaurants and hotels to set aside areas for non-smokers. Violations carry a \$50 fine. Exempted from the restrictions are taverns, bowling alleys, halls used for private gatherings and the workplace.

"We're getting far ahead of where we're legislating what someone in the private sector can't do," warned Sen. Herb Carlson, R-Eagle, who joined the other critics in calling the bill "ridiculous."

After several years of false starts in the Legislature, the bill, similar to laws now on the books in 28 other states finally wound its way through the system this year with relative ease.

The tobacco industry, citing a multimillion-dollar contribution to the state through the cigarette tax, and restaurants opposed the bill and their allies pointed out that public education and voluntary restraint programs have been working well under punitive laws. Carlson said 80 percent of the state's citizens already don't smoke and the number is increasing because of those educational programs.

But the backers of the restrictions, invoking the call of U.S. Surgeon General Everett Koop, government should take steps to protect public property, then they have to protect the public," Crapo said, and Peavey added. "It's that question of private property, but it is public air."

nonsmokers, centered their campaign for the bill on the mounting number of studies suggesting a direct link between health problems and inhaling second-hand, or sidestream, smoke.

While conceding that those studies are not conclusive on the link between the two, supporters pointed out that the Environmental Protection Agency has determined that between 500 and 5,000 lung cancer deaths a year can be attributed to sidestream smoke. The EPA has also found that sidestream smoke is a greater pollutant than all other forms of cigarette smoke.

But critics of the bill pointed out that it does not address smoking in the home or workplace where people spend most of their time while imposing more state control over the operators of private businesses.

"If they're going to make a public place out of private property, then they have to protect the public," Crapo said, and Peavey added. "It's that question of private property, but it is public air."

Bancroft man killed in airplane crash

BANCROFT (AP) — A small Steven Douglas Lowry, 26, was apparently attempting to land his airplane crashed at an airport here, killing his 44-year-old pilot, the Caribou County Sheriff's Department said. The aircraft crashed about 5 p.m. Friday.

The sheriff released no further details about the crash.

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Fundamentalist Christians battle for end to compulsory education

By BOB FICK
The Associated Press

BOISE — A small but growing corps of fundamentalist Christians, expressing the individual spirit that comes to describe a true Idahoan, is confronting the state's public school system—in a challenge that could spell an end to compulsory education in Idaho.

The battle pits conservatives and their violent objections to government interference against professional educators and others who will commit themselves to ensure the state's right to an educated citizenry.

"We're really playing with the future of Idaho," admits Bret Rupe of the Idaho Parent-Teacher Association. "But it's a face-off that some on both sides believe may never be resolved."

"These are the people who believe in fundamental rights, and they won't give up," says Senate Education Committee Chairman Terry Sverdrup, R-Cataldo. "They'll go to jail for it."

"Although problems between homeschoilers and local education officials have been festering for years, it was the jailing of three southwestern Idaho brothers and their wives last fall that turned what had been just another isolated problem into what is becoming a crusade for constitutional rights and against religious bigotry."

While Magistrate B.E. Behrmann had little choice, considering the long history of the complaint against the now-wayward parents, asks Eileen Shaffer, a former teacher with Jerry Evans conceded the jailing brought the dispute into the headlines.

It created a "public perception that the state is intruding into their homes," Evans says, "and the thing that causes that is the compulsory attendance law and the way to resolve that is change the law."

To Sam Shippy, 41, a high school dropout who now runs an earth moving business with his brothers, it was un-American for him and his brothers and their wives spent three weeks in jail for refusing to provide an approved education for their children.

"My home is my home. It isn't somebody else's, but I feel like they're running it," declares Shippy, whose six school-age children are now in foster homes under a court order.

Idaho has had on its books for years a law that permits parents to teach their children at home as an alternative to public or private school education. Its only requirement is that the educational program be "comparable" to that offered in public and private schools, and it is up to members of the 116 locally elected school boards to make sure comparability exists within their jurisdiction.

"If home schooling is legal in Idaho now, why are parents afraid?" asks

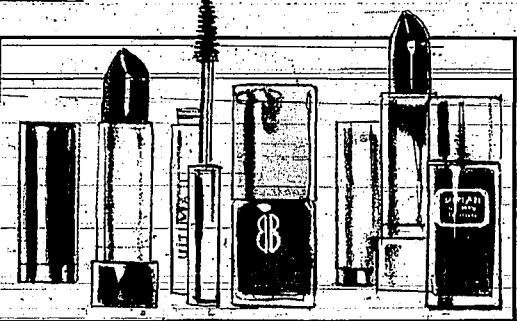
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The trouble has come in the way local boards evaluate comparability, and that coupled with the Shippy jailing led to scores of homeschoolers packing the Capitol this winter in support of legislation to repeat the requirement.

They argue that repeal would end unwarranted government interference in their lives. Educators and other officials warn it will only end any legal obligation that children be educated.

"We're not arguing about whether parents have a right to educate their child in home schools," they do say. Rep. Janet Hay, a former president of the State Board of Education. "We're talking about the standard. We do have an obligation to ensure that children have an adequate basic education."

Without a standard that at least provides a universal opportunity for basic education, society is left to care for those who are not mentally capable of making their own way, she says.



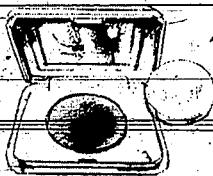
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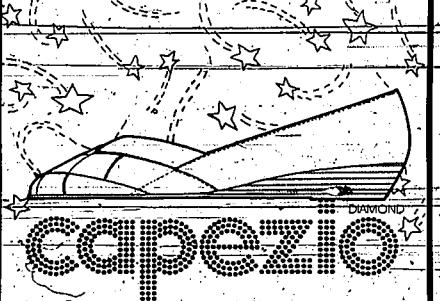
Balloon makes it to Oklahoma farm

BOISE (AP) — A helium-filled balloon sent aloft by a Boise 12-year-old traveled to the farm of a Hennessy, Okla., couple.

Angie Mason received a note from

Emory and Virginia Siegmann, who told her her balloon containing a Valentine's Day message turned up in

their pasture. The balloon was one of more than 800 that Garfield Elementary School students released in a project that raised \$45 for restoration of the Statue of Liberty. Students donated to the restoration fund by buying Valentines for 25 cents each.



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Why should we provide an umbrella for our competition and at the same time place ourselves in a position that allows no upward movement or potential in any of our prices due to ever-increasing carryover supplies?

Let's take a look at the damage the strong dollar is causing. Our foreign customers are paying record high prices for U.S. grain in their own currency. This provided an incentive for their farmers and other exporters to expand production. All of our major competitors are achieving record or near record profits per acre as they take over our former customers.

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than the United States for the first time.

China recently cancelled 170,000 tons of U.S. origin wheat and repurchased 170,000 tons of French wheat for \$5.65 per bushel under our prices. China recently became a net exporter of agriculture products.

Australia and Canada are increasing grain production. Russia is importing record quantities after last year's crop failure. What if they have another?

Agricultural imports to the U.S. are increasing with orange juice from Brazil being the most dynamic increase. Hogs and cattle are being imported from Canada in record numbers. Mexico is shipping record quantities of produce across the border.

If we store our production and allow our competitors to have our customers, U.S. agriculture will not recover for ten years or more.

I suggest as the course to follow:

1. Cut the budget deficit by \$100 billion dollars now. Interest rates would continue to fall and that will lower the dollar and will strengthen our economic recovery.

2. Establish a ten-year moving average exchange rate for foreign purchases of U.S. agricultural products as a trade-off for establishing the new market-oriented

agricultural bill which the administration proposed and I agree is necessary in order to compete.

Actual exchange of currency for purchase of agricultural products would normally be handled by banks

and the Federal Reserve Board to prove that the purchase is for U.S. grain with shipment guaranteed. The exchange rate would be based upon the ten-year average of the U.S. dollar versus the respective foreign currency with a maximum benefit equal to the average exchange rate of the ten leading industrial countries for the period. There is no particular magic to ten years—we could use seven years. It is the principle that is important. Eventually, the average will exceed the current rate and the government would no longer be involved.

What I am proposing is getting the government out of U.S. agriculture and to only offer help if distortions due to other government economic policies are adversely affecting the farm community.

Europe actually subsidizes

another round of inflation and increased interest rates.

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Alex Sinclair is chairman of Sinclair & Company, Inc., a Twin Falls marketing and investment firm. This article was selected by The Times-News as part of its ongoing coverage of agricultural issues. We welcome additional contributions on the subject.

Farmers can't borrow way out of crisis

To Patty Hooper: (Re: Your

Times-News article of Feb. 25.) You have made some valid points that are worthy of further discussion and I hope you will consider our family will join us in airing our viewpoints and that the editor will bear with us while we do so. An open discussion of all the aspects of the crisis, including its cause and any possible means of solution, are certainly in the public interest, especially at a time when Congress is in session and debating a new farm bill.

In pinpointing the cause of the crisis, you are right on both points: The evolutionary forces of change have been in action for more than a half century, and the shakeout will surely continue for decades. But that isn't necessarily all bad. The historical forces that you refer to have only heightened the agony of developments that were going to happen anyway. Some of those forces have sped up the process while others have acted as a brake.

The earliest settlers in Magic Valley cleared and farmed about 40 acres with a team of \$100 horses and two-row equipment. With \$5 land, it is doubtful that their total capitalization exceeded \$800, or \$20 per acre. The interest rate was around three percent.

Grandpa used a four-horse hitch, riding plows, four-row equipment and farmed some 80 acres with \$100 land and the additional equipment of \$100, or \$150 per acre. The interest rate was around four percent or five percent.

Dad used tractors in the 15-30 hp class with six-row and pull-type equipment and farmed about 100 acres with \$100 of power equipment, commercial fertilizer, etc. His total capitalization was in the neighborhood of \$160,000 or \$1,000 per acre. The interest rate was six percent or seven percent.

Today's average farmer uses 80-180 hp tractors with integral mounted equipment, hydraulics, self-propelled harvesters, eight-row equipment, commercial fertilizer and herbicides and farms about 400 acres. His total capitalization is in the neighborhood of \$360,000 or \$2,400 per acre. Current interest rates vary from 12 percent on

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land to 7 percent plus on equipment with interest on operating capital somewhere in between.

One can readily see that any farmer who owes more than 40 percent of his total capitalization is in deep trouble and anyone who owes more than 70 percent of his capitalization is headed for certain bankruptcy.

Inflation has been a sole culprit in this situation. Inflation has brought it to a head. It is an insidious force, as you can see by above progression on interest rates and capital requirement from the inception of irrigated farming to the present. As a general rule, interest rates can be expected to run approximately four percent more than the rate of inflation at any given time.

It is interesting to note that there is no correlation between the rate of inflation of real estate and the rate of inflation of fuel, fertilizer, labor, and manufactured goods. We, as farmers, have no control whatsoever over the price of the goods that we buy, but the blame for the inflation of the price of farm land can be laid off to our own doorstep.

Since 1978, many farms in Magic Valley have been sold to farmers for 50 percent to 100 percent more than the earning power of the land simply because easy credit was available and the buyer bought on emotion rather than on a sound business principle.

It has been the farmers who needed or wanted certain piece of land to fill out their operations who have established these high prices.

Non-resident buyers are usually blamed for real estate inflation, but it just simply is not so. Businessmen usually have the land appraised before buying it and then buy at the appraised price.

Unfortunately, appraisals are based on the average price per acre of the three most recent sales in the immediate area and reflect the price of

the overpriced sales. It is a vicious cycle that has made a bad situation worse.

For a glimpse of the future, ramifications of creeping inflation (and the interest rate that moves up with it like a shadow), we have to consider what causes inflation in the first place. There are actually two major interlocking causes of inflation that feed on each other: 1. The demand for that property, product, commodity or service which is the source of the property, product, commodity or service and the cost of labor, materials, taxes, etc. that are required to produce it or replace it.

Ironically, the most devastating effect of inflation is not just the increased initial cost of that property or product, which is a one-time occurrence, but the resulting increased interest rates which is a continuing thing.

Presently, the demand for dollars to service the national debt is the most significant burden that we have to bear. The high cost of unskilled labor in industry runs a close second.

The most frightening aspect of all of this is that there is little, if any, hope of any reduction in either of the two things that directly or indirectly cause high interest rates.

The question is, can we realistically expect a reduced deficit in the national deficit and the national debt in order to force down the prime interest rate?

Can we realistically expect the cost of labor, taxes, transportation and raw materials to ever be reduced enough to significantly reduce the inflation that applies an upward pressure on interest rates?

The answer to both questions is a resounding No!

Furthermore, there is some inherent danger in the foreigners who are investing heavily in America, withdrawing their funds if the value of the dollar drops on the world market. That surely would cause

another round of inflation and increased interest rates.

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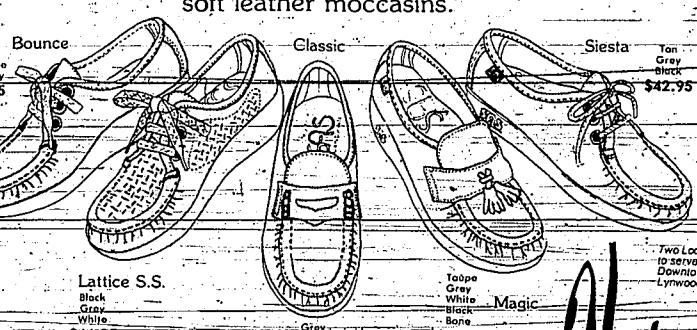
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Congress poised for major budget cuts

By DAVID ESPO
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If Budget Director David Stockman has heard it once, he's heard it dozens of times in the past month — Congress is going to reject President Reagan's proposal to abolish the Small Business Administration.

Likewise, when Republicans on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee met recently to consider spending cuts, sources indicate that Reagan's recommended five percent salary reduction for civilian government workers was a "casualty."

And when Sen. Mark Andrews, R-N.D., was asked in the midst of last week's debate over emergency farm aid whether the administration wanted withdrawal of the cut in farm price support reductions, his answer was a succinct: "No."

Despite sustained criticism of Reagan from lawmakers of both parties over such recommendations — and the likelihood that many will be defeated or scaled back — the outlook isn't wholly bleak for efforts to erase red ink.

Leaders of both parties agree Congress appears ready to approve substantial domestic spending cuts as it looks to reduce budget deficits.

Rep. William Gray, D-Pa., the new chairman of the House Budget Committee, says he wants to see \$40 billion in domestic and defense spending reductions in the coming year.

No details have emerged from the Democratic

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caucus, and the committee itself has not yet begun work. But Gray says that "everything is on the table."

In the Senate, Republicans have been unable to devise a unified approach to deficit reductions, but they have been at work for several weeks. Already, GOP members of several committees have given tentative approval to cuts.

Democrats have offered to assist in the effort, although they, like many Republicans, are demanding a slowdown in the Reagan defense budget to implement the reductions in domestic programs.

Republicans on the Finance Committee, for example, have tentatively agreed to a package totalling \$63 billion over three years, assuming the GOP leadership can assemble an overall package of cuts that includes reductions on President Reagan's defense buildup.

The Governmental Affairs Committee Republicans also have found several billions of dollars in cuts under the same condition, in part by accepting Reagan's proposal to cancel next year's cost of living increase for civil service retirees, according to sources.

Several Republican senators have indicated their support for an overall spending freeze — a step that would save \$39 billion next year if it included defense programs and Social Security

cost of living increases.

But a freeze is one thing — enabling lawmakers to tell their constituents that all programs are being scaled back equally.

Making deep cuts in popular domestic programs, or eliminating agencies and programs entirely, "the whole body surgery" that Stockman says is necessary to get control over deficits, will be much more difficult. Among the administration's cuts that will probably be contested most vigorously:

- Cutting guaranteed student loan assistance and other educational programs. Senate Democratic Leader Robert C. Byrd, D-W. Va., said Democrats will be "pretty well united when it comes to efforts to cut education. We've already cut too much there." Several Republicans have already spoken out against Reagan's recommended student loan cuts, as well.

- The SBA proposal. "I predict you're going to lose this fight," Sen. Dale Bumpers, D-Ark., told Stockman at a hearing on the subject last week.

- Sen. Lowell Weicker, R-Conn., chairman of the Small Business Committee, is sponsoring legislation to renew the agency's authorization, although with a reduced budget, and there has been virtually no support for the administration's recommendation.

- The 5 percent pay-cut. There has been little, if any support expressed for this proposal, as the decision by Republicans on the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee indicates. A pay freeze is one alternative under discussion.

Satellites taken from shuttle

CAPE CANAVERAL (AP) — Two satellites — including a possibly defective one that forced cancellation of the space shuttle Challenger's planned launch this week — will be removed from the ship's cargo bay on Sunday, NASA said.

Hard luck Challenger, grounded for a second straight mission, will be moved from the launch pad back to an assembly building Tuesday to await another crew and another flight, probably in late April.

Sister ship Discovery will take Challenger's place on the launch pad in mid-March to be readied for a flight later this month — or early April, officials said Saturday.

Challenger had been scheduled for launch Thursday, but Friday night

NASA canceled Challenger's mission with Sen. Jake Garn in the crew, because of the satellite problem.

Said Discovery would be next in line, flying a hybrid mission that includes some features of Challenger's scrubbed trip and a flight Discovery was to have flown on March 22.

The space agency said it hoped to select a date and name a crew for the combined mission by the end of the week.

Garn said in a telephone interview from his suburban Washington home Saturday that he hopes NASA, in selecting the crew, would not include him just because of his role as a congressional observer on the flight. He said he's willing to wait until later if necessary.

