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Reagan addresses medal winners

## Reagan says era of weakness over

By IRA R. ALLEN  
United Press International

NEW YORK — President Reagan told Medal-of-Honor winners Monday that America's era of weakness is over.

"Tyrants are tempted" by weakness, the president declared.

"With the best of intentions, we have tried turning our swords into plowshares hoping others would follow," he said. "Well, our days of weakness are over."

Citing the invasion of Grenada and U.S. forces in the field in places ranging from Korea to Beirut, he said, "Military forces are back on their feet and standing tall."

through strength."

His voice choked at times with emotion as he lauded the war heroes and said, "There are no words to express how I feel here today."

Receiving the society's patriotism award, Reagan said haltingly he felt guilty because "it's so easy to love America. I don't know if you're entitled to a medal for doing that."

The group applauded when he announced that 900 members of the 82nd Airborne Division — the last of the combat troops in Grenada — had been withdrawn. He said a force of several hundred troops, "engineers, Seabees, medical personnel and military police, will stay long enough to help that country get back on its feet."

Earlier in the day, Islamic extremists set off six car bombs in Kuwait, including a booby-trapped Mercedes-Benz truck that crashed into the U.S. Embassy compound.

"As always, we deplore acts of terrorist violence and certainly extend our sympathy to those who lost their lives or were injured," White House spokesman Larry Speakes told reporters aboard Air Force One.

Cars were parked sideways to block intersections as Reagan's motorcade moved along on its way to the Sheraton Centre Hotel in midtown Manhattan Monday.

The combination of heightened security, rain and the presidential motorcade from a helicopter landing pad caused a massive traffic tieup.

Streets around the midtown hotel were closed — even to pedestrians — and police in black raincoats stood in doorways of shops around the hotel.

The banquet hall where Reagan spoke was dotted with the nation's military elite, including Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman John

Vessey, Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and Medal of Honor winners Joe Foss, the former governor of South Dakota, and Bob Kerrey, the current governor of Nebraska.

Medal of Honor recipients wore their gold medals around their necks hung on light blue ribbons.

Reagan used his speech to American war heroes to defend the use of U.S. military power as an appropriate response to the global spread of communism.

"The price of freedom is high, but never so costly as the loss of freedom," he said. "Each generation must do whatever is necessary to preserve it and then pass it on to the next."

History, Reagan said, offers a "crystal clear" lesson — "Weakness on the part of those who cherish freedom inevitably brings on a threat to that freedom."

## U.S. target of bombing blitz

Terrorists on spree in Kuwait

By SAMIRA KAWAR  
United Press International

KUWAIT — Islamic terrorists slammed a truck loaded with explosives into the U.S. Embassy Monday in a bombing blitz against six American, French and Kuwaiti targets that killed at least six people and wounded 60 others.

There were no serious American casualties in the embassy bombing.

The same Islamic fundamentalist group that claimed it killed 70 people at the U.S. Marine headquarters in Beirut and 63 others at the U.S. Embassy in the Lebanese capital claimed responsibility for the new terror onslaught in Kuwait.

U.S. Embassy spokesman David Good said late Monday that at least three people were killed and 20 others wounded in the U.S. Embassy blast. A fourth person was feared buried under the rubble.

But in Washington, a State Department spokesman late Monday revised the official toll in the embassy bombing from four to five dead and 37 wounded. He said some of the wounded were in critical condition.

He said he could not comment on Good's casualty figure of four dead and 20 wounded.

Kuwait's official news agency said another five people were killed and 43 wounded in a car bombing at the airport 30 minutes after the embassy attack.

State Department spokesman Alan Romberg said that besides the 37

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wounded, some Americans were slightly hurt in the attack but all 65 Americans assigned to the embassy, and their 27 dependents were accounted for.

Two of the dead were foreign nationals working in the embassy maintenance section, Romberg said. The identities of the other two were not immediately known.

Monday's attacks began at 9:40 a.m. when a Mercedes truck — the same type of vehicle used against the Marines — slammed through the gates of the U.S. Embassy compound and headed for the main buildings.

A skull thought to be that of the suicide driver was found in the garden of an embassy official living opposite the compound, embassy officials said, but his death was unconfirmed.

Kuwaiti authorities first said seven installations were struck by truck and car bombs in the 90-minute string of attacks, including the French Embassy and the airport of the Persian Gulf oil sheikhdom.

Later reports said eight locations were targeted but two bombs were safely defused.

The six locations hit were the U.S. Embassy, an American residential complex, an American business complex, the French Embassy, Kuwait's International Airport and a

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Times News photo/SKYE SAVESON

### Tremendous decision

Choosing a Christmas tree is always a major decision. Dennis Pullin, right, held two trees while Ray and Joan Parrish weighed their strong and weak points. Pullin, of Kimberly, was selling trees Monday along Addison Avenue East in Twin Falls.

## ICL: Tax mine inspection a threat to rivers

By BRUCE BOTKA  
United Press International

BOISE — The Idaho Land Board is being asked to push for tougher enforcement of mining regulations.

Idaho Conservation League says the state needs a larger mine inspection staff. A single Lands Department inspector is charged with monitoring all operations in the state.

ICL Director Pat Ford said sloppy — and poorly monitored — gold mining operations near the River of No Return Wilderness in south-central Idaho are threatening water quality and fisheries in the pristine area.

"We are very worried for a number of reasons," Ford said. "The state is just in horrible shape to monitor, regulate and enforce the state's mining laws against these operations."

The Land Board will be asked during its meeting today to revamp policies and practices for supervising the industry, Ford said.

Representatives of the Idaho Mining Association were not available for comment Monday, but the head of the state Water Quality Bureau agreed his agency's 20 inspectors are hard-pressed to check water quality at all mining sites, especially in the winter.

"The state has one mine inspector for the entire state," Ford said, referring to the Lands Department oversight program. "He has to inspect almost 300 mines statewide; and obviously he doesn't do it."

Lands Department Director Gordon Trombley agreed "there is no way" the single inspector can patrol all mining activity in the state. But he said the agency has asked the Legislature to beef up inspection without success the past several years.

The request will be renewed when the Legislature convenes next month, but Trombley said he is not optimistic the expense will be approved.

Ford said improper mining practices and inadequate monitoring increase the risk that poisons like cyanide will irreparably harm fragile waterways in the 2.2-million-acre wilderness.

He said "a number of accidents" has occurred in the remote central Idaho mining

region like those that led Health and Welfare Department officials last week to call for the temporary shutdown of the Golden Rule Mine east of McCall on the wilderness boundary.

"We just don't have enough people to respond to all the problems we have," said Al Murrey, head of the Health and Welfare Department's Water Quality Bureau.

However, Murrey said he doubted the Legislature would appropriate more money in 1984 for mining inspections, mainly because public school funding appears to be the most popular target for increased spending.

"It's frustrating, but it's just something that as a bureaucrat you learn to live with and just do the best you can."

Mining normally takes place in remote

backcountry regions, "so it's more difficult for us to get to, and in the winter, it's impossible because the roads snow in and we don't have the resources to rent helicopters very often," he said.

Due to the shortage of state inspectors, monitoring "is pretty much up to the companies," Ford claimed. "You just have to hope they're responsible, but there are irresponsible companies operating, and some of these accidents reflect that."

"Our worry is that we just don't want to take the company's word that it is going to be responsible. That country is just extremely fragile, and the water goes directly down into the Middle Fork of the Salmon River," he said.

## President planning to seek tax increase

By MARSHA TAYLOR  
Newhouse News Service

WASHINGTON — The budget proposal that President Reagan will send to Congress next month will include a tax increase contingent on congressional spending cuts, according to Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan.

"There will be a tax proposal of some kind," Regan said Monday, but added, "The spending cuts must come first."

Neither the nature of the suggested tax nor the ratio of spending cuts to tax increases has been decided by officials preparing the administration's fiscal 1985 budget proposal, Regan said. But he said the tax

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proposal won't be identical to the stance that Reagan proposed for the current fiscal 1984 budget.

The ratio probably will be on a dollar-for-dollar basis, Regan said.

"But let's get the dollar-of-spending (cuts) first, please, and then we'll talk about the tax," he said.

The cuts are needed to reduce the federal budget deficit, Regan said, adding that the deficit "is just a symptom — overspending is the disease. But the Reagan administration may

find itself at odds with Congress over whether additional agency cuts are feasible. Key members of Congress including Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., ranking minority member of the Senate Finance Committee, which began a three days of hearings on budget reduction strategies Monday — are known to feel that spending on most non-defense and non-entitlements programs already has been pared as much as possible.

"If you look at what the budget is spent on, perhaps we could save defense (spending) somewhat as part of overall cuts — the same is true of entitlements," Long said. "But if you're going to do anything with spending, you have to get to entitlements, and the Reagan administration has said they don't want to do that. So we really need some tax increases."

The budget deficit for fiscal 1985, estimated by the Congressional Budget Office at as much as \$180 billion, is greater than the \$158 billion earmarked for non-defense discretionary spending in 1985, a Senate Finance Committee staff member noted.

"So, if we eliminated all of it, we'd still have a deficit," the staffer said. The budget deficits for fiscal years 1985 and 1986 probably will be a cumulative \$200 billion lower than the original estimates, Regan said.