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Congressional leaders debate farm relief bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. said Saturday that a veto by Vice President Reagan of a package containing credit relief for farmers would hasten farm bankruptcies and compromise the nation's food security.

But Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole countered that Reagan should kill the legislation because it is an unnecessary bailout, and said he hoped the legislation would be disposed of this week so farmers can know what to expect in the way of spring planting help.

"Rather than offer a sound alternative, the administration is trying to obstruct our efforts to help the American farmer," O'Neill said in the Democrats' weekly national radio speech. "I believe this obstructionism is shortsighted" and "that it compromises our security."

Rep. Jim McDermott, dismissed the Democratic efforts as political game-playing designed to posture

them as friends of the farmer. He said farmers can benefit more from a credit program already in place, and from administration efforts to hold the line on government spending and bring down deficits that cause high interest rates and an overly strong dollar.

"I would hope if the House is going to pass the Senate bill (containing the farm credit aid) that they do it quickly and the president does what he's going to do quickly so we can get it back up here and dispose of it this next week," Dole said.

He said Reagan has indicated his intention to veto the bill and added that Senate Republicans have more than enough votes to sustain a veto.

If the package, which contains at least \$100 million in new spending, becomes law, "it would be the continuation of budget-reduction efforts which GOP senators are already finding difficult," Dole added.

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Fights erupt in Indian elections

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Police firefights and rival party workers fought in the streets in eastern India on Saturday during the first round of state elections expected to consolidate the power of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. At least 20 people were reported killed and more than 1,000 arrested. The violence occurred mainly in Bihar, India's most lawless state, notorious for criminal politics and Mafia-style gangs. The deaths pushed the nationwide toll during campaigns and voting to at least 45 as four of the 11 states voted for new assemblies Saturday.

The trouble in Bihar broke out despite the presence of tens of thousands of police and troops at polling booths throughout the state. In some areas, security forces, under orders to shoot troublemakers on sight, Additional voting is scheduled on Tuesday in 10 states.

According to the United News of India news agency, at least 20 people perished and 50 were hurt in the Bihar violence Saturday. No major incidents were reported outside Bihar.

At least 25 people, including 12 candidates, were killed earlier in six states during three weeks of campaigning.

Police house search sends Nkomo in hiding

BULAWAYO, Zimbabwe (AP) — More than 4,000 soldiers and police sealed off the suburbs of Bulawayo on Saturday, began house-to-house searches and apparently forced opposition leader Joshua Nkomo into hiding.

Security sources described it as the biggest military operation in the year in Bulawayo, a stronghold of Nkomo supporters and — with about 400,000 residents — a city second in size in Zimbabwe only to Harare, the capital.

A burial service had been planned in Bulawayo for Saturday for the minority party officials killed in pitched political battles a week ago.

Soldiers armed with Soviet-designed AK-47 automatic rifles; backed by armed police, were trucked from the city center into the sprawling suburbs, where more than 300,000 people live. Residents were warned by loudspeaker to stay indoors.

Bishop Abel Muzorewa, a black leader who cooperated with the previous white rulers when the nation was called Rhodesia, told a news conference Saturday that Prime Minister Robert Mugabe's government imposed

“what amounts to martial law in most of Bulawayo.”

He accused the government of trying to “deliberately sabotage” funeral services for the four slain officials of his United African National Council party and a supporter of Nkomo.

The victims, three women and two men, were shot on a railroad platform in the northern mining town of Hwange on Feb. 24.

Mugabe accused Mugabe's party of hitting messenger to do the job.

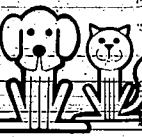
Police said they arrested two gunmen believed to be supporters of the prime minister.

There was no official comment from the government on the Saturday operation, but a report from the semi-official Zimbabwe Inter-African News Agency said the military “controls” followed the Feb. 24 deaths of two youths from Mugabe's party who were stabbed and stoned in clashes with Nkomo loyalists in Bulawayo. A schoolboy marching with Nkomo followers in Bulawayo the same day was shot dead in an encounter with police. Police would not say if they had killed him.

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Survey spokesman Don Finley said the tremor was recorded at a preliminary magnitude of 6.5 on the Richter scale, according to U.S. earthquake monitors in Golden, Colo.

He said the earthquake struck at 11:48 p.m. (10:48 a.m. EST) and was centered about 800 miles northeast of the Indonesian capital of Jakarta on the island of Java.

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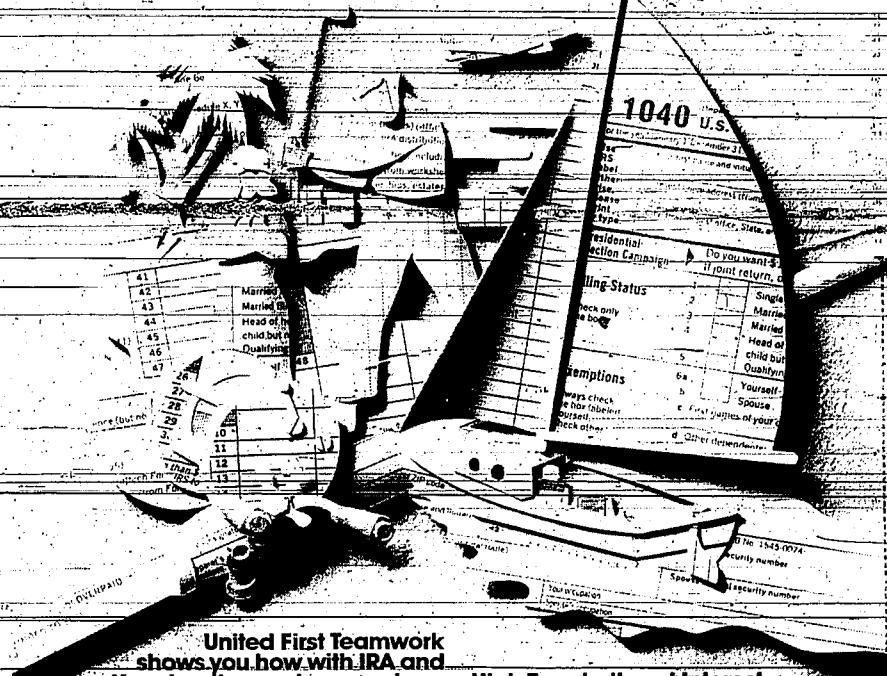
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Israeli troops fire on Shiite Moslem village

TEIR DIBBA, Lebanon (AP) — Hundreds of Israeli troops in armored vehicles swept into a "national resistance" hilltop stronghold of Maarrake Saturday in Israel's biggest raid so far on a Shiite Moslem village in southern Lebanon.

Volley of automatic weapons fire and explosions could be heard from Maarrake in Teir Dibba, two miles to the west. Israeli helicopters flew low over Maarrake, which black smoke rose above the village, apparently from three shell strikes. Some people trying to block Israeli entry.

Israeli military sources in Tel Aviv, Israel, said soldiers killed one Lebanese man trying to escape the roundup, and destroyed three houses said to contain weapons and belong to guerrillas.

The sources spoke on condition they were not identified.

The term "national resistance" is

generally used in Lebanon to describe guerrilla-fighting-Israel occupation forces in southern Lebanon.

The sources said the army made arrests and found large quantities of arms and ammunition. United Nations sources in Tel Aviv, who also insisted on anonymity, said the army arrested 17 people.

A newspaper reporter who was in Maarrake, 7 miles east of the port of Tyre, said: "People looked terrified. The Israelis were shooting in the air and armored vehicles started rolling amid the burning trees and shouting women; and one car with a bullet-ridden man in it gathered at the village school."

He said the Israelis arrived in three tanks, 50 armored personnel carriers and 30 other vehicles approaching the village from several directions.

The source estimated as many as 800 Israeli soldiers might be involved, judging from the number of vehicles.

Avalanche kills 8 near Matterhorn

ZERMATT, Switzerland (AP) — An avalanche roared down on a car and a mini-bus on a Alpine road leading to this resort near Mount Matterhorn, killing at least eight people Saturday, rescue officials said.

They called it the worst Swiss avalanche disaster in 15 years and feared that more victims were trapped under the snow. But shortly before nightfall, the danger of new snowslides forced a halt in the search conducted by dozens of rescuers and specially trained dogs.

Officials said the eight recovered bodies included five Swiss and two West German nationals. The identity of the eighth was not determined. A Swiss father and his child were killed in the car. The other victims included the driver of the mini-bus and five tourists who were on their way to Zermatt.

The bus can carry up to 12 passengers and rescue officials said it was not known how many tourists had boarded it. It was swept off the road to a point about 660 feet below.

The snowslide hit at about 9 p.m. above the village of Taesch, at an altitude of about 5,280 feet.

The road to Zermatt is open only to specially authorized cars. Private traffic is prohibited in the resort.

About 8 inches of snow had fallen during the night, prompting the Swiss Federal Institute to issue avalanche warnings because of an unfavorable structure of the snow cover.

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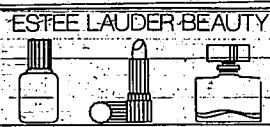
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Several states enact 'happy hour' ban

By WILLIAM M. WELCH
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pushed by a national sentiment to get tough with drunken driving, a half-dozen states have limited or banned bar "happy hours" and similar moves are proposed in even more states.

"It's my sense that it's just part of the general mood of the country to crack down on drunken driving," said Michelle Glaster, research assistant with the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Special promotions on drinks — with reduced prices or two-for-one deals during certain hours — are common attractions in many bars.

But even restaurants and bar operators have backed some of the new limitations.

"The National Restaurant Association has no problem with the happy hour time of day when people relax with food or drink," said that group's spokeswoman, Dorothy Dee.

"What we do have problems with is multiple-drink offers and any practices that might encourage over-consumption of alcohol."

The most sweeping ban on "happy hours" took effect in Massachusetts in December. It prohibits free or cut-rate drinks, more than one drink at a time, unlimited drinks for a fixed price, and special prices for groups, such as "ladies night" promotions.

The Distilled Spirits Council, a liquor industry trade group, has monitored efforts in the states and says it knows of regulatory proposals in even more states.

Lisa Tate, spokeswoman for the group, said there were moves in Indiana, Alabama, Arkansas, New Hampshire, New

York, Illinois, Virginia, California, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, Maine, Hawaii and Oregon.

"We are alarmed because it's another one of the restrictions on alcohol that are cropping up," she said.

"Some associations have endorsed it because they don't want to have to offer cut-rate drinks. They don't make any money on that," she said.

Candy Lightner of Dallas, founder and chief executive officer of Mothers Against Drunk Driving, said her group pushed the ban in Ohio and is supporting similar efforts in most states.

Hunter Wolfson, organizer of the Washington D.C. chapter of MADD, said: "People who have been working all day and have empty stomachs are served drinks and reduced prices; they'd probably drink, then get into cars and drive home. Logic says there's something a problem here."

Mrs. Dee said the restaurant trade association discourages two-for-one or cut-price drink promotions, but it doesn't like the trend toward legal bans.

"We are not in favor of legislation banning the happy hour," Mrs. Dee said. "We just feel we're already regulating ourselves and we don't need the government to do it."

MIAMI (AP) — A man was arrested Saturday in a quiet residential neighborhood as he walked naked down the street carrying a woman's severed head, police said.

When police arrived the man began screaming, "I killed her. She's dead," said police spokesman Mike Stewart.

"It's true," said Police spokesman Angelo Bitis. "We got a call (at 6:30 a.m.) in reference to a man carrying a head."

"The officers arrived and they indeed saw a man carrying a human head, not a skull, an actual head. We found ... he had just killed a woman."

The man, later identified as Alberto Mesa, 23, was taken to the prison ward of Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he was treated, Stewart said.

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The man, later identified as Alberto Mesa, 23, was taken to the prison ward of Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he was treated, Stewart said.

Mesa carried the head from his apartment to outside the home of a relative about four blocks away.

Man caught walking with decapitated head

He was to be charged later with first-degree murder, Stewart added.

The rest of the 21-year-old woman's body was found at Mesa's apartment, police said. She had been stabbed several times, including the decapitation, Stewart said. Her identity was not released, but police said she was an acquaintance of Mesa.

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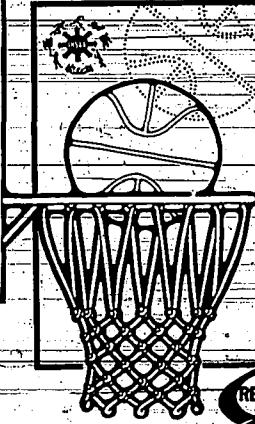
He will be required to write the phrase a total of more than 14,200 times during his probation. "It is known for handing out sentences like this, he sentenced a man to write 25 times each weekend during his probation,"

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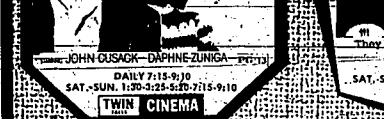
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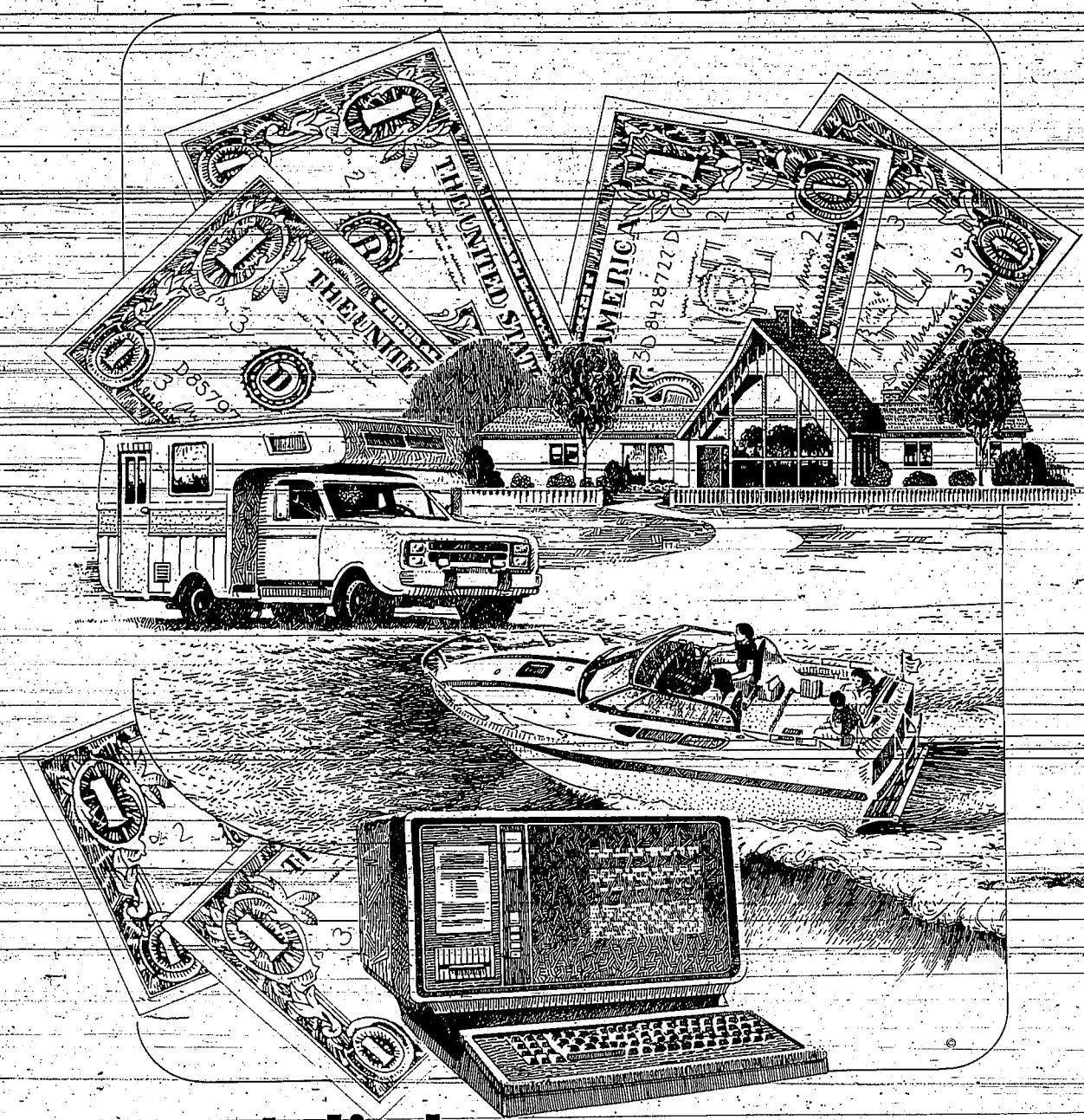
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Cap hits nursing homes

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News writer

JEROME — The directors of two Magic Valley hospitals that operate nursing homes say if a cap is placed on Medicaid reimbursements as a bill now before the Idaho Legislature proposes, it will seriously hurt their homes and may force them or others to close their doors on nursing homes.

Tim Gilmore, president of the Blaine County Medical Center in Hailey, says he will advise his board of directors and the Blaine County Board of Commissioners to close his 25-bed Blaine Manor if the bill passes.

However, an official for the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, which is sponsoring the bill, says such statements from the bill's opponents are unsubstantiated.

"We've heard rhetoric that this bill will close down facilities X, Y and Z within weeks after it's put into effect. We believe that is just rhetoric," says Dr. William Whiteman, medical director, bureau chief for the department.

The bill seeks to limit the amount of Medicaid reimbursements to hospital-based nursing homes to the same amount as free-standing nursing homes will receive. The new level of reimbursements would be phased in over a five-year period at a 2 percent decrease each year until the two reimbursements are equal.