## Phone charge dead

BOISE (UPI) — The state Public Utilities Commission has rejected a proposal to charge telephone customers an access fee for long-distance service within Idaho.

A telephone industry task force recommended the fee, which would have resulted in a 30-cent to \$2 monthly fee for in-state long-distance service.

Commissioners tentatively rejected the proposal last Nov. 4, saying the in-state fee would be an unfair "head tax" on consumers. The fee was designed to mirror a charge adopted by the Federal

Communications Commission for interstate calls.

Under the rejected plan, Mountain Bell Co. would have gradually withdrawn most of the annual payments it makes to the state's 14 other telephone companies which supply the firm with much of its in-state long-distance business.

The PUC ruling said Mountain Bell will continue to apportion the state's total in-state long-distance revenue to local phone utilities according to the amount of investment each company has in equipment needed for long-distance calls.

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## tiz in drug treatment center

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (UPI) — Actress Elizabeth Taylor has been a patient at a chemical dependency recovery hospital for more than a week, a spokesman for the hospital said today.

Miss Taylor, 51, admitted herself to the Betty Ford Center at Eisenhower Medical Center Dec. 5, a hospital spokesman said, reading from a statement prepared by the actress.

Miss Taylor's statement said she chose the center because she "has great admiration for Betty Ford and believed her problems to be very similar to that experienced by Mrs. Ford in that much of her troubles from prescription drugs administered over a period of years to combat her various medical problems."

## Tornadoes, fog cause deaths

A football coach and three others died Monday night as their twin-engine plane crashed in rain and fog en route to a sports banquet. Tornadoes whistling through southern Florida buried seven people into an orange grove.

Cars and school buses blam- off icy roads from Washington to Massachusetts.

At least twelve deaths were blamed on rain, winds, fog, ice and snow around the nation since Friday.

## Executions set this week

ANGOLA, La. (UPI) — The U.S. Supreme Court said the state's highest court returned Monday to stop the execution of condemned killer Robert Wayne Williams. Williams immediately appealed to the governor, saying "I don't want to die."

Two other condemned murderers, both in Georgia, were also scheduled to die this week and both had their appeals denied.

cases before the state parole board.

Williams, 31, was scheduled Wednesday to become the first man executed in Louisiana in 22 years, for the 1979 shotgun death of grocery store security officer Willie Kelly.

Alpha Ois O'Daniel Stephens, 38, was scheduled to die in Georgia's electric chair Wednesday and John Edwin Smith, 63, was to die Thursday. The state parole board was to rule in Smith's case Tuesday.

## Cabbage Patch makers sued

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A San Francisco man filed a \$100 million suit Monday against the designer, maker and seller of the Cabbage Patch Doll on grounds the marketing material is harmful to him and other adopter persons.

The class action suit, seeking punitive damages, was filed in San Francisco Superior Court by Martin Brandon. It names as defendants Coleco Industries, Inc., Xavier Roberts, and Barbary Coast Dolls.

"The advertising campaign holds adopted persons up to ridicule and humiliation by implying these individuals are bought and sold," the suit says. Thus, Brandon alleges, he and other adopted persons are caused to suffer "emotional distress and psychological harm."

## Panda's health improving

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Ling-Ling the panda ate most of her bamboo meals Monday and showed continuing signs of improvement from a potentially deadly infection, National Zoo officials said.

Zoo spokesman Mike Morgan said the 14-year-old Ling-Ling, who is being treated with antibiotics and steroids, "looked good (Monday) morning and appears to be a little stronger."

The 227-pound female giant panda ate most of her midnight meal and was fed again later in the morning on her diet of bamboo, he said.

# Security tight, embassies targets

United Press International  
— In Lebanon's terrorized capital, the streets have sprouted concrete pillars, huge sandpiles and vicious "bank killers" to protect Western embassies from suicide-bombing like Monday's Kuwait attack.

"Dragon's teeth" in Marjayeh parlance, now mark the entrance to the Reagan, ahode—although green plantings are supposed to soften the look.

have-to-do-is-take-a-look-at-our-embassies-in-Europe-to-see-we-are-vulnerable."

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petrochemical installation, a U.S. Embassy spokesman said. Diplomatic sources said two other bombs at Kuwait's immigration and passport department and at the Electricity Ministry have been dismantled before they exploded.

where the truck detonated," Good said.

A group styling itself as the Islamic Jihad, or Islamic Holy War, claimed responsibility for the bombings in a telephone call to a Beirut news agency. The same group claimed responsibility for the Oct. 23 suicide bombing of the Marjayeh headquarters in Beirut and the April 18 bombing at the U.S. Embassy in the Lebanese capital.

appeared the only suicide mission of the 90-minute spree, with the remainder apparently car bombs of different types.

The French Embassy, the third target of the morning, was hit by a car bomb parked in the street outside.

"We really consider it a miracle that no more people were killed," Good said as he took reporters on a late night tour of the rubble-strewn compound.

"We were dead lucky," said a Marine guard who was knocked out of his post by the bombing house 400 yards away from the embassy compound.

French officials reported extensive damage to the building, but said only three people were cut by flying glass.

Kuwait's government, alarmed by the violence in the normally quiet oil sheikhdom, vowed to "take the 'staunchest and hardest' measures against those responsible.

## Almanac

By United Press International

Today is Tuesday, Dec. 13, the 347th day of 1983 with 18 to follow.

The government's watchdog, the General Accounting Office, warned as long as a year ago that inadequate planning and coordination had caused delays in implementing security measures at U.S. embassies abroad, including the Embassy in Kuwait.

The attack on the U.S. Embassy

The moon is in its first quarter. The morning stars are Venus, Mars and Saturn.

The evening stars are Mercury and Jupiter.

Those born on this date are under

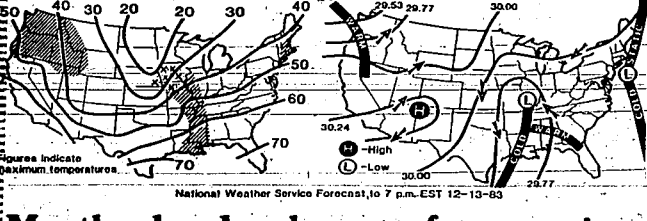
the sign of Sagittarius. They include American sculptor Clark Mills in 1810, and comedian-actor Dick Van Dyke in 1925.

In 1862, an estimated 11,000 Northern soldiers were killed or wounded in a fierce battle with Confederate troops at Marjey's Heights, outside Fredericksburg, Va.

On this date in history: In 1642, New Zealand was discovered and named for a group of islands off the coast of the Netherlands by Dutch navigator Abel Tasman.

In 1918, American soldiers of the U.S. Third Army crossed the Rhine River at Koblenz, Germany, to serve occupation duty following World War I.

# Today's weather



## Mostly cloudy, chance of more rain

Twin Falls, Burley-Rupert, Jerome — Mostly cloudy, with a chance of rain or snow. Winds of 10 to 20 mph. Highs to 48; lows tonight in the 30s. A chance of rain tonight and Wednesday. High on Wednesday in the 40s.

Idaho, allowing temperatures to rise into the 40s, but still cloudy. In the upper 30s. The state's warmest temperature was 47 degrees at Parma and Lewiston. Morning lows ranged from 12 at Stanley to 31 at Parma and Hagerman.

The extended forecast for the Magic Valley and southern Idaho calls for rain and snow in the valleys and snow in the mountains on Thursday, becoming dry Friday, with a chance of showers on Saturday. Highs will be mostly in the 30s, with lows in the 20s.

Elsewhere in the nation Monday, the warmest temperature reported was 83 degrees at McAllen, Texas, and the coldest was 15 below zero at Grand Forks, N.D.

## Idaho road report

Travelers advisories were posted Monday afternoon in the northern and western portions of the state, as Idaho braced itself for a winter storm.

Here is a road-report report on conditions from the Idaho Transportation Department:

Table with 4 columns: National, Idaho, Twin Falls, and other regional data. Includes weather conditions like Max, Min, Pcp, and Wind.

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# Shultz denounces terrorist attack

LISBON, Portugal (UPI) — Secretary of State George Shultz condemned the wave of Islamic fundamentalist terrorist bombings in Kuwait Monday but said there was "no thought of any retaliation."

Shultz learned of the attacks before leaving Rabat, Morocco on his way to Lisbon for the planned signing of a new military agreement with Portugal permitting continued U.S. use of the Lajes air base in the Azores Islands.

Aboard the plane flying from Rabat to Lisbon Shultz said that "there is no thought of any retaliation."

Asked about Shultz's statement, a U.S. official said it reflected the situation "at that hour of the day," apparently indicating that the United States holds open the possibility of some retaliation if the evidence warrants.

Shultz dedicated a new \$15 million U.S. Embassy in Lisbon where he answered reporters' questions about Monday's bombings in Kuwait.

"The secretary said the attacks 'emphasize that peace has many enemies. Peace must have its defenders. The United States is a defender of peace.'

He told reporters that protection against terrorist attacks cannot be absolute. "Embassies have to deal with people. They cannot be made into fortresses." Lisbon's new concrete embassy is on a steep hillside and surrounded by a high iron fence.

A suicide bomber trying to reach the building would have to follow a steep, winding, narrow road to reach the chancery after first getting through a heavily guarded gate.

Security at the Lisbon embassy had already been beefed up for the arrival of Shultz and various Portuguese dignitaries, although acting Prime Minister Carlos Mota Pinto did not show up for the ceremony as expected.

# Flynt must submit to psychiatric tests

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Hustler magazine publisher Larry Flynt was ordered Monday to undergo psychiatric tests in prison at the request of federal prosecutors, who called him a "lunatic" and "degenerate" with a history of mental illness.

U.S. District Judge Consuelo

Marshall ordered Flynt, 40, to return to Terminal Island federal prison for 90 days of tests before proceeding with his trial on charges of desecrating an American flag that he wore to court as a diaper last month.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Bonner filed a motion stating that Flynt "has a history of mental illness

while in the U.S. Navy, and has recently behaved like a lunatic."

"He has exhibited bizarre behavior, apparently believing he is a messenger of God, and that the FBI works for him," the motion stated.

Bonner requested that "Flynt's mental competency be determined before proceeding with his trial on

charges of desecrating the flag.

Flynt's military record, documented in the motion, showed that during his naval service from 1959 to 1964 he showed "much evidence of emotional instability" and "was treated for 'anxiety reaction' and 'emotional instability.'"

# Finance Committee mulls deficit problem

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senate Finance Committee Chairman Robert Dole, R-Kan., chaired an array of opinions Monday about how harmful federal budget deficits are to the economy, but few specific suggestions how to reduce them.

Although Congress is technically in recess until Jan. 23, Dole scheduled a series of hearings on the deficit to get a head start on the issue when Congress reconvenes early next year. He called the deficit "the most important domestic issue we're facing."

One committee member, Sen. John Danforth, R-Mo., said he hoped the hearings would focus on "the long-range damage we are inflicting on the country" by doing nothing about the deficit.

Danforth backed Dole's efforts earlier this year to put together a package of spending cuts and tax increases that would save the government about \$150 billion over four years. But Congress, sensing no interest on the part of the White House and an eye on next year's elections, decided to adjourn for the year without taking action.

Although there have been sugges-

tions that cutting the deficit would be even more difficult during an election year, Danforth said, "ignoring the deficit in 1984 is like ignoring an elephant in your living room — I don't think it can be done."

In announcing the hearings earlier this month, Dole asked the witnesses to be specific and to keep in mind the political realities necessary to pass a bipartisan package of spending cuts and tax increases. Apparently, his words went unheeded.

Congressional Budget Office Director Rudolph Penner told the panel Congress should act quickly to reduce the huge budget shortfall projected near \$200 billion for each of the next few fiscal years.

"The longer we wait, the harder it gets because of the accumulated interest bill," Penner said.

But he offered few specifics, telling the senators that those were political decisions that were up to them.

Despite the large red ink figure, which most economists believe contributes to high interest rates, Penner said business investments do not seem to be adversely affected.

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### Don't mix public, personal business

A case can be made that Twin Falls County saved money by sending Prosecutor Harry DeHaan to Texas in October this fall to pick up a county prisoner.

But from our perspective, the practice of a county official combining a personal and county business trip is one that generally ought to be avoided.

It is true that the county would have had to pay for the airfare of the prisoner, and a guard in any event; it is also true that DeHaan saved the county money by paying for his own meals and by staying in a private home while in Texas.

Nonetheless, there are other considerations here. One is the cost to the county of DeHaan's salary for two days of work time. At \$34,500 a year, he is the highest-paid county official. Is it good management to send the top-paid person on a routine prisoner pick-up, or should a lower-paid deputy be sent instead?

Another factor is the workload of the county prosecutor's office. DeHaan had complained frequently and loudly that his office is understaffed and overworked. Yet, he had no difficulty clearing his own schedule for the two-day trip, during which he conducted some personal business involving the sale of a horse.

A third factor is in the training. Sheriff Jim Munn instructed DeHaan in how to use handcuffs and legweights on the prisoner to prevent an escape, but we wonder if a short session like that is really adequate.

In our view, modern corrections procedures should require more than a "well, here is how the handcuffs snap on" session. DeHaan, after all, is not extremely experienced in the handling of prisoners.

To these reasons, we would add a fourth: A trip like this is at least partially personal, and for that part, the expenditure of public funds is inappropriate.

In private industry, people routinely combine personal matters on business trips. But such travel doesn't involve the use of public funds.

At a time when government is already far too suspect, when cost overruns and waste are frequently mentioned, we think public officials should be scrupulous in avoiding even the appearance of impropriety.

DeHaan did nothing illegal in conducting personal business on a county trip. But we would have preferred he hadn't gone. In our view, it would have been better to send an experienced detective or deputy. We hope that is the route the county takes in the future when such trips are necessary.



### Computers now butler in 'who-dun-it'

WASHINGTON — For a while on Thursday morning I had something in common with the astronauts: computer failure.

Never mind that the six of them were in a space lab and I was in an earthly office. Never mind that they were worrying about their landing and I was worrying about my credit rating. We were both chatting with the specialists, the troubleshooters.

Singhandedly, I had just completed a 20-day orbit around a bill collector. The bill had been paid long ago and yet the notices kept arriving, threatening to repossess Christmas and cut off my plastic life-sustaining equipment.

Finally the specialist had gone to the root of the problem. All fixed up, he said proudly, and then proceeded to explain what had gone wrong. You guessed it: "It was a blip in the computer."

Now I don't know about the rest of the hi-tech consumer world out there, but I have heard this one too many times. When this explanation comes over the telephone or over the television, when I hear it from the Space Shuttle Columbia or the District of Columbia, I harbor a small nagging suspicion about the role that the computer is playing in society. I think the role is called scapegoat.

Remember back when that Iowa woman who was declared dead by Medicare, although she was in fine fettle? What killed her? Computer error. Remember last July when thousands of customers at Merrill Lynch became overnight paper millionaires? Who had fiddled with their accounts? Why, they said, the computer. Remember the Massachusetts man who was ticketed for a car that he didn't own on a street where he'd never been. How did it happen? The computer. Virtually everything that goes awry in our earthly lives —



Ellen Goodman

aside from lost love and a fallen soufflé — is now blamed on some computer or other. In the who-dun-it of modern life, the computer is the butler. The silent butler.

Frankly I'm not so quick with a judgment of guilty against the computer anymore. At least on this planet, some of the mistakes are just too whimsical or charming for the mind of a machine.

Was it really a computer error that sent a Moral Majority membership card to Ted Kennedy this year? Is a computer mischievous enough for that? Was it a computer that sent about 20,000 San Franciscans to the wrong polling booths last June? If so, was it a Democratic or a Republican computer?

What about the Texas computer that listed a funeral home in the Yellow Pages under the heading "Frozen Food Wholesale"? Was it programmed with a sense of humor?

We have gotten so used to the explanation "computer error" that we think of software as a cyborg, a household ghost that goes through our daily lives rattling the pans and screwing up the bills.

But more often than not, the glitch is a human one. After all, for every computer program there is a computer programmer.

Not every business even has its computer. Not

long ago, a friend's furniture was sent about 240 miles to the right of its destination — which was her living room. She called the warehouse and got the usual explanation: The computer-dunit. But this dingy warehouse, I am convinced, is run by dusty people in green eyeshades wielding quill pens.

More than once, I have called an insurance company for information only to be told that the computer was down. "The computer is down," a friend informs me, is another way to spell "coffee break."

In Seattle, I once sat next to a bank officer who told me of complaints people made about their computer money machine. They put the card in, but they didn't get the money out. A huge number of these complaints mysteriously disappeared when the banker said that the transactions were all videotaped.

I'm not suggesting that the computers never make a botch of things. The one that I write on for example has produced some terrible spelling errors from time to time.

It's too handy a victim. The computer can't yell. It has a cursor, but it can't talk. It can't even file a suit charging defamation of character.

What we need here is a Computer Legal Defense Fund to separate human error from computer error, garbage in from garbage out. In the spirit of civil rights, we need a user-friendly legal system that helps us to know when the computer did it and didn't. In a country like this, every computer deserves a lawyer.

After all, who wants a scapegoat that's all bite and no bark?

Ellen Goodman writes for The Boston Globe.

### Spirit of James Watt still alive, well in nation's capital

Just when you thought it was safe to go bird-watching, the Department of Interior has come up with a new idea to spoil your fun.

Once again I must warn the reader I am not making this up.

Assistant Interior Secretary G. Ray Arnett, in a recent press conference, believes that hunters and fishermen are carrying too much of the burden to keep up government conservation programs. He says they pay millions of dollars a year in excise taxes on their gear and for state licenses and game permits.

To ease the pain on the poor hunter, Arnett wants to impose taxes on goods used by bird-watchers, wildlife photographers and other nature lovers who don't kill anything.

Arnett wants to place an excise tax on binoculars, bird houses, bird feeders, backpacking and camping equipment,



Art Buchwald

sleeping bags, binoculars, wildlife books, camera film and motor homes.

He is quoted as saying, "It's time that Americans who do their hunting with binoculars instead of shotguns be given the opportunity of shouldering the financial responsibility for conserving fish and wildlife."

What apparently gets Arnett furious is that the Interior Department spends so much money conserving "game-game" animals such as chipmunks, songbirds, porcupines and other wild vertebrates, which aren't worth a

shotgun shell.