Hospital-based nursing homes now receive larger reimbursements because under the Medicare accounting system they are required to share hospital administration and overhead costs, which are higher than in free-standing nursing homes.

Whiteman says the department is making the cuts to save money and because hospital-based nursing homes should be able to operate at the same level as the free-standing homes.

Since 1982, the reimbursements to free-standing facilities have increased about 10 percent while those to hospital-based facilities have increased 33 percent, he says.

Under the proposal, the department would save because one-third of Medicaid reimbursements are paid by the "state" and two-thirds by the Medicare under the Social Security System.

The cut in the state's share of the reimbursements would be saved in state tax money now going to the program. However, Whiteman says he does not know how much the new program would cost.

The bill also will increase the amount the department reimburses nursing home facilities for their property-based costs, based on a fair rental value. He says the bill's opponents are ignoring that increase when they talk about the bill, which is expected to be voted on in the full House early next week before being passed on to the Senate.

But, opponents of the bill say the bill is a half-drawn and poorly-thought-out effort to offset the department's losses if the Reagan administration is successful in placing constraints on Medicare funds.

They say the department has not seriously considered what the drop in reimbursements will do to many of the

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Clyde Schmelzer, of Mountain Home, inspects a gem he's faceting at the show

Rockhounds find beauty nature carved into stones

By ROB FREUND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Some chunks were plucked out of waste heaps at old mines. Others were found littered along deep, desert streambeds or atop old lava flows.

In the raw, they were just rocks.

Now they are colorful stones, fossils and gems gleaming out of glass display cases.

The Magic Valley Gem Club has exposed the beauty within the rocks. Today, members are placing their collections before the public during the club's 34th Annual Gem Show in the Idaho-National-Guard Armory at the College of Southern Idaho campus. The show continues through today.

The rockhounds, as they are nicknamed, hunt the potential gems throughout southern Idaho and northern Nevada, says show chairman Bill Foster of Twin Falls.

But the painstaking work comes when the hobbyists finish the stones into shapes that will highlight their

colors and other qualities. It's not unusual to spend eight hours cutting and polishing a rock for best appearance, Foster says.

Nor is the skill automatic. Forming a "cab" — a cabochon, which is a common hemisphere shape — requires a steady touch. Cutting facets into the stone is a precise art.

"I've been faceting for about three years, and I'm a long way from getting it down," says Foster, who they work demonstrations to help visitors understand how a raw rock becomes a jewel.

But you don't have to have a jeweler's eye to appreciate the artistry nature has carved into the stones.

Some minerals give off vibrant colors in natural light. Agate and quartz, opals and rubies, garnet (the state stone of Idaho) and jasper show their hues under natural light.

Others need different prompting to release their color. "They put us in the back room because our rocks

are so ugly," says exhibitor Del Blackfield of Boise.

But under fluorescent light, calcedony gathered at Rabbit Springs, north of Jackpot, glows in a gray-purple hue and others beam as many as four colors, he demonstrates.

Some stones have captured the imprints of life long past. The form of a fish is etched into one stone found at the site of the bridge.

Another goes to past forests for another, a fossil formed from the resin of pine trees.

And other glass cases contain artifacts such as arrowheads and knives made by man long ago.

The modern craftsmanship of the rockhounds also is prominently displayed. One exhibit shows off a Model A Ford assembled with stone and petrified wood.

The prize for the best display competition, which includes everything from quality of minerals to showmanship, went to Jack Chamberlain of Twin Falls.

Community backs hospice program for patients, families

By BARBARA NEIWERT
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — A hospice program being organized in Blaine County to provide a support system for terminally ill patients and their families is receiving strong community support.

"After holding a couple of meetings to establish public input, the response was just tremendous," says Geri Herbert, a member of the Hospice Executive Committee.

The program began as a grassroots effort after Ellen Fisher, former president of the

American Cancer Society of Blaine County, was approached by different people in the community regarding the need for a hospice service.

"It's a six-week, 30-hour training course to recruit and train volunteers is now under way."

"The course is very comprehensive and quite intensive," says Herbert, adding that the public is welcome to attend any or all lectures for a \$5 fee.

Forty-seven community residents are taking the training, says Herbert, noting that at the conclusion, the graduates will decide how they would like to work in hospice.

"Not everyone may want to work directly with the family, but they can provide valuable service to the program by contributing their time and energies in capacities such as fund raising, typing, photocopying or other necessary aspects involved," she says.

Hospice is a philosophy of care," says Herbert. She says it encompasses the whole family as the unit of care, not just the patient.

Herbert says a "hospice volunteer" is essentially a "good neighbor" who helps a patient go to the doctor, fixes a meal, plays scrabble or sits with the patient or a family member or gets out of the house for a walk or grocery shopping.

"Hospices never infringe on professional boundaries," says Herbert. If the patient needs medical or psychological attention, a qualified health professional is recommended.

Bonnie Brown, an executive committee member, says a secondary objective of hospice is to educate the public.

"Even if a person goes through the training and decides not to become a volunteer, they have the workbook and the training so when something comes up in their family they know where to turn," says Brown.

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ing is that a volunteer be there and be supportive of the family and respond to their needs."

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Sun Valley: City, resort officials do battle over option tax

By RICK SHAUGHNESSY
Times-News capital bureau

BELGRADE — The City of Sun Valley and the Sun Valley Company share a name and share responsibility for the thousands of tourists who visit the world-famous ski resort each year. But they do not share an opinion on how to shoulder the burden of that responsibility.

In fact, the two entities are so far apart on the issue that they've driven it before Idaho's highest court and its most powerful deliberative bodies in a search for resolution.

Both sides say they fear the battle could severely damage the resort city's reputa-

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tion.

City officials say they need to retain the \$500,000 or so the tax nets each year to provide the basic services ensuring that tourists stay in the resort community are safe and enjoyable.

"To retain the right to collect the tax they are appealing to a Fifth District Court and they're asking the Idaho Supreme Court and they're asking the Idaho Legislature to pass corrective legislation to remedy the constitutional flaws the judge cited in his November ruling," says the company's spokesman, however, they are seeking to protect the rights of their customers — individuals who pay a fax which others vote to levy against them.

But the battle goes deeper and is more divisive than those basic philosophical pos-

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Wallace Huffman, manager of the company, openly lashes out at the city administration and its fiscal policies.

Huffman says a prudent taxing philosophy

narrower the expenditure." A contradiction, he says, is the bed-and-breakfast tax, which is narrowly levied but broadly expended.

Huffman says an itemization of expenditures made with option tax money during its first five years shows "almost 50 percent of the \$2 million paid-in-waiting spent for basic services," such as police and fire protection.

The expenditures were for "brick-and-mortar" items or buildings, he says. Huffman also laments against use of the money to construct a fire station near the Elkhorn resort.

He says he doesn't oppose construction of the fire station, but he says an expenditure (and) the narrower the tax the

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Federal fund cuts loom for city, county

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley counties have used revenue sharing funds to pay for everything from entrances to bridges, airports to employee health insurance.

Should revenue sharing meet the federal ax this year, counties and cities will be the ones to hurt.

Revenue sharing is a target for elimination in the Reagan ad-

ministration's 1986 budget proposal.

"It's the discretionary funds in the budget that are the most viable," says Billie King, city finance director. The revenue-sharing money pays for 35 percent of the equipment replaced and other capital improvements within the city. Street repairs, for example, make up half the budget.

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among other things.

Of the county's current budget of \$5 million, revenue-sharing accounts for \$25,000. The county usually receives about \$20,000, but funds were carried over from the previous year.

With regularly, the funds have been used to pay the county's share of operating the Twin Falls-Sun Valley regional airport. About \$75,000 was allotted to the airport this year.

If revenue sharing goes, the county would have to look at the budget for other projects, King says. The airport budget itself might have to be cut.

In the past, revenue sharing has been used to extend the runway and make other improvements at the airport. The facility was important.

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Suit against sheriff dismissed by judge

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News writer

GOODING — Fifth District Judge Ronald Bruce dismissed a lawsuit Friday that attempted to remove Blaine County Sheriff Dennis Haynes from office because the person bringing the complaint was not eligible to do so.

Bruce ruled the person filing the suit, co-owner of Murtough Bridge, a recent study of Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's freezer for the jail, a computer system for the courthouse and a new lawn mower for the fairgrounds,

campaign tactics, including taking a bribe from a prominent citizen.

However, Bruce ruled Drexler's claims did not qualify and only a majority voter is entitled to bring the action against an officeholder.

"Therefore, despite the other tragic things, whether they are true or not, I stayed the motion to strike the action," says Haynes' attorney, E. Lee Schleider of Ketchum, said he was happy with the decision, but that Bruce's action isn't the end of the case.

"I expect there is going to be a demand from all the parties involved to apologize publicly for what they tried to do. If not, we'll just have to see where the responsibility lies," he said.

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Revenue

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enough to the county and city of Twin Falls that it should receive a subsidy to keep it open, Pelton said.

Middle County used part of its revenue sharing portion to help maintain the city in the last two years, Clerk Duane Smith said.

About ten percent of the county's \$2.3 million budget or \$214,000 was revenue sharing.

The county's park and recreation department received \$15,000 from revenue sharing. Another share also went to the county ambulance service, health insurance for employees and the public defender's office.

Smith predicts cuts to other county departments to offset the loss of revenue sharing.

In Jerome County, revenue sharing funds helped heat the courthouse with a furnace.

Revenue sharing amounts in Jerome County's current budget of \$2.15 million.

In small populated Camas County, its \$17,000 worth of revenue sharing

was used for county planning and zoning administration, Clerk Rollie Bent said.

Jerome County Clerk Clerk Cheryl Walls said her county allocated some of the revenue sharing funds for general operations of the county. That way, if revenue sharing was taken away, the county wouldn't be stuck.

Twin Falls County Commissioner Ann Cover said, "This was extra money for things we didn't have."

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much needed items or replacement equipment will have to wait until money can be saved for their purchase, Cover said. The counties as the cities are prohibited by law to increase their budgets more than five percent to fill a gap that may be left by revenue sharing.

Projects they had hoped to begin, such as a new Milner Bridge, will go back even farther on the burner, Felton said.

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Cover said city and county lobbyists will fight for the program, however. Clerk Dick Pence, in fact, has been attending this week a Washington, D.C., conference of the National Association of County Revenue sharing where he is on the agenda.

City Councilman John Adams said if revenue sharing was cut, other federal agencies should be cut. Such cuts are necessary to gain an upper hand on the deficit.

Hospital

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state's 15 hospital-based nursing homes phased-in-at-the-present-reimbursement rate.

The proposal will severely hurt them financially, and the smaller ones may have to close down, says Bob Campbell, director of St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

The proposal is not-a-cost-cutting measure as the department is claiming, he says, because it will only shift the cost of operating expenses to hospital patients and non-Medicaid nursing home patients, or the taxpayers in the case of tax-supported facilities.

Campbell says St. Benedict's will

lose \$150,000 a year once the program

is phased-in-at-the-present-reimbursement rate.

Because it is one of the larger hospitals with a nursing home, St. Benedict's can absorb the loss easier than the smaller ones. But, he says,

he will have to pass on the losses.

Hospital-based nursing homes are hampered because they cannot reject a Medicaid patient if it has room and must accept the lower payment which is established by the state.

In the Magic Valley, there are no hospital-based nursing homes in Jerome, Tulley, Arco and Rupert.

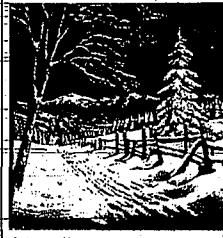
There also is one in Mountain Home.

Hailey man dies on highway

KETCHUM — A Hailey man was struck-and-killed-Friday-night near Ketchum while moving a disabled car out of traffic.

Roger D. Coleman, 20, who had been a passenger in a car involved in a prior accident, was dead at the scene. The Idaho State Police still investigating the accident. An ISP dispatcher had no further information late Saturday about the accident-occurred-when-a-car-prior-accident.

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It is that the protracted battle is deteriorating the best interests of the city and the company. Both sides say they hope they can minimize the damage caused by the issue, while still firmly advocating their individual positions.

"The city's posture is one of no retaliation," says city manager Brown. "We're not trying to make things worse. We know what the company does for us," he says.

However, Jacquel is quick to interject: "They are taking our operating revenues and that's divisive."

"I hope it doesn't remain a sore spot," says Huffman. "It probably has a negative effect on the product and the ambiance we like to provide."

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public apologies and retractions that are published in newspapers—"or there will definitely be further action when the shoe will be on the other foot."

Drexler's attorney, Greg Fuller of Jerome, could not be reached for comment after Friday's action.

Drexler's petition for ouster filed Jan. 2, was supported by three affidavits by two former Blaine County sheriff deputies and a member of the sheriff's reserves who claimed

Haynes had forced deputies to camouflaged for him and also forced a jail trustee to work on his campaign.

The other two affidavits, he argued, did not substantiate any of the charges.

He also argued Haynes definitely did not take bribe in return for licensed for the illegal aliens and that the trustee worked on the campaign voluntarily.

In his decision Friday, Bruce said

Reeck's findings did not influence his decision because Drexler was not entitled to bring the action in the first place.

Tax
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aimed at protecting properties should be paid for with a property tax or with an "across-the-board, low sales tax."

Some of Huffman's complaints appear personal. He criticizes Sun Valley Mayor Ruth Lieder's support for a new resort development in Ketchum. That support shows she "wants to hurt" the company, he says.

"I'd like to see them not have every cent they have," he says, adding: "They're not willing to cut the budget."

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City officials hurl bars of their own.

Lieder says the resort community and its economy are prone to competition from other western cities like Aspen and Vail, Colorado; Park City, Utah; The Sun Valley Co., she

says, is unconcerned about those competitive pressures. It wants to return to being the resort it was prior to the 1950s, she says.

Sun Valley City Manager Jack Brown says the city wants to move away from the bed and breakfast tax towards the type of broad-based sales taxes most other communities use.

He says the city has been given only half-park sales figures by the company.

Those figures are needed to arrive at a tax rate that would provide the same amount of revenue as is now produced, he says.

Huffman says he believes the city wants that information so it can selectively tax certain items, probably utilities. "I'm really fundamentally scared to death by the prospect," he says.

Brown says Huffmann's concern that the city is less than frugal or prudent with the sales-tax money rings hollow, he says. Huffmann himself requested that this year's \$50,000 appropriation to the hospital be used for landscaping.

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Priests may call at the mortuary Thursday morning until the time of the service.

Obituaries

Neal J. Chapman

GOODING — Neal J. Chapman, 21, of Gooding, died Saturday morning at Gooding Memorial Hospital.

Born June 7, 1963, in Jerome, he attended schools in Center, Neb., and Gooding. He worked for several years for the Clear Lakes Trout Farm and was found to have died because of health.

He was a member of the Calvary Lutheran Church.

Surviving are: his parents, Ralph and Dorothy Chapman of Gooding; eight sisters: Pat Shadwick of Hardy, Neb.; Sunny Dick of Pasco, Wash.; Linda Ficus of Kimberly; Joann Clark of Pocatello; Pam and Carol of Gooding; Debbie of Swan Valley, Nev.; Becky Summers of Kansas City, Mo.; and Jean Jackson of Hastings, Neb.; and three brothers, Mike Chapman and Ron Chapman, both of Gooding, and Richard Chapman of Boise; and his grandmother, Leota Boies.

Chapman was a member of the church he was attending. He died in a car accident in which his brother and a sister, twins, Dale and Gale.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Gooding, with the Rev. William Goodlin officiating. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel Tuesday from 11 to 7 p.m.

Nita L. Moss

GOODING — Nita L. Moss, 88, of Gooding, died Friday at the Green Acres Care Center in Gooding.

Born June 14, 1896, in Sheridan, Ore., she married Fred Moss in 1916. They spent most of their life in the Oregon and Washington areas, then she moved to Gooding in July 1954.

She was a member of the Rupert Christian Church.

Surviving are: three daughters, Edna Onstot and Ethel Bailes, both of Rupert; and Effie Richardson of Boise; eight grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, two sons; a grandson, two great-grandchildren, and all of her brothers and sisters.

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Susie Mary Lock

RUPERT — Susie Mary Lock, 97, of Rupert, died Saturday morning at Minidoka Medical Hospital.

Born Jan. 2, 1888, in Council, Idaho, where she attended schools, she married Ephraim W. Lock on Feb. 28, 1906, in Idaho Falls. They moved to Crane Creek, Idaho, and then in 1906, they moved to Minidoka County, where she has since resided. Mr. Lock died Dec. 11, 1964.

Services

RUPERT — The funeral for Irvin B. Palles, 85, of Filer, will be held Saturday morning at 10 a.m. at the Filer Mortuary.

Surviving are: three sons, Carl, Robert and Donald Marion, all of Rupert; and Christine Schler of Heyburn.

Burial will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the Filer Mortuary.

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J Focus

Milner Dam: 80 years old

Perrine's vision made dam, canal systems possible back in 1905

By J. HOWARD MOON
Special to The Times-News

In 1984, Magic Valley celebrated the centenary of Ira Burton Perrine's arrival at Blue Lakes. Perrine was a man of dreams and persistence — traits which culminated in the building of Milner Dam and the canal systems which have reclaimed north and south sides of the Snake River.

This week marks the 80th anniversary of the realization of Perrine's dream. On March 1, 1905, the tunnel gates were closed at Milner Dam on the Snake. On March 2, 1905, water was let into the partially completed southside canal.

According to an interview came to him in 1984, when officials of the Oregon Short Line Railroad asked him to look for a bridge site between Lincoln and Cassia counties. He explored the river and located the present site of Milner Dam as a bridgeway for the railroad.

"...then it dawned upon him that the place was well-located to cover the Twin Falls land. While thus camped ... the little man saw in the flames the future which now has developed beyond all interference," said an account of the interview.

The Carey Act of 1890 had made area reclamation feasible, so Perrine planned financing his scheme.

Working to make his plans foolproof, Perrine made a crude survey and then made contacts with Stanley B. Milner, a Utah mining magnate who had expressed interest in the Snake River project. Caldwell newspaper editor and banker Albert Koppel Steunenberg; and well-known irrigationist James Harrison Lovell of Roswell.

The year was 1898, and plans came to a sudden halt when it was announced that the proposed area was being considered as a National Park reserve which would include the Twin Falls, Shoshone Falls, Blue Lakes and adjacent lands. Water could not be used for irrigation nor power generation.

For two years inspectors visited the area and gave negative reports. Area residents wrote negative responses to congressmen. As soon as it seemed probable that the park proposal would not be accepted, Perrine began the legal work necessary to launch his own project.

On June 25, 1900, he staked and claimed both sides of the Snake River at the Cedars with 3,000 cubic feet of water for each side. Following the claim requirements, Perrine worked on site plans, crude dam and canal surveys and within the legal 90 days had established a working company, the Twin Falls Land and Water Company. According to records, the partners were Milner, Lovell and Steunenberg (each of whom paid \$1,000 for 1,000 shares), Frank Knox, a Salt Lake banker, who paid \$10 for 10 shares, and Perrine, who invested



IRA PERRINE
Man of dreams

STANLEY MILNER
Mining magnate



ALBERT STEUNENBERG
Original investor

the water rights, the preliminary work and survey, and an unstated amount of cash; the amount credited to his total investment is \$25,900.

Oct. 13, 1900, the Twin Falls Land and Water Company asked the state of Idaho to request that the federal government grant a segregation of land corresponding to the water rights issued by the state, which application was made Oct. 16. By July 1, 1901, the federal lands reserved as a proposed national park were relinquished, and the United States granted the working company 270,000 acres for reclamation.

As soon as this land was granted, a survey was made in July and August 1901, conducted by A.J. Will for the state, and George F. Filer as agent for the Milner interests. These two men, with several assistants, completed the survey rapidly and preparations were made to initiate construction.

Another delay resulted, however, in an injunction against the Harry L. Hollister Corporation and its tunnel construction for a proposed power at Shoshone Falls.

The injunction, sought by Sen. W.A. Clark of Montana, E.L. Stone, J.A. Creighton, and Sarah Dewey, owner of the Dewey Hotel at Shoshone Falls, specified that work be suspended not only on the coffee

dam being installed at Shoshone Falls, but also against any dam which might interfere with the natural flow of the river.

After a month of hearings and de-

liberations in April and May of 1902,

the state of Idaho and Clark fell damages each in the amount of \$500, and gave the Hollister parties or others the right to proceed with dams and power projects.

Milner immediately began construction at the head of the south side canal for a construction camp. Adjoining land was bought by Filer and his wife Esther B. Fried Filer, and the property was set up as a townsite, which became the Town of Milner.

Supplies for a bridge, below the dam site, were shipped from Shoshone, but soon Kimball became the shipping point.

The basic costs of surveys and construction had been borne by Milner, Lowell and Steunenberg. As they made further investments in the company, their shares in the corporation were diluted. In November 1902, when Lowell and Steunenberg left, the huge sum to complete the work proposed that the company be dissolved and that the structure be given over to the state or to federal reclamation agencies.

Lowell and Steunenberg controlled 49,500 shares, Milner's 39,925 shares combined with Perrine's 10,000 equated to the dissolution. The stockholders meeting July 2, 1902, chose Frank Knox with his three sons, Frank, Knob, and Knob's son, Frank, to liquidate the assets.

He sided with Milner and Perrine.

The dam would continue as a private enterprise. That same date, Lowell and Steunenberg contracted the sale of their shares to Milner.

Search for capital began with true urgency. Filer had worked with the company as engineer and buffer for Milner, who had no trust in the state of Idaho nor the Idaho members of the corporation. Manager of Milner's Annie Laurie Mine, Filer was a native of Sharon, Pa., and was acquainted with wealthy Sharon industrialist Frank Henry Buhl, who was currently investing in iron mines owned by Witcher Jones of Salt Lake City.

Filer talked with Buhl regarding the Idaho land investment. Jones, who was interested in Milner's mining projects and knew of the enterprise, joined in efforts to interest the man who was already considered the prime philanthropist in his adopted city of Sharon.

Buhl was a native of Michigan, the son of Detroit's first mayor. The Buhls were social and business forces in Detroit and Frank had an almost innate business sense. He had early invested in Sharon Iron Mills and his investments gradually fanned over the nation and even to the Philippines.

He was an established millionaire,

investor and philanthropist when he married Julia Forker, of nearby Pocatello, Pa. It is typical of the couple that they, while in the proposed tract, together considered it and agreed to back the new system.

Nov. 24, 1902, Frank and Julia Buhl, Stanley and Truth Milner, William Jones and Ellen arrived by train in Shoshone. They spent the day looking over the tract, spent the night at Perrine's Blue Lakes home, and after another day of inspection returned to Buhl's private railroad car the evening of Nov. 25, with high praise for Mrs. Perrine's hospital and for the beauty of Blue Lakes and Shoshone Falls. Nothing was said about the tracts.

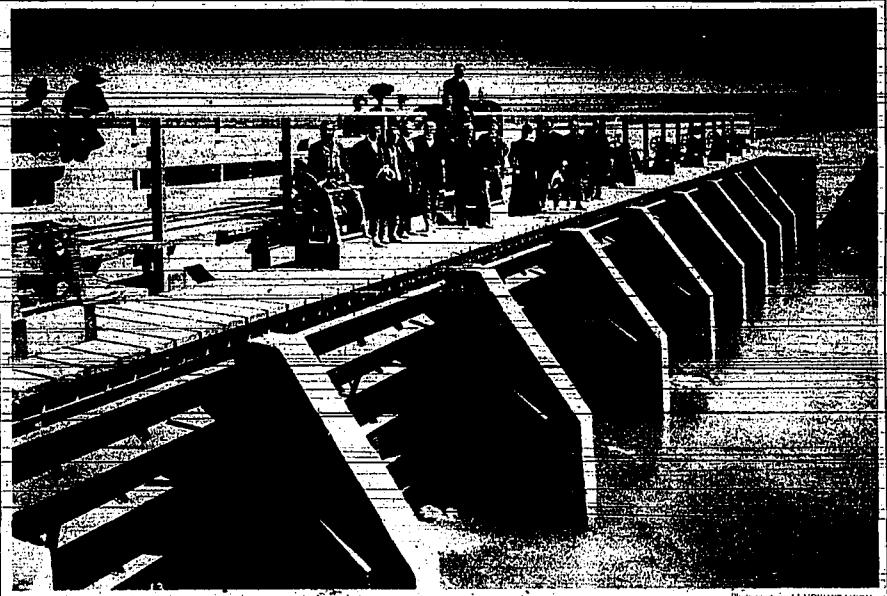
The Idaho Journal of Deer Creek, 1902, states that the preliminary agreement "was closed early in December in Salt Lake City, with Milner and Perrine representing the company and Buhl and Filer representing their own interests. The Buhl-Filer-combination would be given stock control and they promised capital up to \$1.5 million to construct the dam."

On Jan. 2, 1903, a contract was signed with the re-organization of the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. On Jan. 14, 1903, Milner transferred 22,500 shares to Buhl leaving Milner's 10,000 shares and Knob's 10 percent. Buhl was named president; Filer vice president and general manager; Milner, vice president and member of the board; Mark M. Murphy and Paul S.A. Bickel, Filer's mining associates, were named assistant managers; Frank, Knob, and Knob's son, Frank, were named directors.

Buhl's partner in mining enterprises was Sharon-born Peter Lanterman Kimberly, whose corporate offices were in New York.

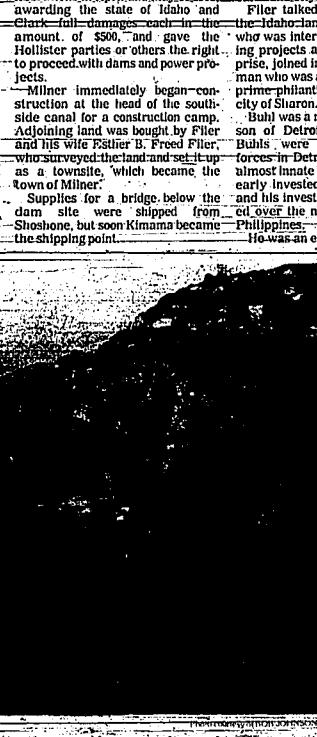
Eager to combine forces in this significant venture, the two men were instrumental in forming the Buhl-Kimberly Corporation at Bridgeport, Conn., April 13, 1903, with capital amounting to \$5 million. In November 1903, Kimberly died.

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On March 1, 1905, the tunnel gates at Milner were closed, and the next day, water entered the southside canal.

Photo courtesy of J. HOWARD MOON



During canal construction, manpower and horse teams were used to move dirt and rocks.

A system of diversions and tunnels controls the river's flow.

FRANK BÜHL
Industrialist

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PETER KIMBERLY
Buhl's partner

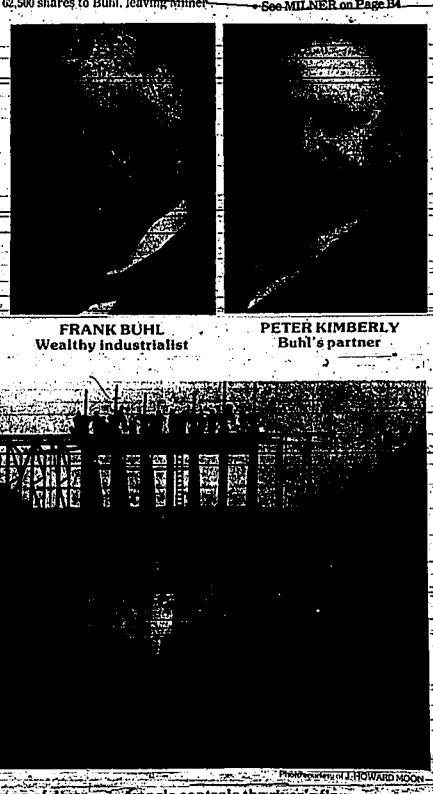


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Milner



Construction of the dam and canals spawned the start of several towns nearby.

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his first trip to examine the project. Dam construction was contracted to Farle & Kest Company of Boise and the Nelson Bonnell Company of Tacoma, Wash., contracted for the first 25 miles of canal.

Fars-Kest first built an 800-foot temporary dam of rock-filled cribs below the dam site. This dam raised the water about five feet, forcing it into a canal about one half mile long made by clearing away rock and debris.

The canal conducted the water to a rock platform in the canyon where a power plant was erected. A turbine wheel, operated by 100-second foot of water falling 31 feet, drove a 200-kilowatt "direct current" generator. Additional electricity was generated by a water wheel in the north channel at the dam site.

This current ran electric drills to blast the rock at the dam site and from the first two miles of canal. An electric derrick shovel was used to hoist rocks of cubic yard or more into electric railway cars. As the canal was cleared, track for this electric railway was placed in the canal bed; so the cars could be brought to the dam site where the rock from the canal excavation was used to fill the dam.

There were four electrically run derrick cranes at the banks of either side of the canal, each having four tons of lifting capacity. The cranes lifted the cans into which the transported the rock to the desired places, automatically triggering a dumping mechanism, and placing them.

The dirt and gravel of sloping the upstream side of the dam were hauled in the same way. Teams of horses were used in the canal construction where there was little rock. At times more than 400 teams and 500 drivers were working.

At the dam site there were three channels separated by rock islands. The two southwesterly channels carried water only at high-water time, the stream ordinarily being in the north channel.

The total length of the dam, including the two island spillways, was 2,000 feet. A planking of concrete core was based 29 feet below

bedrock. The rock and sluice fill rose 49 feet above bedrock.

The base width is 150 feet of rock, with a sluice width at the base of 460 feet. The up-stream slope being four to one and paved with rock rip-rap.

The dam was 150 feet in height.

Farle & Kest's Acting Engineer, three dams abutting the two lava islands used as part of the structures.

The concrete extended into the embankment on the south canyon wall and the southwest side of the island. The middle dam was built in this same way. The first island was drilled down and graded to a level about five feet above the canal bottom.

The top was concreted and a steel structure was laid in concrete forms with 99 (now 67) concrete spillways.

The overflow gates for these spillways were made of wood plank in steel frames 6 by 10 feet. At the northeast end of the first island a deep open cut was made on the upstream face.

Surrounded by a coffee can workers proceeded on this until they reached midway through the island, and was seven feet below ordinary water level. On the downstream part of the island, eight-tunnel-ways cut four-feet-wide-eight-high-length varying from 80 to 120 feet until they connected with the upstream cut.

These tunnels served as a diversion tunnel to take the flow to the river when the main northside channel was dammed off to make construction there possible.

After the tunnel and cut work were completed in the main island, the coffee cans were blown up and the water rushed through the tunnels. In

order to check the north channel ledge-wood cables were placed across the stream and large rocks were dropped in two rows across the channel.

The dam here runs directly north from the second island. The words checked the north channel and the dam could be placed between the rows, filled with rock and faced with sheet piling. Six divers cleaned the bottom and planking was concreted to the bottom by taking concrete in sacks which the divers put in place.

Cables, where planked and concreted, acted as a water-tight core up to the surface, forcing all water through the tunnels. Then the regular rock fill and sluice work could be done.

The cut was extended on a gravity-flow-base, inclining .79 of one foot per mile of canal construction, maintaining the highest possible flow so both high and low ground could be irrigated.

Eight miles below the dam another dam one mile long, 48 feet high was erected at Dry Creek.

Now known as Milner Lake, this reservoir allows additional supplies of water to the valley.

When the Twin Falls Land and Water Co. was dissolved Dec. 13, 1940, Frank Knox was the only one of the original incorporators who still had stock in his own name. Despite the fact that he died in 1915, his estate still maintained 500 shares.

Filler spoke of the "grand ac-

complishment," and he, Buhl, and General Manager Filler.

His work was compounded by the additional pressures of keeping peace between the Salt Lake-based Kimballites and their eastern counterparts who seldom set eyes to eye.

The tunnel gates at Milner were closed March 1, 1905. Some difficulties existed in closing the southernmost gate, but it was raised and divers removed a piece of rail and divers removed a piece of rail and divers returned in August 1905 to oversee the completion of the south side. He water rose above Milner Dam. Telegrams from Buhl and Kimberly warned that their arrival would be late, but that the closure should not wait for them.

When they arrived shortly after noon, Milner was still having divers place sandbags around the tunnel gates. Filler rode out on horseback from a hotel in Laramie. There he ordered a long line of wagons filled with divers to suffice upstream as water seeped through the structure. The dam was declared tight as a drum, but the cinder sluicing continued for several days.

Because of the difficulty in closure, the upstream cut from the tunnels was finally completely filled in. Some of the discarded tunnel closure gears are still lying between the dam and the canal gates.

With all the company officers present, water was slowly let into the new canal March 2, 1905. Only a minimal flow was allowed in order to puddle and strengthen the embankments. Nearly two months elapsed before the water ran through the existing irrigation system.

Water was held back by the growth on both sides of the Snake for granted,

but it is liberally interspersed with enough lava and sagebrush to inform us of what it was like before the event we celebrate after 80 years.

The men responsible had differing views.

Kimberly said to Buhl that March day, "Frank, we're spending a lot of money here, but if the people are getting some good out of it we should be happy." He died June 4, 1905.

Milner railed at the "colossal extravagance of that old gang" as he prepared for the Buhl townsite opening April 17, 1906.

Less than three weeks later he was dead of heart failure brought on by his exertions there. By the summer of 1905, there were patchwork blocks of green all over the south side and Frank Knox said on a visit, "It is the finest country I ever saw."

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complishment." Twin Falls is the most magnetic. It contained an element of human interest which did not attach to any of the others.

Milner Dam is the point for north-side development, a work accomplished under the American Water Works and Guarantee Company of Pittsburgh, managed by the Kuhn family.

The dreamer Perryne was important to each reclamation project accomplished. He died in Twin Falls Oct. 2, 1943. His most fitting memorial is the hundreds of thousands of irrigated acres throughout Magic Valley.

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Location	This year is:
Boise	2.1 degrees colder
Twin Falls	4.5 degrees colder
Pocatello	4.8 degrees colder

This information is based on a calendar month. Since your bill is based on a cycle month, it probably won't coincide exactly with the information given above. If you would like to find out exactly how temperatures this year compared with last year during your particular billing cycle, call the energy management representative at your local Idaho Power office.

School lunch menus

MONDAY

Monday: "Mrs. McNamee's 4th grade" - Hot dogs, carrots and celery sticks and dips, baked beans, banana and milk.
 Tuesday: "Finger" steaks, potatoes and gravy, green beans, fruit cup and milk.
 Wednesday: Come sandwich, french fries, Jello cookies and milk.
 Thursday: Peanut butter sandwich, honey, fruit, salad bar and milk.
 Friday: Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, coleslaw, cinnamon rolls and chocolate milk.