While the assistant interior secretary may have a valid point, I believe putting excise taxes on so-called "nature lover items" might be unfair. For example, many of us buy birdseed for our own household birds, and bird feeders for our own lawns, which are not located on federal property.

Although there are some people who purchase binoculars for bird-watching, the majority of Americans buy them for horse racing, football games and to peer into other people's apartments.

Some people use sleeping bags in the great outdoors, but far more use them on the living room floor during the holidays when students bring home more friends than there are beds in their dormitories.

There is no reason to penalize the majority of people who buy nature-related equipment

for non-federal land use, just to sock the small minority of nature lovers who are out there peering at birds and photographing wildlife trophies to hang on their walls.

I believe a direct tax would be more equitable. Bird-watchers should be made to buy a permit, and charged \$1 for every owl species they see. Photographers should have to pay 50 cents for every picture they take in a wildlife preserve, and \$10 for every photo published in a magazine or book.

Anyone thinking of setting up a tent and sleeping in a forest should be charged the equivalent of a room at a Holiday Inn.

And any family who drives out just for the day to enjoy the scenery could buy a book of tickets which would permit them to look at an unlimited number of trees and beavers for an all-inclusive price of \$25.

Non-hunting nature lovers may protest

these fees, on the grounds that hunters and fishermen at least come home with food to put on their tables, and therefore the taxes they pay eventually even out.

But I'm certain Arnett will reject this argument out of hand.

Timbers, by shooting game, are clearing out the forests, so the Interior Dept. argues. It is saved the cost of preserving the wildlife. Nature lovers, by encouraging conservation, only add to the price of the upkeep of our federal habitats.

To let's hear it for Assistant Interior Secretary G. Ray Arnett. By telling bird-watchers that there is no such thing as a free lunch, he's confirmed that the spirit of James Watt is alive and well in Washington.

Art Buchwald writes from Washington for the Los Angeles Times Syndicate.

### Letters/ Smoking, congressional retirement and earthquakes bring comment

**Patronize shelter sponsors**

As one who passes by the city animal shelter twice a day and who hears all the pitiful cries for help from the dogs inside, I sincerely wish to thank your newspaper and the local business merchants who sponsor the pet of the week ads trying to find homes for man's trustiest friend.

It is a noble gesture and one that I hope will continue to function. In gratitude I try harder to patronize those merchants that sponsor the ads. Hopefully others out there feel the same way. Thank you for this service.

VIRGINIA PARKER  
Twin Falls

more with quantity, and their goal in eating is the same as their goal in smoking. They unthinkingly strive to satisfy a craving by putting something in their mouths.

It takes courage to request that buffet on the next table to refrain from smoking. Oftentimes one can expect a smoker, with attitudes like those expressed by Mr. Bruce Leinen in his letter, to jump up and begin railing about communist intentions, deprivation of freedom and demanding that worn out response to threat of change, "Love it or leave it."

Well, it would be much more pleasant for both smokers and non-smokers to eat if they had the option to avoid each other. A state law to this effect would deprive no one of their freedom to poison their lungs, and would make public eating establishments much more harmonious places to dine.

PHIL STOTTIS  
Twin Falls

Could any of us common people be expected to be treated like that?

You can't expect a congressman to look out for little old me if they can't look out for themselves. You notice that they pay into their own retirement fund (which, by the way, is second to none).

Why should they fiddle with a mismanaged Social Security system? Heck, that is peanuts compared to what they will receive when they retire. Then there are the other add ons, speech fees and others that I probably know nothing about. I am old fashioned. I was always taught our great country should come first, and that everything should be done to preserve our heritage and freedoms. Money has become the standard of which we are measured, and wealth the most sought after. Not all of our congressmen are guilty, but how can we change their habits when they are thinking of themselves as number one.

Would it not be nice if the voting public had a chance to cast their vote on the next anticipated raise for our honorable congressmen. You and I know what the outcome would be.

G.W. "BILL" WARNER  
Twin Falls

Conference of Building Officials (ICBO) has gone through many revisions.

If anything, the Mackay-Challis 1983 earthquake indicated no problems with construction according to the current UBC requirements. If geologists and politicians want to improve earthquake protection, they have three reasonable choices: 1. petition the ICBO for "improved" standards; 2. persuade the local city council to adopt more restrictive building requirements within its jurisdiction; or 3. adopt one of several other building codes that are available.

The UBC does not apply to bridges, roads, dams, towers, submarine bases or nuclear power plants. It applies only to conventional commercial/industrial/residential-type buildings. There are other agencies and distinctly different rules and regulations for the engineering of such other diverse works.

It is not true that the 1983 UBC downgrading of Eastern Idaho from Zone 3 to Zone 2 for earthquake classification was the only time this has happened. About 1970 the revised UBC zone map changed many classifications, including a large area of Oregon which was rezoned from Zone 2 to Zone 1.

As a practical matter, however, the fault that moved in the Mackay-Challis area will not generate another earthquake of Richter magnitude 7 for another 500 to 1,000 years.

The UBC requirements are intended to be realistic and practical. There is the small problem though of how much

money a property owner or taxpayer is willing to pay for an earthquake that they have only once in 500 or 1,000 generations.

The UBC requires reasonable standards based on credible probabilities and established with the consensus of many diverse interests. It is strictly applicable to the present generation and is not intended for complete protection against a natural phenomenon that may happen only once in 500 to 1,000 generations.

Before the Mackay-Challis area fault generates another Richter magnitude 7 earthquake, that area could experience another Ice Age with glaciers, volcanic eruptions or swarms of tornadoes. That area could have torrential tropical 10,000-year rainstorms with 100-foot deep floods on the Salmon River, including mudflows and landslides everywhere in the region. It could even have a prolonged 100-year drought, changing the forests completely. These are all reasonable predictions within the next 1,000 generations of man in Challis. What price are you willing to pay today for protection against these credible potential risks? Taxpayers need to keep a proper perspective on the world of today and predictors of "experts" for the future. It is true the Mackay-Challis earthquake is a hot item for the media today, but there needs to be a realistic balancing of hazards and probabilities.

HAZELVIN W. JACKSON  
Focatello

**Smoke parks sensations**

I would like to thank Doris Woodland for her information about the restaurant featuring the non-smoking section, and for her suggestion about inquiring for the non-smoking section at any restaurant that one enters. This is a very simple thing to do, yet can be very effective in educating restaurants about the desires of its clientele.

Eating is an activity made enjoyable by the sensations of taste and smell. When these sensory inputs are masked by smoke from the tobacco-addicted slob at the next table, the efforts of the cooking staff to present tasty cuisine are in vain.

The smokers, of course, are not concerned about the quality of the food. Their concern is

**Raise would be voted down**

When it comes to our congressional representatives, we should learn by now to never be surprised. Beginning the first of next year, they again voted themselves another healthy raise. We as taxpayers should understand. How can one keep up his image on a lousy \$70,000 a year salary?

Let's not wait until according to a recent editorial in our local paper, I find out for the first time that when a congressman dies, his widow is the beneficiary of another year's salary.

**Balance hazards, chances**

The headline "Quake makes building law suspect" on the next page of Dec. 4 shows what short memories some of the "experts" have. Over the past 50 years the Uniform Building Code (UBC) of the International

Building Code (IBCO) has gone through many revisions. If anything, the Mackay-Challis 1983 earthquake indicated no problems with construction according to the current UBC requirements. If geologists and politicians want to improve earthquake protection, they have three reasonable choices: 1. petition the ICBO for "improved" standards; 2. persuade the local city council to adopt more restrictive building requirements within its jurisdiction; or 3. adopt one of several other building codes that are available. The UBC does not apply to bridges, roads, dams, towers, submarine bases or nuclear power plants. It applies only to conventional commercial/industrial/residential-type buildings. There are other agencies and distinctly different rules and regulations for the engineering of such other diverse works. It is not true that the 1983 UBC downgrading of Eastern Idaho from Zone 3 to Zone 2 for earthquake classification was the only time this has happened. About 1970 the revised UBC zone map changed many classifications, including a large area of Oregon which was rezoned from Zone 2 to Zone 1. As a practical matter, however, the fault that moved in the Mackay-Challis area will not generate another earthquake of Richter magnitude 7 for another 500 to 1,000 years. The UBC requirements are intended to be realistic and practical. There is the small problem though of how much

# Don't tip the mailmen

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Letter carriers got a warning from their boss Monday that requesting or accepting gifts from customers at Christmas is against the rules.

Postmaster General William Bolger warned that the agency's conduct code bars postal workers from accepting any financial advantage from their work except their salary.

"Every year since I have been stopped,"

Postmaster General, I have received complaints about postal employees soliciting Christmas gifts from our customers, especially business customers," Bolger said.

"The solicitations have ranged from direct asking to the more subtle approach of dropping a Christmas card in the customer's mail.

"This is wrong and must be stopped."

# Paratroopers back from Grenada tour

FORT BRAGG, N.C. (UPI) — C-141 transport planes landed in a steady rain Monday, beginning the final withdrawal of American paratroopers from Grenada in time for the Christmas deadline set by President Reagan.