TUESDAY

Monday: Pork gravy over whipped potatoes, peanut butter balls, pink applesauce, hot rolls and milk.
 Tuesday: Chicken and cranberry dinner, foods, peach sauce and milk.
 Wednesday: Oven fried chicken, cheese wedge, green salad, hot rolls, strawberry shortcake and milk.
 Thursday: Hamburgers, buttered corn, fruitcake and milk.
 Friday: Baked cheese sandwich, mixed vegetables, cherry crisp and milk.

WEDNESDAY

Monday: Chicken pants, later sticks, bread and butter, potato salad and milk.
 Tuesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, bread and butter, green beans, cake and milk.

THURSDAY

Wednesday: Spaghetti, green salad, bread and butter, fruit and milk.
 Thursday and Friday: Spring break.

FRIDAY

Monday: Hamburger on bun, later sticks, Jello with fruit cocktail, and milk.
 Tuesday: Pizza, corn, applesauce, raisin oatmeal cookie, and milk.
 Wednesday: Turkey-a-la-king over biscuits, green beans, cheese sticks, strawberry shortcake with topping, and milk.
 Thursday: Tuna-bun sandwich, pork and beans, raisin-peanut cup, sliced peaches and regular or chocolate milk.
 Friday: Taco, sweet roll, sliced pears and milk.

CASTLEFORD

Monday: French bread pizza, salad, buttered corn, cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Deli sandwich, french fries, green salad, dessert and chocolate milk.

WEDNESDAY

Wednesday: Taco, later lots, pineapple, cake or milk.
 Thursday and Friday: Spring break.

GOODING

Monday: Chipatas, corn, apple crisp and milk.
 Tuesday: Hamburger on bun, fries, pumpkin cake and milk.
 Wednesday: Turkey sandwich, vegetable soup, cinnamon rolls, applesauce and milk.
 Thursday: Spaghetti, green beans, hot rolls and milk.
 Friday: Pizza, peas, applesauce cake and chocolate milk.

STATE SCHOOL

Monday: Hamburger pizza, buttered carrots, apple wedges, ice cream and chocolate milk.

Salt Lake rises in February

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Great Salt Lake, already at its highest level in more than a century, rose three more inches in February to 4,209.15 feet above sea level, the U.S. Geological Survey says.
 The USGS said Friday that the Feb-

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 Wednesday: Hamburger pizza, Italian vegetables, pear, strawberry shortcake and milk.
 Thursday: Baked cheese sauce, potato soup, buttered peas; fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.
 Friday: Chicken chow mein over Chinese noodles, egg foo young, orange slices, fortune cookies and milk.

KIMBERLY

Monday: Pork barbecue, cheese sticks, au grain potatoes, buns, sliced peaches and milk.

Tuesday: Turkey roast, mashed potatoes and gravy, rolls, buttered peas, salad bar, peanut butter cup, cranberry sauce and milk.

Wednesday: Chili and crackers, cole slaw, jello-applesauce, cinnamon rolls and milk.

Thursday: Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes and gravy, blueberry muffin, mixed fruit cup and chocolate milk.

Friday: Buttered fish with tartar sauce, scalloped potatoes, cornbread and honey butter, peaches and milk.

VALLEY

Monday: Chicken pants, later sticks, bread and butter, potato salad and milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, bread and butter, green beans, cake and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti, green salad, bread and butter, fruit and milk.

Thursday and Friday: Spring break.

BLAINE

Monday: Hamburger on bun, later sticks, Jello with fruit cocktail, and milk.

Tuesday: Pizza, corn, applesauce, raisin oatmeal cookie, and milk.

Wednesday: Turkey-a-la-king over biscuits, green beans, cheese sticks, strawberry shortcake with topping, and milk.

Thursday: Tuna-bun sandwich, pork and beans, raisin-peanut cup, sliced peaches and regular or chocolate milk.

Friday: Taco, sweet roll, sliced pears and milk.

MORTLAUGH

Monday: Spaghetti, Alfredo cheese, salad, french bread and milk.

Tuesday: Pocket sandwiches, corn, fruit, cookies and milk.

Wednesday: Vegetable stew, cheese sticks, pickled beets, biscuits, honey butter, corn or chocolate pudding, and milk.

Thursday: Oven fried chicken, potatoes and gravy, green beans, bread and butter, oranges and milk.

SHOSHONE

Monday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, cheese, buttered corn, hot rolls and peanut butter; fruit and milk.

Tuesday: Wiener wraps, french fries, fruit, cookies and milk.

Wednesday: Mrs. Armitage's class — pepperoni pizza, pineapple cups, french fries, chocolate cupcakes.

Friday: Bacon burger, buttered peas; fruit and chocolate milk.

HAGERMAN

Monday: Chicken nuggets, California mixed vegetables, sliced sandwiches, seeded bread and milk.

Tuesday: Cripe or soft shell taco, pineapple tidbits, vegetable sticks and dip and chocolate milk.

Wednesday: Fish sticks, au grain potatoes, fruit salad, hot roll and butter and milk.

Thursday: Mrs. Armitage's class — hot ham and cheese on bun, later rounds, green salad, orange slices and milk.

Friday: Turkey pot pie with biscuits, toppings, pineapple, fruit juice and milk.

BUREAU

Monday: Chicken nuggets, french fries, grape juice, hot roll and chocolate milk.

Tuesday: Mrs. Kinney's class — spaghetti with meat balls, lime Jello with sliced bananas, French fries and ice cream bar.

Wednesday: Corn dogs, later tots, fruit and zucchini.

Thursday: Mrs. Armittage's class — pepperoni pizza, pineapple cups, french fries, chocolate cupcakes.

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Las Vegas woos filmmakers with glitter, outdoor beauty

By ROBERT MACY
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Las Vegas has long been a mecca for movie makers — from the days Roy Rogers rode the city's dusty streets to sci-fi movies where aliens created by "radiation" from nearby nuclear

tests, created by radiation from nearby nuclear

tests.

Now, with a growing trend toward location shooting,

the city that sells itself with flash and pizazz is wooing

filmdom with an unorthodox combination of sizzle and

scenery.

More than a dozen television and theater films have

shot on location in Las Vegas the past year and a

growing number are finding there is more to the city

than the two ribbons of neon known as the Strip and

downtown's Glitter Gulch.

David Balkan, producer of "Stark," an upcoming

television movie of the week for CBS, spoke softly as

his camera crews readied for a shot in the lower

Red Rock Canyon area 20 miles west of Las Vegas.

"What a beautiful setting," Balkan said, nodding to

mountains serving as a backdrop for actors Marlo

Henne and Nick Surov.

"We couldn't ask for more

beautiful scenery."

"We shot the entire movie on location," Balkan said. "Filmmakers are going more and more to that. It gives film a better look."

Balkan and his crew spent time filming in Strip casinos, the glitzy downtown district, nearby deserts and the imposing mountains west of the city.

"We found Las Vegas very, very accommodating and the area is prepared for every kind of scene we need," Balkan said.

Bob Hirsch, the director of the motion picture and television division of the Nevada Commission on Economic Development, said producers are definitely smitten at the scenery around Las Vegas.

"Everyone knows about Hoover Dam, but the people with 'Remington Steele' were astonished by the beauty of Lake Mead," Hirsch said. "I took some MTM people up to Lee Canyon [a mountain ski area 45 minutes northwest of Las Vegas] and they were amazed to find water skiing and snow skiing areas within an hour of each other."

Recent shootings in the Las Vegas area have included "Starman," two episodes of "Hill Street Blues," episodes of "Remington Steele" and "Benson," "Stark," "Fever," "Vegas Strip Wars," "The Man from the South" and "Circus of the Stars."

Pigeon plan hit by EPA

SEATTLE (AP) — A pigeon fancier wants to turn the birds into wilderness-area backpackers toting out samples of lake water, but the Environmental Protection Agency says the feathered couriers are too puny for the job.

The EPA has suggested using helicopters to carry technicians to mountain lakes in the West, including 131 lakes in Washington, to pick up water samples to determine if the lakes are being harmed by acid rain.

But conservationists have objected to the use of helicopters, noting 59 of the Washington lakes are in wilderness areas off limits to noisy machines.

But Bob Brooke, a Snoqualmie mechanical engineer, thinks carrier pigeons could do the job with less noise and fuss. He contacted Ed Bert and Charlie Fullerton, two Seattle-pigeon fanciers, and set up a demonstration Friday.

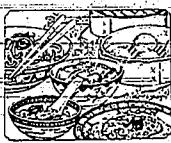
Three slate-gray pigeons, each carrying about a teaspoonful of water in a small vial contained in a tiny blue backpack, flew their cargo flawlessly from Rattlesnake Lake, southeast of North Bend, to Bert's north Seattle home.

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Navajos claim relocation program spurred by coal, minerals search

TUCSON, Ariz. — Navajo tribal elders say federal efforts to relocate Navajos are spurred not in an effort to end Navajo-Hopi squabbles but to mine coal and other minerals.

Robert Black Goat said Thursday night that what really is happening is

genocide.

And Ruth Benally, an elderly Navajo who was born at Big Mountain on the Navajo Reservation in northeastern Arizona, said the plan to relocate her and her neighbors from what went wrong. "Our wish is to stay in their homeland as a government effort to wipe us out."

They're trying to hurt the Mother Earth," Black Goat said. "The Earth is our mother. We sit on her lap and she takes care of us."

She spoke through an interpreter, said may people are living in government-contaminated areas.

"It's destruction and terror," since separate the Navajos and Hopis relocation has begun. "Many older ones now have no place to go or no place to call our land. Our people (the Navajo-Hopi Land Settlement Act of 1974)

and to resolve a conflict over the Hopis and the Navajos never have fought," she said. "We are one people and we are related."

Tribe attorney Lewis Gurvitz said the tribal wars idea was created by a Salt Lake City public-relations firm to persuade Congress to move the Navajos off the land of our ancestors."

Another elder, Grandma Ashika Navajo, said, "estimated \$3 billion in coal in the ground."

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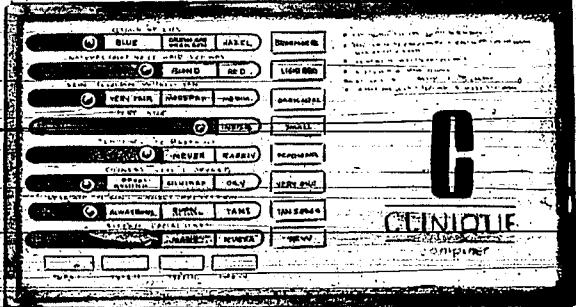
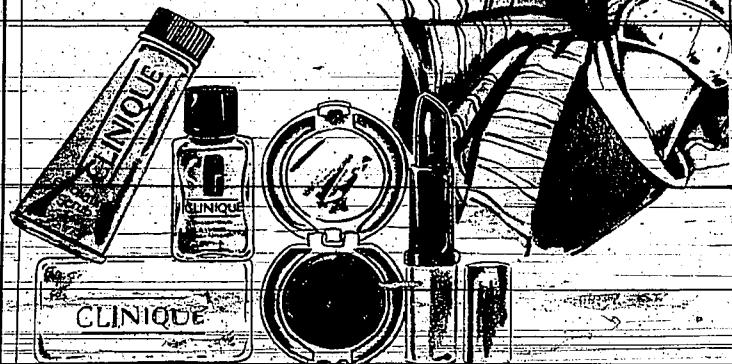
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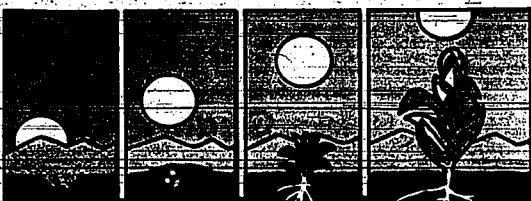
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Waiting for the thaw

Spring planting needs only winter's final retreat

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Farmers and ranchers will be scanning the skies and air temperatures as the warmer days of spring move into the Magic Valley. But this year they may turn more than the usual attention to temperatures underground: Beneath their feet is one of the thickest penetrations of frost recorded in the valley.

And, "Basically, we need lots of sunny days to get the frost out of the ground," says Bill Galkin, who runs the National Weather Service office at Kimberly.

Farmers in most areas of the valley can count on between three weeks and a month's wait yet before they'll be able to get farm equipment safely out in the fields. If the weather turns wet, the wait could be longer, experts say.

But once the fields dry, the opening of the growing season looks very hospitable, says Steve Brown, agricultural forecaster for the Idaho NWS office in Boise.

"We should have very near normal conditions across southern Idaho in general," he says. Forecasters don't see any signs that the Magic Valley will get the late winter and the greening that delayed crops last year.

Water supplies also appear plentiful this year, but forecasters are not predicting record amounts of water that descended into reservoirs last year because of record mountain snowpacks.

In short, farmers and ranchers can welcome a more moderate spring planting season than in 1984.

"At the same time, they undoubtedly will have to wait longer than usual for frost to melt out of the ground," Galkin, who has monitored subsoil frost for close to 20 years at the Kimberly office, says the ground remains frozen to depths of between 20 and 30 inches. In some places, frost reaches down 40 inches.

The frost penetrated so far because December and January were the two frigid months, Galkin says. The temperatures may not have been as noticeable because they didn't get many extreme lows. But on the average, those mid-winter months were a big chill.

December's average temperature was 22.5 degrees Fahrenheit, -0.7 degrees below the average January melting, NWS forecaster Brown says.

Find an average, 17.3 degrees, 12.1 degrees below the norm.

They also were dry months. The few snows that did arrive were powdery, not wet, Galkin says. They didn't make as good an insulating blanket for the ground as in other years, and the cold was able to reach deep.

Although the water in the ground

will stay frozen for a while, it will help crops once it melts. The soil remains well-stocked with water for two reasons: some wet, early snows last fall and a carryover of moisture from two years of abundant irrigation water.

Jerry Beard, supervisor for the Idaho snow survey done by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, says irrigation water will be readily available again this year.

Snowfalls in the mountains are close to normal, and projections for streams that feed irrigation reservoirs also are very close to average, he says.

Surveys taken last week indicate that the Goose Creek-Trapper Creek area has 102 percent of normal snowpack, some 63 percent less than last year's incredible depths.

The saturated soils from previous years will contribute some extra run-off to the creeks, which flow into Lower Goose Creek Reservoir at Rock Creek.

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The southern Idaho and Nevada mountains that feed Salmon Falls Creek also hold a lot less snow than they did last year. The water content in the snowpack is 103 percent of normal, but only 61 percent of 1984, Beard says.

In the South Hills that generate water in Rock Creek, the situation is similar at about 97 percent of normal.

March 1 figures for the Wood River Valley were not available, but February figures indicated less moisture than usual going into the Big Wood and Little Wood rivers, which fill several reservoirs. They are expected to bring between 78 and 87 percent of normal water for irrigation into those impounds.

For the next 10 days or so, southern Idaho temperatures aren't likely to climb far enough out of the freezing zone to make much headway on melting, NWS forecaster Brown says.

Soil lies at the heart of Magic Valley farmers' livelihoods

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Soil is the base of agriculture.

It provides a bed and protection for seeds. It catches the water and contributes the minerals that help crops grow. It is a home for the microbes and the insects that benefit them, as well as for some pests that threaten them.

And after the plants thrust up to catch the sun, the soil braces them firmly until harvest.

Farmers and ranchers make knowing the soil their business; their livelihoods depend on it.

The Magic Valley's topsoil is very productive, accounting for agriculture's success.

"Most of it actually was blown from other areas into the valley," says Mike Neubecker, soil conservationist with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service's office in Twin Falls.

It also has two other characteristics. It is relatively shallow and highly erodible.

Farmers often have to adapt their cultivation practices to those two factors.

Most of the area is covered by a thin covering of silt loam, a category of soils that are highly adhesive, grabbing nutrients and water readily, Neubecker says.

Soil particles are adhered to each other, which causes wedging when the soil is dry.

That's one of many reasons why farmers don't plow as soon as the top few inches of soil are dry. If the soil underneath is wet, the soil will clump together, making it more difficult for crops to push up through the ground.

In some areas, the depth of soil also may restrict the types of crops that can be grown,

but Neubecker says there is some evidence that roots like alfalfa can adapt. They grow on sidewalls instead of trying to penetrate the thicker barrier of soil just below the topsoil.

The silt loam and subsoil of some areas in the Magic Valley are so thin that only surface plants grow. Cultivation is risky because machinery could be damaged by bedrock or by rocks that push up to the surface. Normally, this type of land is kept in pasture, Neubecker says.

Generally, though, the silt loams make the

Magic Valley fertile.

Keeping the soil available for crops is another important matter. Southern Idaho's fields are highly susceptible to both types of erosion — water and wind.

The U.S. Soil Conservation Service has estimated that, cultivated cropland in the valley has an average annual soil loss of 19.9 tons an acre. That's double the rate at which the SCS figures nature can replace the soil.

In some areas, the situation is more critical.

In the spring, winds whip across the Snake

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Aimed at slowing down erosion

Rock Creek project clearing up water

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

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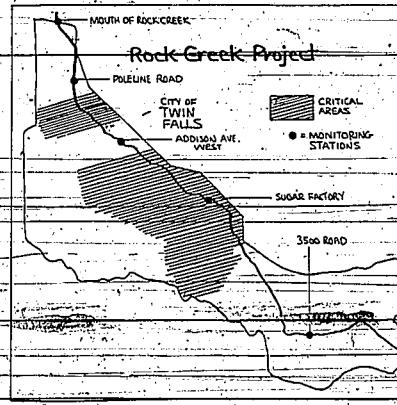
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Erosion on irrigated cropland on the Snake River Plain dumps sediment into water.

Soil

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River Plain and pick up soil in the flat, length of the slope without a windbreak or fence to break the force of the wind," he says.

Miller says as much as 30 tons a year may be blowing off farm fields in some areas.

The Gooding Soil Conservation District has identified that problem as its primary target and now is helping farmers use soil-saving tillage practices to hold down the soil.

The most prevalent problem, though, continues to be erosion from irrigation water as it flows down furrows to nourish crops. It can carry off both soil and other nutrients needed by crops, and, in some cases, has stripped away valuable soil from the high ends of the fields.

The problem is being attacked with

under furrow irrigation. It's the long, new irrigation methods and with new tillage approaches that use residues from previous crops as a protective layer, the experts say.

And, in some cases, more radical methods such as transplanting excess soil from the bottom of fields back up to the top also are being attempted they say.

In dry land areas, plowing to fit the contours of the land has been effective in stopping some runoff.

In the battle to hold soil, spring is a critical time because of more plentiful rainfall and higher winds.

And, of course, it also is the time when farmers decide how they will be tilling and watering their soil for the year. The techniques they decide can conserve the topsoil or let it move out of their fields.

"The real problem for wind erosion is not the percent of slope like it is



More Idaho farmers are using a technique called "no till" to control soil erosion.

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There's a pay-off to people who use Rock Creek for fishing, of course. But there's also a pay-off to farmers. If they keep more topsoil and fertilizer on their land, there is more topsoil and fertilizer available for their crops.

The Snake River district has selected 29,159 acres of land near Rock Creek as critical for land controls. So far, the 146 farmers involved have agreed to place some type of soil-saving practices on 62.2 percent of those acres.

Usually the practices involve either construction to catch the soils and chemicals before they run off into the river or better ways to control irrigation flows, such as concrete ditches or gated pipe.

Last week, the district got approval for a new tactic that also could save significant amounts of soil — conservation tillage.

"It's a concept that's fairly new in this area," says Neubeuer. But the Twin Falls County ASCS office has begun sharing costs of tilling practices that keep crop residues on the surface of fields, preventing erosion.

Meanwhile, work moves ahead on other ways to keep valuable soil and chemicals on the land where they can be used instead of in Rock Creek, where they are wasted on a one-way trip downstream.

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Block extends program deadline

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 1985 programs.

Agriculture Secretary John R. Block, who said earlier that the sign-up for 1985 programs would not be extended, now says the sign-up deadline has been extended through April 1.

Block's two-paragraph statement said that by extending the sign-up deadline from March 1, producers could have "additional time to plan their farm credit needs for the 1985 planting season."

As recently as this past Tuesday Block told reporters he had no intention of bowing to pressure for the deadline to be extended. On Wednesday another statement was issued by Undersecretary Daniel Amstutz reminding farmers that "Friday, March 1 is the final day" to sign up in

The sign-up is for farmers who want to qualify for federal price supports on 1985 crops of wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice by agreeing to reduce plantings this year.

Prior to Block's announcement at USDA, Iowa's Republican Gov. Terry Branstad emerged from a White House meeting with President Reagan to say the president had pro-

mised to extend the deadline for sign-up for the 1985 farm program through April 1.

Branstad and others had urged that the deadline be extended.

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Farmers revel in 'toyland' at agricultural equipment show

By TIA SINDICK
The Los Angeles Times

TULARE, Calif. — It never failed.

If you stopped a farmer and asked directly how he had fared these last five years, he was all too willing to talk economic depression and how it hadn't been this bad since the '30s when at least the entire country was subduing.

But if you just wanted to talk about what may be the world's largest farm equipment show, and why the farmer had come — where he was from and what impressed him here — well, that was different altogether. That was a grin and a laugh. Why does any kid like to visit a toy store?

The 103,000 who attended the 18th annual California Farm Equipment Show and International Exposition last week in this small agricultural community about 130 miles northwest of Los Angeles, came to drool, to run their hands over shiny new tractors and shake their heads incredulously at all that these new wonder machines could do.

They came to listen to the speakers, to compare literature and to taste the freebies: a strip of Dura-Tape; a drip irrigation hose for row crops; a bumper-sticker reading "Hugged Your Holster Today?" offered by Arm & Hammer Feed Grade Sodium Bicarbonate; and from at least one out of every five exhibitors a plastic tote bag with the firm's name imprinted on it. The first tote bag went everything else.

Many dropped in at the seminars, talks by specialists on such topics as

dairy farming, nutrition, cash management, stress management, genetic engineering and agricultural economics.

And they came to see things they'd never seen before.

The California Farm Equipment Show is best described as a three-day carnival — complete with hot-air balloons, blimps, brightly striped fairground rides and a host of games with no games or wild rides. Instead

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there were 800 exhibitors pushing everything a farmer of any kind could need or dream of.

As for city types, well, they had to ask if they were to learn that this bizarre flying saucer on a crane was a Tol Tree Topper hedge, useful for trimming citrus trees (depending on size of the device, \$6,000 to \$12,000).

Or that Teratorn Aircraft's motorized kite (as described by a local farm reporter) was in reality a crop duster selling for \$4,550 for the ultra-light version and \$6,850 for the

Territorial. And what about that giant metallic structure identified in its literature as a Scheutz strawthresher? No price given.

The cultural shows, organized by the American Farm Bureau Federation, main conservative about its size, content to put it among the largest farm shows in North America. Aside from a full-time paid staff of four, the show is non-profit and run entirely by about 20 volunteers. This year's chairman was local cotton grower Dean Mahan.

Proceeds from the \$3 admission and exhibit space-rentals are recycled

each year into improving exhibit conditions and the farm show field, which the show's board of directors leased as a permanent site in 1982 after

outgrowing the Tulare County Fairgrounds.

There's no modesty, however, about this being the world's most diversified farm show. It is inextricably linked with everything from cattle drives to hunting, cattle to racing, greats in California.

That's why this show attracts equipment products and services that people would never see otherwise," she said. "It's also why the crowd is so diverse: last year

101,000 visitors came from 34 states and 30 foreign countries. The crowd: some were small farmers; others large. Some were caterers; others dairymen. Many weren't even farmers, but were in agriculture-related fields.

Of course, the essential question: Did they come to buy? Well, maybe. The show is known as a good place to pick up some nice discounts. But farmers and stockmen put out a dollar especially carefully than ever before.

John and Bill White, brothers who grow strawberries in Cawelo, Calif., say their machine-claims make sense in his life didn't mean a farmer couldn't look. Heck, maybe that's the fun was learning about some of the truly impractical (at least for them) stuff around.

Fortunately, the exhibitors seemed to have no false illusions that they were going to collect their year's quota of orders from this show. In

competitive and efficient."

Of course, added his brother, "even when you're adding cost efficiency, you still get to get the money." He grinned. "I love this. This is like a toy store to me."

No way around it, the tractors and other seemingly exotic large machinery are what grab visitors first.

So amid the six pavilions on the granite-paved grounds, the tractor like heavy-hander exhibitors who like to go to start getting calls: "I don't know how much business is actually generated from these shows, but our owner believes you should go out and let people forget who you are."

That's what John Wilson of Laser Land Finishing of Visalia, Calif., was figuring. His was a small family-owned company that had been coming to the show off and on for years.

This year, he said, it was too expensive to actually bring in his equipment. But he had literature, and he was trying something new: a drawing for a free land leveling. "I guess the most you can count on," he said, watching people wander past his booth to all my self, I don't feel like I'm big enough for that."

fact, Jim Pratt of Santa Rosa, Calif., standing behind the Sonoma Grape vines booth, seemed genuinely surprised that he'd gotten even one order that day. What's more, the farmer had ordered Gewurztraminer vines which is really obscure," plus the more popular French Colombard and Flame Seedless.

"If the depressed state of the farm shows these days didn't dampen the carinal atmosphere of the show, the new evaluation review was miles away from anybody's mind," he said. "The two old weathered farmers who stopped by one of the food booths and noticing some bagged raisins for sale, surely observed that's a good way to get rid of the surplus."

A few of the exhibitors had brought computers to analyze the potential customer's needs on the spot, then provide him with a printout which he could take to his distributor. Still, when it came to actually getting one for themselves, people tended to shy away from booths like AgStar, which manufacturers agricultural business software.

It wasn't that they doubted the computer's usefulness, but in these hard times, it was too easy to say, as show chairman Dean Mahan did, that most you can count on, he said, watching people wander past his booth to all my self, I don't feel like I'm big enough for that."

Case IH merger, farm bill among factors

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Spending on tractors and other machinery, an indicator of the farm financial situation, continues to limp along at a relatively slow pace, according to a new Agriculture Department analysis.

Total spending for farm machinery has dropped for five straight years, to an estimated \$7.4 billion in 1984, from nearly \$11.8 billion in 1979. Projections for 1985 show little change, with spending expected to be in the range of \$7.35 billion to \$7.65 billion.

According to the report by the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service, purchases of two-wheel-drive tractors of more than 40 horsepower in 1984 dropped 20 percent from the annual average in

1980-83. Sales of all four-wheel-drive tractors dropped 51 percent.

For example, in the 1973-79 period when U.S. agriculture was expanding rapidly, farmers bought an annual average of 64,857 two-wheel-drive tractors in the 100-200-horsepower range. In 1980-83, the average dropped to 37,729 units a year. In 1984, sales totalled 24,505 units.

Purchases of major grain and forage harvesting equipment in 1984 also were down 21 percent to 46 percent of the 1980-83 annual average.

Self-propelled combines, which had an annual sales of 31,568 units in the 1970s, dropped to 20,380 a year in 1980-83 and to 11,441 in 1984.

"Overall, farm financial conditions in 1985 will remain relatively the same as last year," the report said.

The possibility of lower interest rates appears to be the most probable financial improvement for the agricultural sector during 1985.

But the report said some other factors are coming to bear on the farm machinery market:

• The effect of the merger between Tenneco's J.I. Case and IH's International Harvester farm equipment division, could influence the North American farm machinery market during early 1985. If Case/IH sales increased from about 3.74 million in 1969 to 4.52 million in 1982.

"During that time, however, the share of tractors more than five years old rose steadily from 63 percent to 84 percent," the report said. "Major harvesting machinery slowed a similar pattern. Pickup balers more than five years old rose from 61 percent of the on-farm inventory in 1969 to 77 percent in 1982; forage harvesters increased from 56 percent to 77 percent, and self-propelled combines advanced from 53 percent to 77 percent."

One reason is that farm machinery generally is considered to have both more dependable and to have a longer working life," the report said. Therefore, farmers keep it longer than they did two decades ago.

"But that has helped boost spending for repairs. These averaged \$1.18 billion, or \$1.37 billion annually between 1965 and 1972, rising to \$1.78 billion to \$2.38 billion between 1974 and 1980."

The trend of farmers to hold machinery longer probably has been accentuated by depressed farm financial conditions since 1981," the report noted.

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Credit situation an earthquake on farm but ripple at bank

By JERRY ESTILL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For every farmer agonizing over whether he will get a loan to plant his spring crop, there's a banker agonizing over whether to ignore the numbers staring from his balance sheet and sow good money after bad.

"It's a scene that will be played out time after time over the next 60 days as the farm credit noose tightens around the lenders who have to make hard decisions — and, the people large and small, whose lives will be rearranged."

Bankers will lose their banks. Farmers will lose their farms. Families will be uprooted.

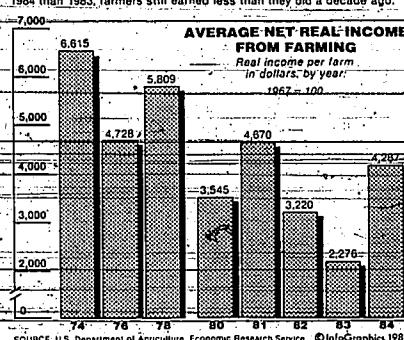
But when it's over, there will have been only a ripple in the U.S. commercial banking industry.

For one thing, commercial banks hold less than 30 percent of the total farm debt. The Farm Credit System, a government-backed system of farmer-owned cooperatives holds 41.3 percent and most of the rest — to the least credit-worthy farmers — by the Farmers' Home Administration.

Even if all 144 commercial farm banks were to fail — not just the 30 or so in the troubled category, but all 414 — the rural or federal deposit insurance fund would be less than if

Farm income still down

Although real income in constant dollars from farming was higher in 1984 than 1983, farmers still earned less than they did a decade ago.



"Obviously, there's a crisis in the farm economy, but there is no crisis in the agriculture banking industry," said Charles E. Thacker, associate director of bank supervision for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp.

The problems are nowhere near the crisis level."

Thacker headed the FDIC's Nebraska regional office in Omaha before coming to Washington and developed what he termed "a keen interest" in farm problems.

Although prepared for an upsurge of bank failures attributed to forces beyond the bankers' control, Thacker said not one of the 31 agriculture banks that have failed in the last six months did so "solely because of the condition of the agriculture economy."

An FDIC assessment attributed 47 percent of the failures to "obvious weak management with poor lending practices" and 31 percent to "illegal abuse, fraud or similar actions by management." Thirteen percent were attributed to "out-of-area lending, brokered deposits or speculative lend-

ing on real estate and energy and 9 percent to neglect."

"It's pretty hard to blame it all on the economy when you have a bank on one side of the street fail and one on the other side of the street doing well," Thacker said in an interview.

The real shrewd agriculture lenders have been weeding out their bad-note case for the last three years.

"Some didn't want to recognize the problem, or didn't want to deal with it and continued business as usual. It's good, booming economy can cover up a lot of mistakes."

Still, Thacker said he and other regulators are sensitive to the pressures that small-town bankers often are under because of their community ties.

"If he has to foreclose, that's a tough problem," he said. "He may have grown up with the guy, his kids go to school with their kids."

In fact, federal bank examiners don't make decisions on how to deal with specific "bad" loans and never

make a public disclosure.

And, as FDIC officials wield significant influence, the decision on whatever advances it deems necessary to prop up its investment. An example said Thacker would be a live stock herd owner who needed money to buy feed to keep the animals alive,

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If no buyer can be found, the closed bank stays closed and the FDIC pays off individual deposits up to \$100,000.

In either case, the only direct losers are those with more than \$100,000 in a single account and the bank's owners, the shareholders. They're holding the outstanding "bad" debt simply "owe the FDIC instead of the failed bank."

Thacker pointed out a side effect of a bank failure: The reconfigured new bank is immediately in a stronger position than the one it replaced and is thus better equipped to serve the needs of the credit-worthy customers it adopts.

"There are losers in a bank failure, but there also are winners," said

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Costs less to maintain cows there

Dairying more profitable in Southwest

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A new big dairy venture has a much better chance of profit in the Southwest than a smaller one does in Minnesota, mainly because it costs less to maintain a cow in the milder climate, says a new Agriculture Department analysis.

The report, issued Monday by the department's Economic Research Service, takes a look at the profitability of milk production in 1981 on seven farms in Arizona, New Mexico, Washington and Minnesota.

"Herds with 700 to 1,500 cows each are common in parts of the South, from Florida to California, but most Northern states would consider a 150-cow herd large," the report said.

"Regional technologies and practices also differ. Northern dairies typ-

ically raise much of the dairy feed on the farm itself. In contrast, Southwestern dairies which purchase nearly all their dairy feed."

Also, Northern dairy farms also have more expensive housing and feed storage facilities.

The report was written by four dairy specialists who work in the four states involved: Boyd M. Buxton, University of Minnesota, St. Paul; Tom McGuckin, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces; Roger Selley, University of Arizona, Tucson; and Gayle Willitt, Washington State University, Pullman.

The sizes of operations examined included: Minnesota, one farm with 52 cows and one with 125; Arizona, farms with 359, 834 and 1,436 cows; New Mexico, 900 cows; and Washington 140 cows.

Based on 1981 costs and returns, the Minnesota farm with 52 cows averag-

ed a loss of \$492 per cow, allowing for all costs, including labor and land.

The 125-cow herd returned an average profit of \$55 per cow.

In Arizona, the herd of 359 cows returned an average of \$168 per cow.

The dairy farm with 834 cows netted \$279 per cow, and the farm with 1,436 cows showed profits of \$355 per cow.

The New Mexico farm with 900 milk cows had an average profit of \$356 per cow.

In Washington, the 140-cow herd showed a net of \$15 per cow.

The seven dairy operations represent common herd sizes for farms selling milk to plants regulated under federal milk marketing orders, the report said. "They use up-to-date technologies and practices."

Total investment in the seven dairy operations ranged from \$725,000 for the 52-cow farm in Minnesota to \$6.7 million for a 140-cow Arizona dairy.

"For the same total investment,

more cows could be milked in New Mexico or Arizona than in either Minnesota or Washington. For example, an investment of \$1.42 million would be needed for a 140-cow dairy in Minnesota, compared with an investment of \$1-\$1.76 million for a 359-cow Arizona dairy."

"Skip" Russell, "But there are savings more out there."

For Donna Knox, the Union County sheriff's civil deputy who gets to sell failed farms and ranches on the courthouse steps, the crisis is brought home twice a month. Generally, she said, there are no speculators or bidders for the farm and ranch property that has flooded the market.

"It's usually just me and the front steps," she said.

Auction ends dream of Oregon couple

LA GRANDE, Ore. (AP) — Ernie Christopherson says he doesn't blame the lenders for foreclosing on his ranch.

"But I sure wish they'd make up their minds," he said on the steps of the Union County Courthouse here as his wife and livelihood were about to be taken away after two years of financial calamity.

The Valentine's Day sale of Christopherson's 1,250-acre ranch near North Powder was canceled because of a hitch in legal documents. No one had bothered to tell, Christopherson about the sale until the last minute.