About 700 members of the 82nd Airborne Division, wearing camouflage-fatigues and jungle netting on their helmets, arrived about noon aboard five planes at nearby Pope Air Force Base. A sixth plane had a flat tire in Grenada and was scheduled to land later in the day.

Several hundred wives, children and friends — many waving American flags and wearing yellow ribbons — greeted the paratroopers who headed for Grenada Oct. 26, the day after lightly armed Marines and Army Rangers invaded the island.

Several people held large bedsheets on which the words "Welcome home" were printed.

Cynthia Salazar, wife of Sgt. Pedro Salazar of Toledo, Ohio, held a sign that said "I love you, Sgt. Salazar, welcome home Charlie Company."

"I have been waiting for this day for



Members of the 82nd Airborne Division arrive at Ft. Bragg.

forever," Mrs. Salazar said.

The Pentagon said all but about 300 "support personnel" will be flown out of Grenada this week, fulfilling a pledge by Reagan to have combat

soldiers out of Grenada by Christmas. At one time, 6,000 U.S. troops were on the island.

"Troops remaining in Grenada include military police, medics, civic

action, logistical and administrative support personnel," a Pentagon statement said. No timetable has been set for the withdrawal of the remaining American personnel.

John W. Shannon, deputy undersecretary of the Army, greeted the paratroopers during a brief ceremony near the flight line of Pope Air Force Base.

"Soldiers of the 82nd Airborne, welcome home," Shannon shouted as the crowd cheered.

Saying he had "no fancy words," Shannon praised the 82nd Airborne Division, one of the country's first-strike units. "It's good to have you home, you did a great job," he said.

The combat infantry badge, which signifies service under hostile fire, was given to three members of the 82nd during the ceremony. All of the paratroopers eventually will get the badge.

Col. Robert W. Wright, commander of the 2nd Battalion, presented a letter to Shannon which he described as a letter of thanks from the people of Grenada.

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# Panel trying to crack Texas drug connection

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (UPI) — The chairman of a congressional committee drawing up a new narcotics control and abuse program said Monday that South Texas drug traffickers are operating in the open and no one seems to be doing much about it.

"It's an open day for drug dealers," Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., said after hearing 6 1/2 hours of almost non-stop testimony from federal and local law-enforcement officials and agency personnel involved in prevention and treatment of drug abuse.

"It's a shocking example of what's happening throughout the country," he said.

Rangel, chairman of the committee, and other members of the House Select Committee on Narcotics Abuse and Control vigorously questioned federal and local law enforcement officials on why concerted steps were not being taken to combat the "Texas Connection" in international narcotics smuggling.

Nueces County (Corpus Christi) Sheriff James Hickey testified that narcotics are sold on the streets of Corpus Christi with little hindrance from law enforcement. He said his officers had made only 25 narcotics arrests this year.

"Why aren't you screaming with outrage?" Rangel asked.

"I'm afraid it's the mood of too large a section of society," said Hickey, who has only three or four of his 148 officers working narcotics.

Hickey, Corpus Christi Police Chief Bill Banner and Brownsville Police Chief Andy Vega, under heated questioning from committee members, said they needed more personnel, better training and more money if they are to put a dent in the increasing supplies of heroin, cocaine and marijuana being smuggled into and their cities.

Donald F. Kelly, regional U.S. Customs commissioner, said his agents have confiscated only 7 pounds of heroin the last four years in Corpus Christi.

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# Author discovers solitude on ship

NEW ORLEANS (UPI) — The container ship Brinton Lykes — loaded with chemicals, auto parts, railroad ties, paper products and one Pullman Frisco-winner — sailed toward South America Monday.

Alex Haley, who gained international fame writing about his African "Roots," said he had looked forward to the voyage. The ship left port at dawn Monday.

Haley said he would use the 40-day trip to Colombia, Panama, Ecuador, Peru, Chile and back to finish his latest novel, a story called "Hemning."

"I couldn't care less where the ship is going," said Haley, stressing the freedom and solitude of freighter travel.

"If there ever was such a thing for a writer, this is quality time for me. It's the only place I know where you can commune with your thoughts, the paper and the Lord. If I stay ashore, there's no way I can really get immersed in what I'm doing."

The author said he expected to put in 12- to 14-hour days during the voyage, each day starting about 10 p.m.

Only one of his 17 pieces of baggage contains clothing. Most are full of notes and reference materials. One box contains special foods for a new diet, he said.

Haley said about 75 percent of "Roots" was written aboard a freighter. His next two novels — "Madame C.J.," about C.J. Walker, the first woman in the country to earn a million dollars, and another about Appalachia — will be written aboard freighters next year.

The author said he has been working on "Hemning," a novel about the small western Tennessee town of 550 people where he grew up, for about 18 months.

"It's about the people and every-



ALEX HALEY Finishing new novel

thing you find in a little town in the South in the '30s — during the last age of innocence; I like to call it," Haley said.

"It's about the time that I grew up there, not about me."

# Hippo takes 7-hour stroll

KASSEL, West Germany (UPI) — Police and firemen spent seven hours searching the streets of Kassel for an 85-pound hippopotamus that decided to take an early morning promenade, police said Monday.

"She wanted to take a stroll," said a police spokesman.

The 2-year-old female circus hippo named "Gusti" broke out of her winter quarters in the suburbs of the central German town early Sunday and was spotted walking down the street by an astonished group returning from a late night at a discotheque. "They thought it was a horse at first," said the spokesman.

Police and firemen chased the

heavyweight for seven hours through four miles of suburbia before cornering "Gusti" and coaxing her into a horse trailer with potatoes and carrots.

But not before the animal had made its mark on the town. "She rammed a police car and did 700 marks (\$260) worth of damage and demolished a garden wall," said the police spokesman.

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# Solo by writer's son receives big ovation

SAXTONS RIVER, Vt. (UPI) — An 11-year-old Russian-born pianist best known as the son of reclusive Nobel laureate Alexander Solzhenitsyn attracted his own share of admiration at his orchestra debut this weekend.

Ignat Solzhenitsyn, son of the exiled Russian author, was solo pianist in two Windham Community Orchestra performances of the Beethoven Piano Concerto No. 2.

The serious, blond, round-faced youth, who was

given a standing ovation by an audience of 200, said after the performance he wants to be a professional musician.

His father did not attend the concert Saturday night, but did show up for a repeat performance Sunday afternoon in West Brattleboro. He is said to be working 16 hours a day, writing at the family's secluded estate in Cavendish.

His mother Natalia, grandmother, and two brothers sat with friends.

Mrs. Solzhenitsyn declined to comment on her son's performance.

"It's not my night tonight," she said.

Solzhenitsyn, who has only been playing seriously for two years, said after his performance he is the only really musical member of his family.

The Solzhenitsyns have lived in relative isolation since they settled on a 50-acre estate in southern Vermont in 1976.

# Federal witness floats checks for \$83 million

HOUSTON (UPI) — A man given a new identity under the federal witness protection program floated \$83 million in worthless checks, netting about \$1 million profit and was fined only \$1,000.

The Houston Chronicle said in a copyrighted report the convicted swindler was given a new identity, John M. Bennett, and moved to Houston in 1977 after testifying against two policemen in a California securities fraud case.

An indictment charged he floated \$83.9 million worth of checks through Houston banks and a resultant \$31.5 million in cash through a California money market fund during four months of 1978.

Once discovered, his trial was handled in secret because of his protected witness status. It ended with Bennett found guilty of misdemeanor conversion of \$100 and fined \$1,000. Prosecutors involved refused comment.

Documents obtained by the Chronicle showed the dignified-looking Bennett used an FBI reference to start the scam at a Houston area bank. He said he put the cash in the Capital Preservation Fund in California because the fund takes advantage of the time it takes for checks to clear banks across the country. Capital Preservation Fund since has changed its rules.

Once the scheme was going, Bennett said he moved from bank to bank using the previous banks as references.

"I made no credit applications, no nothing, with any of these people," he said.

Bennett said at one point he could have pulled out of the scam and walked away free with \$7.9 million cash from the fund, but he did not want to quit.

"I'm afflicted by the same problem as all other human beings. I'm a bit greedy," Bennett said. "This deal was so fat, I couldn't believe it. But being like most guys who get caught, I violated a cardinal rule of con games. I should have known each scheme is not infinite."

The scheme finally broke when nine checks for \$1 million bounced. The Chronicle said the banks involved, including Katy National Bank, Ashford Bank and the Allied Bank, filed suits and countersuits after Bennett's exposure. One banker was fired.

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# Supreme Court lets ruling on sick infant stand

## Unions take aim at Reagan

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland urged the United Mine Workers union Monday to join the "house of labor" and forge a united campaign to oust President Reagan from the White House.

Addressing the opening session of the UMW convention on the 36th anniversary of the union's disaffiliation from the old American Federation of Labor in 1947, Kirkland praised its sense of independence, but said unity is essential for organized labor to succeed.

Kirkland received a glowing introduction from UMW President Richard Drumka, who has maintained a good relationship with the federation since taking office a year ago.

He issued a strong denunciation of Reagan administration policies, winning repeated applause from the 1,400 delegates to the 49th constitutional convention. The UMW represents about 240,000 active and retired miners. Only about 10,000 are active, however, and that total about 50,000 are unemployed.