The sale will be advertised in the local newspaper, barring the Christophersons' financial laundry list on the line at least three more times for their neighbors to read.

Christopherson and his wife, June, have been in bankruptcy for two years. They owe more than \$220,000 to the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the First State Bank of Elgin, the Small Business Administration, private lenders and public taxing bodies.

"They are a statistic that is becoming more frequent in Oregon." While some Oregon farmers and ranchers continue to make money, hundreds of mid-size operators are at or near bankruptcy and foreclosure by public and private lenders.

More red meat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Commercial production of red meat in January rose to 3.42 billion pounds, up 2 percent from the same month in 1984, says the Agriculture Department.

The January estimate included 2.07 billion pounds of beef, up 8 percent from a year earlier; 43 million pounds of veal, up 10 percent; 1.28 billion pounds of pork, up 4 percent; and 32 million pounds of lamb and mutton, up 3 percent.

The lenders themselves are feeling the effects of the devastation, too. They must, by law, collect or try to collect on the 5 percent to 15 percent of the \$3.5 billion in Oregon farmers' debt that has gone sour.

The Christophersons' story illustrates what has happened to many farmers. They bought their place in 1976, after a month of traveling around Oregon, "bounding round estates and the center of the country," said Mrs. Christopherson.

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Named agent of the year

John Purtle, manager of the Jerome office of United First Federal Savings and Loan Association for the past 13 months, has been appointed assistant vice president and director of consumer and commercial lending during a realignment of association's central management in Boise. Taking his place as assistant vice president and manager at Jerome is Brent Jussel, formerly assistant manager of the Twin Falls office. Mike Facer, who opened the Jerome office in 1974, also was promoted to upper-management status and now manages the Caldwell office. Since 1979, he was named assistant vice president for deposit administration, company officials announced.

Dean J. Hadfield of the Hadfield & Associates in Twin Falls recently was named New York Life Insurance Co.'s Agent of the Year in northern Idaho and southern Utah. The award is based on sales performance during 1984. Hadfield has been a New York Life representative for 13 years.

representative in the Magic Valley since 1972.

Duane Local has joined Armstrong & Co., Inc., a Twin Falls construction company, as equipment supervisor and head of the excavating department. He formerly had worked with Fairbanks Excavating of Twin Falls.

Larry Hennan, Magic Valley representative for The Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York, recently received designation as a certified life underwriter and a registered health underwriter. The two titles, which are given by The American College of Bryn Mawr, Pa., recognize extensive study and professional proficiency.

Richard J. Carr, Twin Falls agency manager for the Modern Woodmen of America, recently was elected to the company's Managers' Advisory Panel. The six panel members advise headquarters executives.

Q: Every year it seems I receive numerous calls all at once to purchase some type of a coupon book. Do you have any suggestions on how to weed out the good from the bad?

A: We have some general suggestions for both the businessman and the consumer regarding coupon books.

To the businessman: Merchants considering any coupon book promotion should read very carefully and completely understand the written contract before signing. It is important to fully understand financial terms (in order to give away the products or services named in the agreement) and should be prepared to redeem each and every coupon presented by consumers. Take time to compute the maximum cost of the promotion, so called, to you. Make certain that you are aware of all the conditions of use, as some companies have been known to be limited in their obligations to the user of each part.

Some merchants who agree to participate in the coupon book may encounter difficulty in handling the additional non-paying customers along with the regular cash customers.

Merchants should also understand that many consumers who purchase the book are basically bargain chasers, and may not purchase anything but the free gift. Finally, consider what would happen if a number of people who have purchased the book want to use the coupon the same day or at the same time. How far would a potential customer drive to take advantage of the offer, and will he return to pay the regular price after taking advantage of the initial offer?

Also, check to determine how financially advantageous to you this type of advertising would really be in the final analysis. Also, print any conditions for the coupon redemption clearly on the coupon. Be absolutely

sure your contract specifies the number of books that will be printed and distributed. This is where the unethical promoter can really take you. If you believe 500 books will be sold, but the total proves to be 5000, you could be in real trouble when unexpected number starts redeeming. Always check with the BBB before you sign.

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you become a part of any coupon book promotion.

To the consumer: If you are interested in purchasing the book, we suggest that you examine the book carefully before you buy to determine whether the coupons are of any value to you. Make certain that you are aware of all the conditions of use, as some companies have been known to be limited in their obligations to the user of each part.

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charitable solicitations due to following factors: 1) Are the misleading advertising practices and distributors more interested in the use of scare tactics in this literature geared toward the aged and the product sales or initiating more distributors? If they're more interested in increasing the sales force you should beware. 2) Kalle operates on the same form as Amway, Shakley, etc. If you like the product and feel it's worth selling then the system can work... if you're only interested in enlisting more distributors—the system will eventually fail. To date there have no complaints as to the delivery of product.

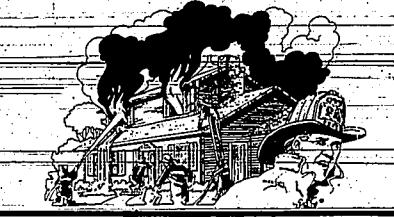
Q: Do you have any information on a company called Kalle out of South Dakota? It is some sort of "co-op" and all the conditions of use, as some companies have been known to be limited in their obligations to the user of each part.

A: Kalle is a multi-level distributor, owned by Felt-Klemann. Consumer Watch has readership division of Consumer Protection and has compiled with required codes. People interested in this will be answered here, while others business should be aware of this will be answered by mail.

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Gooding makes state; Wolves fall step short

MOUNTAIN HOME — The Gooding Senators will go to the A-3 state tournament but Castleford missed on its bid for a spot in the A-4 playoffs.

That was decided in inter-district battles Saturday night as Gooding, getting nine straight free throws from Todd Sims coming to the wire, turned back third-ranked and third-district runner-up Frulland 73-58.

Castleford, unable to control 6-3 Justin Hill, bowed to third-ranked Cascade, the third district third-place team.

Gooding will join Shoshone in the A-3 tournament while Spokane, Third, and others like College of Southern Idaho or Twin Falls High, gymnasium, the site won't be gymnasium. North Idaho and Ricks play — and that game was weathered out Saturday night — because it will decide whether the Region 18 junior college

playoffs will be played in Twin Falls or Coeur d'Alene.

In addition to losing its spot in state, Castleford also lost its coach as Kelly Murphy announced immediately after that he was leaving coaching, hoping after another year on the Castleford faculty, to return to archaeology.

"This was a decided made a month ago, way before district had nothing to do with this game," Murphy said.

Gooding 73, Frulland 58
Gooding, Frulland, heart of the same
in much of the going on the spark of
Don Kirkland's medium range
shooting and Brian Darcy and Swen
Swenson's scoring and rebounding.
But when Coach Lou Andersen went
to a spread offense sitting on a 60-55
lead, he kept the ball in the hands of

Sims. That forced Frulland to force the junior guard and he responded with clutch foul shooting.

He accounted for nine straight points at the line — missing his 10th — but by then he'd hauled Gooding out of reach, at 67-58. Kirkland and Darcy added two each from the line to make the final score unreflective of the game.

At the end of a stretch in which his Senators played eight games in 11 days, Andersen said "we'd be very happy to play Shoshone Saturday night (in the A-3 finals) but right now they didn't shoot nearly as well as we did."

It fell upon him to figure out what to do.

"I think I should be a better coach," he continued. "Our guys hit the boards pretty well tonight but we're tired, mentally tired especially."

Andersen said he was well pleased with the job of picking the Senators up

provided by Don Kirkland and William Novis, who came off the bench for some key plays and points.

Novis and Kirkland were unpleasant surprises for Frulland. Coach Mike Kneeland who indicated they well could have been the difference in the game because "we were expecting Sims, Darcy and Swenson to be tough."

Knee, who will not be taking a lead to A-3 state for the first time in five years, said "we'd be very happy to play Shoshone Saturday night but we're tired, mentally tired especially."

With the foul shooting, Sims said: "I'm coming to Twin Falls for my tournament but I don't know about going to Jackpot because my luck isn't running too good right now."

In the early moments Frulland hit a flurry, scoring eight straight points

to break into a 12-4 advantage. But Gooding had a stronger reply. The Senators, with Kirkland hitting two straight, answered with 14 straight to take an 18-12 lead at the quarter.

In the middle quarters Frulland hung in on the shooting of Kelly Rhinehart plus an occasional long shot from Mike Wilson. Rhinehart pulled Frulland even in the first 90 seconds, and the teams struggled through three ties until a pair of Swenson free throws sent Gooding ahead for the night.

But it wasn't until the mid third quarter that Frulland enjoyed its lead. Kirkland, scoring six, and Wilson pushed the advantage to 47-38 and after a pair of Rhinehart free throws, Sims' three-point play provided the first 10-point difference in the game.

Frulland inched back to within six

as the fourth quarter began and Wilson's three-pointer trimmed the deficit to 54-51. But Swenson came up with consecutive putbacks to explain that to 58-51 before Wilson's second three-pointer again reduced the lead to four. It was at that point that Gooding went into the spread and moved Sims, who wound up with 22 points, centerstage.

Cascade vs. Castleford 51
When Castleford got to the doorway of the state tournament, Cascade's doorman, 6-3 Justin Hill, wouldn't let them pass.

Hill dominated inside, pulling in most of the Ramblers' rebounds and earning 26 points, as third-ranked Cascade knocked off the second-rated Wolves.

Castleford couldn't mesh the gears

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Life isn't same for a hoop 'sixth man'

Off pine to sprint instantly

By FLYNN MCROBERTS
Times-News writer

CASTLEFORD — One element many Class A-4 high school basketball teams lack is depth. Not the Castleford Wolves.

Coach Kelly Murphy insists that a deep bench "is the key to the Wolves' success" as they finished 16-3 overall and second in the Magic Valley Conference this year before advancing to the Southside sub-district playoffs. Two of those regular-season losses came at the hands of top-ranked Oakley.

Much of the Wolves' success in going beyond their starting lineup is due to junior Lino Lima. Murphy says his 6-foot-1 junior is "absolutely the best sixth man in our league and as good as any school's."

Murphy says the primary advantage his team has is that he has the ability to sit back at the beginning of a contest and see if any of his starters aren't "with the flow of the game." If they aren't, Murphy says he can confidently insert Lima into the action.

"He's a real emotional player," the Castleford mentor explains. "It's like going into overtime to put him in."

The Wolves' final subdistrict loss to Oakley last Monday provided a perfect example of Lima's ability to help Castleford shift gears. With the Hornets imposing a bruising lead, Lima took the floor and "effectively sparked the comeback," Murphy says.

He came off the bench to notch 14 points, helping to bring the Wolves from 65-58 down to 68-67 and as many as 18 points.

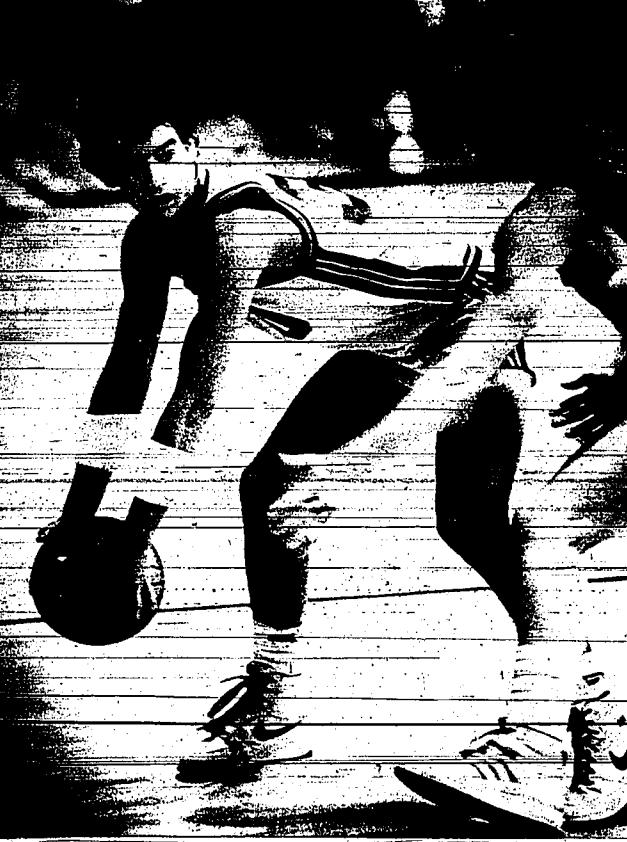
In addition, Murphy points to a Murtough game earlier this season when Lima hit 100 percent of his shots from the field en route to a 28-point night.

"(But) many of those were off assists, and that's sort of poetic justice since he makes a lot of assists," Murphy says. "His single best asset is his dish-off passes to other players."

Lima agrees with that summation. When asked to pinpoint his greatest team contribution, he quickly responds, "I like getting assists."

"I think they count just as much as a basket," he adds, relating the satisfying feeling of making a crisp pass underneath and then watching a teammate score on the play.

This apparent unselfish nature makes sitting on the bench for the



Castleford sixth man, Brian Lima, must get into the flow immediately

initial minutes entirely tolerable, as Murphy says. "Brian is quite content to sit out at the beginning."

"It wouldn't bother me if everyone was doing a good job and they didn't need me," Lima says. "But he adds with a grin, "I wouldn't mind starting, though."

Lima's five teammates who take the floor ahead of him consist of two juniors — Ron Owen and Gary Reynolds — and three seniors: Steve Zamora, Rich Owen and Mark Tverdy.

One reason Lima has been playing backup is that those five starters adeptly perform their

respective tasks, Murphy says. Early in the year Murphy says he thought Lima, who was moved up from the junior varsity crew for last year's state tournament, "had ball-handling problems . . . wasn't a phenomenal outside shooter." Those abilities will develop with maturity, the coach believes.

Lima is a bit more blunt when he speaks of his weaknesses. "My ball-handling is still pretty pathetic," he said with a laugh.

Another factor affecting his starting status has been an injury he

received in Castleford's first contest at sub-district against Raft River.

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The first late scoring chance came when David Howard recovered Jordan's fumble on the Portland 20 with 4:32 left in the game. But Robert Alexander fumbled the ball moments later and Portland's Joe Restic recovered at the Breaker 8-yard line.

Young rushed for 110 yards and completed 15 of 26 passes for 203 yards for Los Angeles.

A crowd of 25,222 watched the USFL's first Portland performance on a cool, clear night in 32,500-seat Civic Stadium.

The teams exchanged the lead four times in the low-scoring contest, a 21-yard field goal by Tony Zemba

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Woodward's wide receiver Frank Lockett along the end zone from 20 yards down with 1:14 minutes left to beat Los Angeles 34-33.

Reaves, meanwhile, was just six for 23 for 87 yards as the Bandits were beaten Orlando 35-7 on the strength of an overpowering defense and Gary Anderson's 143 yards and four rushing touchdowns.

"Reaves didn't have a real hot day," says Bandit Coach Steve Spurrier. "But I've been around him long enough to know that he does what takes to win. He'll be ready."

The encounter in Tampa, to be televised nationally by ABC, is one of

the highlight's of this weekend's seven-game USFL schedule.

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Valley Life

Travelers combat blues in warmer climes

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A good way to combat late winter blues and cabin fever is to get away for a few weeks to a milder climate.

Mexico and Hawaii continue to be the favorite seasonal vacation spots for "Magic Valley" residents tired of snow and ice, according to spokesman for Twin Falls' three travel agencies.

This may be because of their closer geographical proximity and money, in contrast to the Caribbean, another magnet for winter-weary tourists, says Ron Shockley, Magic Carpet manager. And their popularity flourishes despite the excellent dollar exchange in Europe, the cold, while people described by one agent as "a little more adventurous" choose Mexico.

In our agricultural-based community many people are free to travel only in the winter, according to Marjorie Belcher, owner of Desert Sun agency. Many of these farm residents confer with travel agents in the fall and plan trips for January.

"But this year we're getting more calls from people saying they want to leave town within the next two weeks," she says.

What these "hurry up" travelers get in terms of both airline and hotel accommodations will be less for their money than those who plan their jaunts in advance.

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earlier trips are planned in advance so more tourists receive for their money.

But no matter when their arrangements were made, a good many area people, especially those along with Arizona, prefer Hawaii.

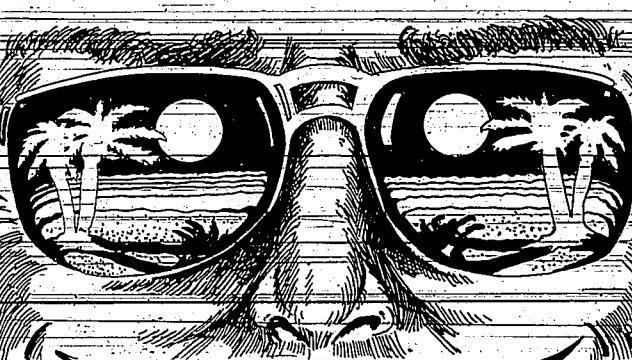
Along with Arizona, for relief from the cold, while people described by one agent as "a little more ad-

venturous" choose Mexico.

The country south of the border usually draws some younger tourists and middle-aged wives to programs for traveling participants in group tours. Americans visiting other places, Belcher says.

"If towels are missing in your room and you ask for room service," she says, "they're very polite, but it might be the next day before you get any."

The usual pattern for either Hawaii or Mexico vacations is that first time visitors go as part of an organized tour where all arrangements are handled by professionals.



But the vast majority of repeat travelers, particularly to Hawaii, usually have decided which island is their favorite and what they want to see, and no longer need an arranged tour.

The most economical way to go individually, travel agents say, is to arrange for car rentals and hotel accommodations in advance through "package deal" with a tour com-

pany. That way persons traveling on their own still have the advantage of the lower rates afforded tour groups.

But not everyone chooses the two major winter vacation locations.

More people are taking cruises, according to Karen Porter, one of the owners of Four Way Travel. She said cruises, once considered the exclusive haunt of the wealthy, are becoming geared to the average

traveler. Cost is becoming more competitive, she says, and efforts are made to attract younger families by providing entertainment for children.

During the summer, cruises to Alaska are always popular among Magic Valley travelers.

And there's also a "tremendous interest" in European travel, Porter

says, with tours available, varying in length from 7 to 28 days.

Travel agencies all have information on many tours available throughout the continental United States, including the ever popular New England states.

Interest in traveling by persons who have never traveled on major trips before has been spurred this winter by the decision of most airlines last January to offer "ultra-saver" fares. While only about 10 percent of seats on any given flight are available for these cut-rate ticket prices, they have served to stimulate interest in traveling, Belcher said.

Most airlines now have put a March 15 cutoff date on ultra-saver tickets, but until then travelers can buy tickets for future trips. The trip has to be at least 30 days and usually more after the purchase, and there is a 25 percent change or cancellation fee.

But if all the qualifying factors are met, an individual can find round-trip fares to Boise or to major California cities, either San Francisco or Los Angeles, for \$128; to Washington D.C., for \$258 and round-trip to Chicago for \$198.

However, even the most hospitable travel agent cannot alter the fact that to reach Boise by air from Twin Falls costs nearly as much as the round-trip to California. Ultra-savers are about the same from Salt Lake City to Boise to major cities, Belcher said.

Concert set March 10 to benefit restoration of pipe organ

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When the pipe organ at the Twin Falls United Methodist Church was dedicated 61 years ago this month, some 1,500 persons overflowed the morning, afternoon and evening services held March 6, 1924.

At least 250 of them stood in the halls and aisles for the recital given by Prof. Carrie Olitz.

Not only was the interior of new organ's pipe chamber open for public inspection — which can only occur before the instrument is tuned — but the church debt of \$30,000 was eliminated in an outpouring of subscriptions.

Next Sunday, March 10, capacity crowds are again expected this time to hear a concert at 7 p.m. on the 1920 Austin organ, considered the largest and one of the oldest pipe organs in the Magic Valley.

But instead of dedication and debt elimination, the concert will kick off a fund drive to rebuild the pipe organ as part of an extensive

remodeling of the historic downtown church, the earliest section of which was built in 1886.

Marjorie Belcher, known Twin Falls musical church organist since 1977, will present the recital, featuring several works to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the birth of Bach and Handel, including Bach's famous "Toccata and Fugue in D Minor."

The organ, built by the Austin Company in 1920 at a cost of \$10,375, has three keyboards, 26 stops, 17 ranks of pipes and 1,229 pipes. A set of mass cathedral chimes was added in 1948 as a gift in memory of William J. Emery and Nelly Evelyn Floyd. Other than the addition of chimes, the instrument has had no work done on it except yearly tunings since it was installed except in 1921, according to the organ's original pastor.

Organs of this type ordinarily require major renovation after 40 years, he says. Church officials now plan to have the mechanical and electrical parts inside the console, worn with years of playing, rebuilt while the concert in another part of the organ renovation will in-

clude replacing two unenclosed sets of pipes, which are so loud they are of no use for church purposes, with more useful stops.

When the famous virtuoso organist Virgil Fox performed on the instrument in the late 1930s, the organ console was moved out to the pulpit area so the audience could see the organist's feet on the pedals, according to Tucker.

The console will not be moved for the March 10 recital, but it is planned to have a video camera placed above the organ, with the picture shown on a large TV screen in the front of the sanctuary.

And one of the most interesting parts of the 1921 dedication events — a "tour" of the pipe organ — is no longer possible since once an organ is tuned, the present "tune" in the chamber will cause a change of pitch because of body temperature, according to Connally.

The organist, who began playing the organ at age 9, has served as organist at Methodist church



HELEN CONNALLY
Organist

Farm family cleared sagebrush to establish ranch

Vinyard's 1919 lava home listed on historic register

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

EDEN — Everett Vinyard lives in a locally historic section southwest of Eden formerly known as the old Russell Lang School district.

His lava rock home, which he helped his father, Charles Vinyard, built in 1919, is now listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

And both the road by his ranch, which fronts Interstate 80, and a lake between his property and the north bank of the Snake River are named for his family.

The 80-year-old retired milner and former says to his knowledge, the ranch which his father cleared from sagebrush is the only one in this vicinity still owned by the original pioneer family.

He was only two years old when his father filed on his first 80 acres under the Carey Act, in 1907 and estimates he was about 10 years old when the lake began to form.

"Some people don't believe me," he says, "but there was no lake when we moved here." Drinking water was obtained from a spring on the property, which now runs into the lake, but, according to Vinyard, had nothing to do with its creation.

Vinyard Lake, which he says is about 40 feet deep, is believed to have developed from seepage through the porous terrain after irrigation began in about 1909. This geological phenomenon was repeated a few years later across the Snake River where Dierke's Lake developed, inundating a former orchard, he says.

Although Vinyard Lake is stocked, Vinyard never has caught any fish there and his wife, who enjoys swimming in cold water, says the water is too icy for comfort.

Vinyard enjoyed a good share of his adult life as a miner throughout the western states but kept returning to the family ranch summers to assist as his father grew older. He normally tried to mine winters and "come out" to work in the open air during

the summers, he says.

But in 1929 he worked for two years operating a drilling rig on construction of the Milner-Gooding Canal, which, he says, was built in three different segments under contract to three different firms.

As a child, he recalls that going to Twin Falls was an all-day trip and necessitated staying there overnight for his family.

"The only way we could cross the river was at Milner Dam, or take the ferry at Shoshone Falls," he says. "This was 'a bad grade' on the south side of the river. There was a ferry and later a bridge at the Blue Lakes Ranch further downstream."

But his parents only made the long journey to Twin Falls down through the canyon twice a year — to get supplies in spring and fall.

Sometimes they would go to Oakley for fruit; using the Jensen bridge after its completion in 1919. Construction began in 1917, was delayed by World War I, he says.

In his childhood, "there wasn't any Hazelton or Eden" and the nearest "corner store" for the Vinyard family was several miles to the east, south of Skeleton Butte, there were a post office and little store, both named Hillsdale. Although both have long since disappeared, there still is a Hillsdale Highway District.

Young Vinyard first attended a country school he described as "a shack in the hills," called Lakewood before the Russell Lane school was built one-quarter mile to the south. After finishing school there in 1919 he worked for a year at the Eden bank.

"You couldn't beat the hours," he laughs. But the \$5 monthly salary was not conducive to following a banking career. It couldn't compete with mining where he earned \$4 to \$5 a day for eight hours.

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— Everett Vinyard

In comparison, he says his father could get a job in mine for \$1-a-day and work him 10 hours.

He spent two winters near Milner, Mont., mining on the western slopes of the Continental Divide where the mercury frequently dipped to 55 degrees below zero. He also has worked in mines in Coeur d'Alene, Butte, Mont., and in Nevada, Arizona and California.

Later he was associated with the late A.R. Anderson, who owned the Orpheum Theatre in Twin Falls, in a "mining operation" out of Contact, Nev., where he "worked for wages and also had some stock."

Vinyard comes by his fondness for mining naturally. His 1905 birthplace, Cripple Creek, Colo., was in "gold country," he says, and several relatives were miners. His grandfather had stone for the Brown Palace Hotel in Denver.

Vinyard's first wife, Alice Davis, whom he married in 1924, died on Thanksgiving Day, 1938. Their two children, Bryson Vinyard, Eden, and Julian Cress, Rockland, Calif., stayed with their grandparents while Vinyard continued mining during the winter.

One of his last mining ventures, in the winter of 1939-40, was on Harrison Mountain near Burley, but the vein of gold and silver "ran out." Then he helped with preparation for World War II with a job in Nevada checklist tungsten samples. Until that time, he says all tungsten, a material used to strengthen iron, was imported.



Everett Vinyard helped build his family home, now listed on the historic register.

Surgeon volunteers medical skills

A former Twin Falls resident donates several weeks each year flying to foreign countries where he produces dramatic improvements in people's lives through his skill as a plastic surgeon.

Dr. Ronald Iverson, son of Ruth Iverson, Twin Falls, and a 1957 graduate of Twin Falls High School, volunteers his specialized medical skills as a member of Interplast Inc., a non-profit organization which provides free reconstructive surgery for children and, sometimes, adults, in developing countries.

The surgery is made available only to "people who have no other resources." Supplies used in the reconstructive surgery either are donated or obtained at low prices from drug and medical supply manufacturers.

Iverson usually pays his own air fare when traveling to such countries as Ecuador, Western Samoa, the Philippines, Colombia, Peru, Mexico, or Honduras.

"We resemble a M.A.S.H. outfit with all the boxes and equipment we need from airplanes. We bring along everything that is needed," the doctor said.

He stays about two weeks working non-stop from 7 a.m. to 7 or 8 p.m. At times he has worked on as many as 100 cases in one week and during his 15 years with Interplast has treated some 500 patients.

His wife, Virginia, who speaks Spanish fluently, provided invaluable assistance in Ecuador where she not only served as interpreter, but made all arrangements for the clinic.



DR. RONALD IVERSON
Twin Falls High graduate



**Lorayne O.
Smith
Spotlight**

Many of the children are grossly disfigured because of burns, congenital defects or resulting from malnutrition. There are many disfigured hands with a high incidence of birth defects probably because of nutritional deficiencies, the physician believes.

Dr. Iverson, who "took" his undergraduate work at Stanford,

earned his medical degree at the University of California at Los Angeles.

He now is in private practice in addition to teaching future plastic surgeons.

Mark Neiwirth, Kimberly, won the piano competition in the Young Artist division of the National Federation of Music Clubs' district auditions held Feb. 23 at the CSI Fine Arts auditorium.

Marty Mead, Twin Falls, coordinator for the organization's National Parks District, said state winners from Idaho and Utah will attend the regional event at CSI for the opportunity to compete in the national competition, scheduled in April at Wichita, Kan., at the National Music Club's national convention.

All four winners in the student division were from Utah and Julia Kole, Boise, won the woman's Voice/Opera section of the Young Artists Division.

Staci L. Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smith, Twin Falls, was named to the achievement list for the fall semester at William Woods College, Fulton, Mo.

Brent Lohnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Lohnes, Eden, was third place winner in the Northwest division of the National Lincoln Arc Welding Foundation welding contest.

Sharon Lynn Webster, Parma, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Robin, was chosen Outstanding Young Woman of America. A teacher at Parma High School, she is active in the Presbyterian church at Roswell. She is married to Robert Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Webster, Kimberly.

Valley happenings

Mittleider sets talk

TWIN FALLS — Jan Mittleider, CSI instructor, will speak on "Working on the Weather" for the Wagon Club monthly luncheon Tuesday noon at the Turf Club. All newcomers are invited. Call Cheri Madsen, 233-7418, by Sunday night.

THEOS meeting slated

FILER — THEOS, a support group for widows and widowers, will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Peace Lutheran Church in Filer.

Traveling workshop set

TWIN FALLS — The Center of New Directions at CSI will present a traveling workshop, "Are Men and Women Different?" in Burley, Ketchum and Boise free of charge. The first session will be from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday at the CSI Continuing Education office in the Burley Overland Shopping Center. The same workshop is scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the old city hall in Ketchum and from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 8 in the Blis City Hall. Speakers will be Paula Edmunds-Hollfield, Marilee Kohtz and Rita Larom.

Homeowners group meets

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls County Extension Homeowners Council meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Fire Station, 445 Second Ave. E.

Fashion show Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — Ladies of the Elks will present their annual spring fashion show, "A Circus of Color" at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls Elks Lodge. There will be styles from The Paris, Kathys, Dahles, Williams Shoes and Ropers, who will also show clothes for young men and boys.

Anniversaries

The Liermans

JEROME — Walt and Clara Lierman will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary with an open house March 10.

Friends and relatives are invited to call from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Twin Falls.

The Liermans were married March 18, 1935, in Pasadena, Calif. He has farmed in the Magic Valley for 40 years and still operates a farm in the Jerome area.

The event will be hosted by their three children, Patricia Venelle, Heidelberg, Germany; Nancy Trautman, Dallas; and Walter K. Lierman, Tempe, Ariz. The Liermans have six grandchildren.



Clara and Walt Lierman

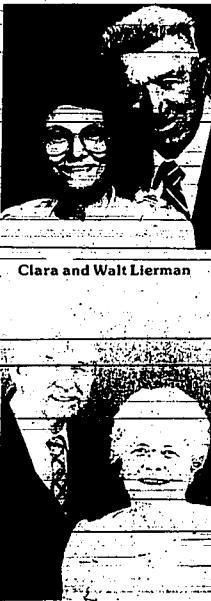
The Eslingers

KIMBERLY — Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Eslinger, Kimberly, will be honored at an open house March 10 in observance of their 50th wedding anniversary.

Relatives and friends are invited to call from 2 to 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church, Sixth Avenue and Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls.

Eslinger and Mildred Gray were married March 12, 1935, in Burley. They farmed one year at Jerome, and then farmed south of Twin Falls until retiring in 1977 when they moved to Kimberly.

The couple has one daughter, Charlene Myers, Woodinville, Wash., and two sons, Ken Eslinger, Arco, and Ronald Eslinger, Twin Falls; 10 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren.



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Father, daughter argue over what 'good' behavior is for women, men

DEAR ABBY: My father and I have a difference of opinion on a moral matter. He still believes "good" girls save their virginity for their husbands. He says he never would have married my mother if she had not been a virgin. I guess he took her word for it.

Of course, my father sees nothing wrong with young men getting some sexual experience before they marry. I wonder who he thinks these young men are getting their experience with?

I am a sophomore in college, and I believe a woman is entitled to as much sexual freedom as a man. I can't understand how a grown man living in today's society can still believe in the outdated "I don't want used goods" theory.

How can I set my father straight? No amount of arguing on my part has worked.

STILL INTACT IN MARYLAND
DEAR STILL: Your father is entitled to his male-chauvinist, double-standard moral code, just as you are entitled to your contemporary, liberal views, so quit arguing. A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.

DEAR ABBY: I was dating a wonderful man and I thought we had the start of a meaningful relationship. Then I just stopped hearing from him.

I called him at home a few times, but he was never home, and when I called him at work, he was never available. I left my name, but he never returned my calls. I thought maybe he needed time to think, so I stopped calling him for a few days.

Two weeks later I saw him in a restaurant with another woman, and he acted as though he had never seen me before. The worst part is, that he never gave me an explanation as to what made him decide to end what we had started.

ABBY: I am willing to you because I want all men (and women) to realize that they shouldn't end a relationship without some kind of explanation. The other person deserves, at least that much.

DEAR IN: Some "temptations" are very painful to deliver and some are equally painful to receive. But "not knowing" can be both frustrating and devastating.

Would you have settled for a kind lie rather than a cruel truth? Obviously Mr. Wonderful found somebody else.

DEAR ABBY: I can't understand why "Selling Red" was angry because her husband and his two sisters had a portrait made for their parents and excluded their spouses and children.

I can just imagine a picture with the three couples and all their children. It would be about as meaningful as a photograph of Grand Central Station.

What if one of them gets a divorce? Then the parents would have to explain what happened to the person in the picture—who is no longer a member of the family.

I'm sure my mother-in-law loves me, but she can't possibly feel the same toward me as she does toward her two daughters and her only son, who married me. She has often complimented me for insisting that my husband stop by and see her or take her to lunch, just the two of them, without me.

She says so many of her friends have "lost" their sons because after they're married—they never—never see them alone again.

—LYNNIE IN LITTLETON

DEAR LYNNIE: Other daughters-in-law could learn from you. Thanks for writing.

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Prize to 15, 175, 300 or 13,000 Dollars.

WIN \$5,200 WORTH OF FREE GROCERIES!

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YOU NEED TO SPELL SAFEWAY. Collect them
all and win a YEARS FREE GROCERIES! Pick
up your new Bingo card at your nearby Safeway
store and start playing today! You could be our
next big winner!

ODDS CHART

Odds Effective January 9, 1985

Prizes Drawn Since Date First
Prize Drawn Since Date First

Value Value

1,200 \$ 11 34,865.16 1 11 32,371.10

1,000 28 3,925.10 7,839.16 24,014.10

100 254 2,225.10 2,225.10 2,225.10

25 1,068 298.16 197.16 2,584.10

5 2,384 109.16 71.04 881.01

Total 116,699 310 710 881.01

You
Can't
Win
Unless
You
Play!

Boneless Chuck Roast

Safeway Quality Beef • Trimmed for Value

\$ | 58

Luscious Strawberries

California's Finest

98¢
pint
cup

You're ALWAYS a winner with Safeway's low prices.



Bounty Towels

Microclean or Designer
92-Count Roll

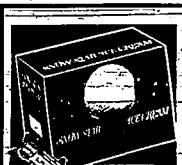
89¢
pk.



Minute Maid Orange Juice

Frozen Concentrate
12-oz. Can • Your Choice

\$ | 29
can



1/2 Gallon Ice Cream

Snow Star Brand

Popular Flavors

3 \$ 4
for



Gallon Milk

Blossomtime Brand

Homogenized

3 \$ 5
for



Honey Bran Bread

Mrs. Wright's Sliced

Buy 1 loaf at the

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get the second loaf!

FREE