"This is an administration that knows the price-of-everything-in-dollars and the value of nothing in the scales of human justice," he said. Kirkland said the 137 million-member federation of 96 unions, which has already endorsed former Vice President Walter Mondale for the presidency, will work harder than ever to get rank-and-file members to the polls next election day.

## Mayor says hunger real

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Baltimore Mayor William Schefer criticized Edwin Meese for questioning of the extent of hunger in America, and suggested Monday the top presidential aide needs to "walk the streets and talk to the people."

Schefer, testifying before Congress's Joint Economic Committee on the fiscal condition of cities, said he did not believe Meese is "hard-hearted," just uninformed.

"I don't think he's ever had the opportunity to walk in city neighborhoods where the soup kitchens and shelters for the homeless are located," said Schefer, a Democrat recently elected to his fourth term.

"There are people in need in the city, and I don't think Mr. Meese understands the need to walk the streets and talk to the people."

Meese, whose title in counselor to the president, said last week that some reports of widespread hunger are "purely political" and there are no authoritative figures on the extent of hunger in America. He also said some people go to soup kitchens because the food is free, not because of need.

Schefer agreed there is no "famine" in America, but said his own tours of soup kitchens convinced him people getting food there are in need.

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court refused Monday to enter a raging legal battle over whether 2-month-old Baby Jane Doe, a severely handicapped infant who is now critically ill, should have life-prolonging surgery. The justices, without comment, let stand a New York court ruling upholding the decision against surgery made by the infant's parents, despite Reagan administration legal efforts to have a role in deciding her fate.

The baby girl was listed in critical condition Monday with pneumonia at a Stony Brook, N.Y., hospital. State officials applauded the court's action, with Richard Rifkin, an assistant state attorney general, saying, "It is victory for the parents and a sign that we are coming close to the end of their turmoil."

But William Weber, the infant's former court-appointed guardian who brought the appeal to the justices, vowed to carry on the fight. "Why should I give up when I'm defending an innocent child?" he asked.

The court also removed what seems to be the final obstacle to the Jan. 1 court-ordered breakup of the Bell Telephone system. The justices, in a one-line order, rejected challenges by New York and California to a key element of the breakup of the world's largest private company, American Telephone & Telegraph, supported by the federal government, urged the court to stay out of the case.

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## Study weighs costs of Swan Falls decision

By HAL BERTON  
Times-News writer

BOISE — A state move to subordinate Idaho Power's water rights at Swan Falls Dam probably would open up 198,000 new acres of land for agricultural development by the year 2000.

That prediction is included in a new study by University of Idaho professors Joel Hamilton and Ashley Lyman.

But the action could result in a 12 percent to 14 percent rate hike for Idaho Power customers, as the company would be forced to replace the power that it produces at its low-cost Snake River hydro plants with more expensive power from newer facilities.

These findings were part of a good news-bad news scenario the two professors presented Monday at a hearing sponsored by the Swan Falls Interim Study Committee of the Legislative Council.

The committee is chaired by state Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly.

"Both the costs and the benefits (of subordination) are considerably lower than had been anticipated by the Legislature," Hamilton said.

The professors' study was the result of a four-month, computer-aided effort to determine the potential results of legislative proposals to condemn Idaho Power's right to 8,400 cubic feet of water per second of Snake River water at the Swan Falls Dam. That

right was affirmed in a controversial November 1982 state Supreme Court decision, the result of which has been a virtual moratorium on new agricultural development upstream from Swan Falls.

The study concludes that a state condemnation of the Swan Falls water right would cost Idaho Power about \$14.2 million in lost revenues from hydro-power generation.

Added to Idaho Power's revenue loss would be a \$35 million expense in setting up power lines to service new farmland that would be developed as water supplies became available, the study says.

If the subordination costs were to be paid primarily by the irrigators buying power from Idaho Power, their rates would soar an

average of 52 percent, the study says. Under this scenario, other Idaho Power customers would experience a 4.7 percent rate hike due to the subordination action.

If the new-service costs were spread out equally to all customers, the average electrical rate increase would be 12.6 percent, according to the study.

The 12.6 percent rate increase would have only a relatively mild impact on the majority of southern Idaho irrigators, who farm about 2.5 million acres of land, Hamilton predicted. But it would cause economic hardship to those irrigators who use energy-intensive high-lift pumps to farm about 100,000 acres of Idaho farmland.

Hamilton said that higher electric rates also

would diminish the state's competitive edge in attracting new industry. Currently, Idaho Power offers some of the cheapest power in the nation, he said.

On the plus side of the ledger, the report concludes that the 195,000 acres of farmland that could be opened for development could contribute about \$45 million in "value-added" benefits to the state economy.

But these benefits, Hamilton pointed out, would be concentrated in the farm sector of the economy.

And Hamilton cautioned that the new acreage also could cause problems by producing crop surpluses, which could — at least temporarily — depress market prices.



During the seminar, Paul Henning emphasized the adverse effects drugs and alcohol have on a user's mind and body.

## Students get lesson on drug problem

By ANNETTE GARY  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Drug and alcohol use is definitely a problem at Twin Falls High School, say the students.

And it is a problem that is being nudged along by a combination of peer pressure and popular culture, says Paul Henning, of the Intermountain Hospital in Boise.

Hemming is in Twin Falls this week to talk to parents and all students above the second-grade about drug and alcohol abuse among students.

Besides answering questions and distributing self-evaluation questionnaires, Henning is showing the film "Epidemic! Kids, Drugs and Alcohol." On Monday, he presented the seminar at Twin Falls High School.

Most students questioned after the film said the seminar was informative, but not likely to change their habits or attitudes. But one student seemed impressed.

"I just might quit drinking," said sophomore John Deremiah. "If you're drunk, you don't know if you are going to drive or not."

One scene in the film re-enacted a car accident in which a drunk teenager killed a 3-year-old child and later was arrested for manslaughter.

Deremiah said he is not alone in his concern. The room became noticeably quieter when mangled cars from the wreck caused by the drinking teenager were shown, he pointed out.

Anyone who thinks most teenagers do not drink should look around the parking lot at the high school after a ball game. The lot is usually littered with beer cans, Deremiah said.

"Yeah, alcohol's a problem," student Robert Blevins agreed. But more marijuana is used at school than alcohol, he said. "It's easier to hide."

One senior said he "knew all that stuff" in Henning's presentation. Pointing to scenes filmed in a mental hospital, which showed a student who thinks he is Superman almost a month after an amphetamine overdose, he said, "That doesn't happen in Twin Falls. That's for hardcores, like in New York or California or something."

He also said that on the self-evaluation questionnaire he scored in the "addiction-process" category. He dismissed the test as not reliable, since it classifies an "average drinker that goes to a keg two or three times a month" as a problem drinker.

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## Communication can help fight abuse

By ANNETTE GARY  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Communication is the first step in identifying, solving or preventing a drug or alcohol-abuse problem in students.

And the time to start is when they are in grade school, says Doug Henning, of the Intermountain Hospital in Boise.

"You'd better prepare them now, not when they get over here (in the high school)," he says.

Students who heard his seminar Monday at Sawtooth Elementary School were more interested and attentive than the high-school students who also heard it, he said.

And they had questions they wanted answers for. "What do I do if a teenager tries to sell me drugs?" and "What can I do if someone I know is using drugs?" Henning said.

If a parent is uncomfortable and hesitant about

discussing drugs and alcohol, they can use movies and television as a starting point, he suggests.

For instance, after watching "Arthur," which stars Dudley Moore as a witty, lovable drunk, a parent could discuss how most drunk persons actually act, Henning says.

Parents should also be aware of the world their child is growing up in, he says.

"It's a different breed of cat than when we went to school." Many students do not like the world they see and seek feelings of worthwhileness or just popularity through drugs and alcohol, he says.

He also has the following suggestions for parents who know or suspect that their child is using drugs or alcohol.

- Don't hold irresponsible guilt. Parents cannot be 24-hour chaperons. Recognize that we all make wrong choices, and start concentrating

on helping your child learn from his or her mistakes.

- Get rid of double standards. A parent cannot convince a child not to drink or smoke pot if the parent continues to drink or smoke.
- Don't pass judgment. Most persons are addicted to something, often to caffeine, he says. Again, setting an example is important.
- Listen. "My parents do the talking, and I do the listening" is a common complaint of students, Henning says. Try to discuss the meaning of taking drugs calmly and rationally.
- Get professional help. If a student continues to use alcohol or drugs, the family may need a trained counselor who is not emotionally involved.
- Students or parents who want more information or counseling can ask the counselors in the Twin Falls schools for referral to an appropriate agency.

## Issue clouded Stouffer bid

City couldn't get water permit

By HAL BERTON  
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Swan Falls water conflict prevented the city of Twin Falls from obtaining a crucial water permit that was needed to help finance the Stouffer Food Corp. to build a major plant in Twin Falls.

Tom Courtney, the Twin Falls city manager, told a Legislative Council committee Monday evening that negotiations with the state Department of Water Resources failed to secure the water permit that was required to develop a 5-million-gallon-a-day "booster" well.

Stouffer's would have needed the well to provide adequate water pressure for its proposed processing plant, he said.

"You can understand the dilemma that the city was in," Courtney told the committee. "If we couldn't submit to Stouffer's on the water issue, we were afraid they would drop us from consideration."

Mike Dollon, the executive director of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce, said Monday evening that the absence of a well permit could have developed into a "major issue" had the city landed the Stouffer's plant, and then not have had an adequate water supply. But Dollon said he was confident a solution for the problem could have been found eventually.

Ken Dunn, the director of the water department, told the committee that agency's hands were tied by a state decision, which granted the Idaho Power Co. the right to 8,400 cubic feet of water per second at Swan Falls Dam on the Snake River.

Dunn said the Swan Falls decision forced his agency to place a moratorium on the approval of any



TOM COURTNEY Faced dilemma

new water projects that would infringe on Idaho Power's water rights.

In early October, Stouffer's bypassed Twin Falls and decided to build its new processing plant in Springville, Utah. "According to Courtney, that decision was due to several factors, which included cheaper power and water-treatment costs at Springville.

But Courtney also said that the city's lack of a water permit "didn't have a positive impact" on the site-selection process.

Courtney said that after the water department was unable to approve the well permit, the governor's office told the city to negotiate some type of settlement for the well directly with Idaho Power officials.

However, obtaining a written settlement with Idaho Power proved as elusive as a water permit from the state.

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## Storm put strain on city equipment

By DAVID MOFFAT  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — City streets have thawed, but the process of evaluating the snow-removal work done during this year's early-season storm has just begun.

At first glance, the reviews seem good.

Twin Falls city engineer Gary Young believes the city used its few pieces of equipment well.

"Everybody will not be pleased, he says. And the storm did raise a number of issues that could stand further discussion, he thinks.

But Young compares this year's performance favorably to that of the winter of 1981-1982, when the city found itself totally unprepared.

This time, city crews "got on top of it early and stayed on top of it," Young says. Promptness prevented ice build-up and eliminated serious flooding when warm weather returned.

But with both limited budget and manpower, the city must set its priorities. Those wishing every street to be plowed are expecting too much, Young says.

Young estimates the city spent \$22,777 on the storm. That figure is based on 439 man-hours at \$13.20 per hour, plus — for calculation purposes — the rental expense of a variety of city equipment.

This money largely will come from the city's \$1 million street department budget.

But some work was done by water-sewer and parks personnel, who were pressed into emergency service. And a significant amount of the post-storm snow-hauling was contracted out to crews from the Twin Falls Canal Co., who now are idle because it's their off-season.

In addition, crews from the state and the Twin Falls Highway District cleared some outlying areas, where drifting was particularly heavy.

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## Jones to argue appeal of death sentence in Ketchum case

By DAVE LEWIS  
Times-News writer

BOISE — The appeal of the first-degree murder conviction and death sentence of Mark Emilio Aragon will be argued today before the Idaho Supreme Court.

The appeal also will mark the first appearance of Attorney General Jim Jones before the high court since he was elected to office a year ago.

Jones says he will make the appearance to draw attention to the domestic violence involved in the case.

Aragon was convicted in August 1982 of murdering the 6-month-old daughter of his live-in girlfriend. The killing took place in a Ketchum condominium in April of that year.

Jones says he, rather than his solicitor general, who usually argues cases before the Supreme Court, is handling the case because

he wants to emphasize the appropriateness of the death penalty in domestic-violence cases, especially those involving children.

In general, Jones says, he believes violent domestic crimes must be treated as any other violent crime.

Noting that domestic crimes are often treated differently by law-enforcement officers, he says the act of the crime must be "separated from the home."

Jones says he hopes his appearance will have an influence on the court's decision, and he hopes it will help send a message to the public about his attitudes on domestic crimes, and the application of the death penalty to them.

In the Aragon case, Ketchum lawyer Robert Fallowfield, representing the defendant, says he will present eight arguments to the court that center around five aspects of the case. They are:

- The jury acted out of it revelation to the brutality of the crime when it convicted Aragon of first-degree murder. In fact, Fallowfield says, there was insufficient evidence that the crime was premeditated, a requirement for a first-degree conviction.
- The justifications used for applying the death sentence were unconstitutionally vague.
- The role of the child's mother, Theresa Watson, in the girl's death. Fallowfield says he will argue that Fifth District Court Judge Douglas D. Kramer refused to give sufficient instructions to the jury on the role of an accomplice, which would have helped it decide if Watson was an accomplice.
- The state failed to turn over evidence concerning Watson's treatment of the child, he says, that would have cast doubts on her testimony, which was materially important to the state's case.
- The judge failed to give sufficient in-

structions to the jury that would help it make a distinction between first- and second-degree murder.

Although Fallowfield admits that his chances of overturning the conviction are slim, he hopes the court will find some reason to overturn the conviction.

Jones, on the other hand, will argue that the trial court did not make any errors, and that there was sufficient reason for the first-degree conviction and the death penalty.

Fallowfield, in his trial brief with the appeal, does not argue that Aragon did not kill the child. He does state, however, that there was insufficient evidence that Aragon acted out of premeditation.

According to previous courtroom testimony in the case:

In April 10, 1982, Aragon and Watson, who had been living together for about seven weeks, were eating lunch and watching televi-

sion on their living-room couch, while the baby was playing in the bathtub in shallow water.

Aragon then went into the bathroom. About five minutes later, Watson said she heard a loud banging noise and a gasp from the baby, as if it were being drowned.

Watson rushed to the bathroom, in her words, to see what Aragon was doing to the baby. She looked at the baby and although it was not moving or making any sound, she was satisfied it was all right, and returned to the living room.

Shortly afterward, Aragon came from the bathroom and asked the mother if she wanted him to take the baby out of the tub. She said OK, and he went back to the bathroom.

Aragon then called to Watson that something was wrong with the child. Watson went

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# Snowmobiles banned to help hungry elk

**TWIN FALLS (UPI)** — In an effort to protect hungry elk, Sawtooth National Forest Service officials say two sections of the Fairfield Ranger District have been closed temporarily to snowmobiles.

District manager John Madden says motorized vehicles will not be allowed in the South Fork of the Boise River area, from the Forest Service guard station at Shake Creek to Couch Summit, and in the Buttercup and

Wine creeks in the Willow Creek Drainage.

Recent heavy snowfall has pushed hungry animals into the canyon bottoms of the areas to be closed, Madden says.

"The Idaho Fish and Game Department has started to feed elk at several locations on the South Fork of the Boise River," Madden says. "We have closed these areas to snow-

machine travel until the snow melts in the higher elevations, permitting the elk to find natural feed.

Madden says closure signs have been posted on roads leading to the prohibited areas, and he says violators may be prosecuted.

Property owners needing to travel into the closed areas should contact the ranger district office for a special permit.

# In the valley

## Jerome man commits suicide

**JEROME** — George Edwin Gifford, 37, of Jerome, died of a gunshot wound in the head Friday night at his home, 208 E. Ave. W.

Jerome police said Monday that the death has been ruled a suicide by Coroner Gerald Oetzer, who set the time of death at about 11 p.m. Friday.

The body was found Saturday morning by Gifford's roommate, Terry Turpin.

Officers said witnesses reported that Gifford had been despondent when last seen Friday.

A full obituary is elsewhere on this page.

director seat from the Third Precinct. And Charles Coe Jr. of Twin Falls has filed to replace the retiring Tom Oltstead in Precinct Five.

The polls will be open from 1 to 7 p.m.

Voting locations will be the Twin Falls County Courthouse, the reservoir district office in Jerome, the Twin Falls County Mutual Fire Insurance Office in Buhl and the Bliss, Wendell and Elser city halls.

A director's term lasts three years.

All property owners 18 or older who reside in the district may vote for one candidate from each precinct.

# Drugs

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Similar attitudes are typical, said high-school counselor Gene Harris.

"There's a tremendous amount of garbage. It's scary to think you might be hooked on it," he said.

Few students request counseling for drug or alcohol problems for themselves, but ask for help for friends, he said.

"You get the reputation of being a narc," Harris said. "It's a good way to get ostracized, especially if all your friends drink."

see the seniors drinking at keg. It's indirect peer pressure."

Most students at Twin Falls start to drink because they are bored, he said. And he believes "most everyone has a beer every now and then."

"There's nothing for kids to do in this town. The alternative is to drink," Muldoon says. "The game gets out at 9:30, and you don't have to be home until midnight. What are you going to do until then?"

Muldoon estimates that about 75 of the 1,300 students at the school are regular users of marijuana. That's far below the 9 percent average nationally, quoted by Henning.

Harris agrees that the school exhibits few of the typical signs of heavy marijuana use — deteriorating grades and a lack of enthusiasm for academic and sports programs.

However, many students have tried marijuana out of curiosity, Muldoon says. They hear about professional athletes and movie stars using pot and other drugs, and think, "Hey, he's a neat guy. I wonder what he sees in that?" Muldoon says.

"No drugs other than marijuana are used by high-school students, Muldoon says, except amphetamines. "Speed" can be purchased on the school grounds "if you know who to ask," he says.

## Reservoir district election

The American Falls Reservoir District No. 1 will hold its annual election today.

Only one incumbent on the seven-member board of directors is being challenged. In the Sixth Precinct, the Filier area, Merl Leonard, a 15-year veteran, is being opposed by Gilbert DeKlotz.

Dale Depew of Wendell is running unopposed for the

## New snowstorm hits area

**TWIN FALLS** — A new snowstorm was reported Monday night in the Magic Valley, with reports of snow and heavy wind on U.S. 93, south of Twin Falls.

Police officers warned that visibility was poor from the junction of U.S. 93 and Idaho 74 to the Nevada line.

It also was reported snowing in Mountain Home, Jerome, Gooding and Twin Falls. However, Halley, where a heavy weekend storm dropped a foot of new snow, had no reports of a storm.

# Obituaries

## Dorothy Marie Lytle

**TWIN FALLS** — Dorothy Marie Lytle, 72, of Twin Falls, died Monday at the Mountain View Convalescent Center at Kimberly.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary of Twin Falls.

## Robert Bingham officiating

Burial will be in Jerome Cemetery. The Rev. Dave Robertson, Funeral Chapel of Jerome is in charge of arrangements.

## Henrietta Gamboa

**GOODING** — Henrietta Gamboa, 82, of Gooding, died Thursday in San Diego.

Born July 9, 1901, in Setaon, Idaho. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bliss in 1911 and had attended schools in Hagerman.

She married Felix Gamboa on May 29, 1916 in Boise. They lived in New York, until moving to Gooding in 1938. They had operated the Hagerman Boarding House in Gooding.

Mr. Gamboa died in 1960.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding.

Surviving are a son, Henry Gamboa of San Diego; a sister, Lucia Oso of Gooding; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

Rosary will be recited Sunday at 7 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Mass will be celebrated Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding, with the Rev. Father Thomas Gaullian as celebrant. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery at Gooding.

Surviving are a son, Henry Gamboa of San Diego; a sister, Lucia Oso of Gooding; five grandchildren; and a great-grandchild.

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## Eva Carrie Miner

**RUPERT** — Eva Carrie Miner, 86, of Lawndale, Calif., and a former of Rupert, died Wednesday in a Hawthorne, Calif., hospital.

Born June 12, 1897, in Hale, Mo., she attended Missouri schools. She married Stanley Miner in Missouri, and they moved to Rupert in 1943. He died in 1969.

In 1976, she moved to Lawndale, where she had lived since.

She was a member of the Baptist Church.

Surviving are: a daughter, Joyce Helm of Lawndale; a son, Albert Miner of Marion, Wis.; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert, with the Rev. Donald E. Deay officiating. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call at the funeral home Wednesday afternoon and evening, and prior to the service Thursday.

# Aragon

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in and found the baby was not breathing. She revived the child.

When she asked Aragon to call an ambulance, he did nothing. Watson had to run and ask a neighbor to call for help.

As the paramedics took the child out, Aragon sat quietly in the courtroom, where police later found him when he was arrested.

The judge said at Sun Valley's Morris Hospital and then transferred to Utah's Primary Children's Medical Center, where it died two days later.

Medical cases concluded that the injuries to the child's head were equal to 10 having fallen from a three- to four-story building, two or three times.

Examiners speculated at the trial that Aragon hit the child by his feet, pounding its head against the bathtub.

Aragon testified at his sentencing hearing that he remembered hitting the child on the fist, but could not remember anything else about the incident.

Fallowfield argues that Aragon's emotional state after the child's injuries are evidence of his state of mind following the incident, not evidence of his state of mind during the incident. He says that there is not enough evidence to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the killing was premeditated.

Aragon's "calm attitude" toward the child, evidenced by previous physical abuses and threats, are evidence of a person who would kill in cold blood.

# Snow

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The city has one hydraulic plow, which can be mounted on the front of a dump truck at the same time that a sander-salter can be mounted on the rear.

The plow was purchased after the snowy winter of 1982. It sat idle last year, but looked like a good investment again when the snow started falling Wednesday, Nov. 30, Young says.

The city also used two road graders as plows and a variety of dump trucks and loaders to haul off the accumulated piles.

The most-productive work was done in the early morning hours, starting about 2 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1, Young says. The strategy was to clear arterials and collector streets, then push the snow out of the major intersections.

The easiest way to remove snow is to plow it right to the curb, Young says. But this means that property owners must shovel out their cars and driveways, and so the city uses the slower, politically less-controversial

# method of plowing snow to the middle of the road.

The width of the city's main streets makes this possible. But it presents hidden problems, such as an inability to plow snow to the right, Young says.

Under the plow-to-the-left method, snow piled in the middle of a street also must be hauled away in trucks.

This second, time-consuming phase was begun the week after the storm.

When complete, 3,028 cubic yards of snow had been removed. It was dumped in Harmon Park, Rock Creek Canyon or the Perrine Coulee.

Several other areas may require some discussion in the wake of the storm, Young says. One is whether the city needs another \$5,000 plow. Designating snow emergency routes also might give the city greater flexibility, he says. By special order, cars parked on an emergency route during a storm can be towed at the owner's expense. This would save time and provide additional snow storage space without impeding the traffic flow, he says.

## Helen Olson

**BURLEY** — Helen Olson, 85, of Burley, died Thursday at Cassia Memorial Hospital.

Born July 18, 1918, in Culfam, Mont., she was a member of the Catholic Church.

A graveside service will be held today at 10 a.m. in Pleasant View Cemetery at Burley, with the Rev. Father Enrique Montesano of the Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Church officiating.

Friends may call at Payne Mortuary in Burley from 9 to 10 a.m.

## William T. Pawson

**KIMBERLY** — William T. Pawson, 81, of Kimberly, died Sunday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Born July 23, 1915, in Cheyenne, Wyo., he moved to Twin Falls with his family in 1931 and served in the Army during World War II.

Mr. Pawson married Irene Burns in Twin Falls on Dec. 10, 1945.

He worked for the Idaho Hayburn department for 15 years, then worked for the Snake River Research Center at Kimberly for 17 years, retiring in 1980.

He moved to Kimberly with his wife in 1979.

Surviving are: his wife of Kimberly; two daughters, Mrs. Patricia Pawson of Cheyenne and Larry L. Pawson of Filer; a daughter, Gloria Anderson of Evanston, Wyo.; nine grandchildren; and a brother, William T. Pawson of Filer.

He was preceded in death by his wife and a grandson.

Rosary will be held Wednesday at 7 p.m. at White Mortuary in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Sheldon Sigel officiating. Burial will be in Twin Falls Cemetery.

The funeral will be held today at 11 a.m. in the Mormon Church, off North Lincoln Street in Jerome, with Bishop

## Maria Mai Stark

**RUPERT** — Maria Mai Stark, 84, of Rupert, died Monday at Mindoka Memorial Hospital.

Born on Sept. 12, 1901, in Fossil, Kan., she moved to Idaho with her parents in 1912. She married Carl L. Stark on Dec. 29, 1920. They homesteaded a farm near Idaho and lived there until 1957.

She was a member of the Rupert United Methodist Church, the Grange Auxiliary, the Merry-Goe-Round Social Club and the Unity Settlers Organization. She also had served as a 4-H leader for many years.

Surviving are: four sons, Carl Stark Jr. of Alta Loma, Calif., and Walter Stark, Henry Stark and Robert Stark, all of Rupert; three daughters, Evelyn Burns of Rupert, Louise Stewart of Sparks, Nev., and Margaret Cameron of Rupert; six grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a son and a daughter.

The funeral will be held Friday at 11 a.m. in the Rupert United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Ralph Wilde officiating. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery.

Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert on Thursday afternoon and evening, and prior to the service Friday.

The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the United Methodist Church in Rupert.

# Stouffer's

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Courtney said the city offered to trade some of its water shares in the Twin Falls Canal Co. to Idaho Power.

In return for a written guarantee of its right to plow it right to the curb, Young says. But the deal fell through when Idaho Power refused to sign any written agreement.

They (Idaho Power) told us, 'Go ahead and drill the well. We won't stand in your way.' Courtney said. But the utility would not commit to any deal, he said.

Without the water permit or a written agreement from Idaho Power, Courtney said the city was unable to guarantee the water required by Stouffer's.

Greg Pantler, an Idaho Power lobbyist, said at Monday's committee hearing that his company had tried to resolve the city's water problems, but he said he was unsure of why a written agreement had not been approved.

Courtney stressed that the water-supply issue was only one of a number of factors in Stouffer's decision to build the factory.

But he warned the legislators, "If the state of Idaho is to be successful in industrial development, we need to resolve these (Swan Falls water-rights) issues," Courtney said.

Delton agrees.

"We have enough water to continue to grow with smaller industries," Delton said Monday. "But if we're talking about large processors, if you ask me, we handle them at this time, I'd have to say no."

## Services

### TWIN FALLS

The funeral for Lloyd M. Baln, 79, of Twin Falls, who died Friday, will be held today at 2 p.m. in the 12th Ward Mormon Chapel, off Cassell Avenue in Twin Falls. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. White Mortuary in Twin Falls is in charge of arrangements.

### ALMO

The funeral for Earl J. Taylor, 82, of Almo, who died Friday, will be held at 1 p.m. today in the Almo Ward of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Burial will be in Sunny Cedar Rest Cemetery at Almo. Friends may call at the church an hour prior to the service. Payne Mortuary of Burley is in charge of arrangements. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Almo Mormon Church.

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Grace Mendonhall of Heyburn and Cheryl Darrington of Declo. Burial in Declo.

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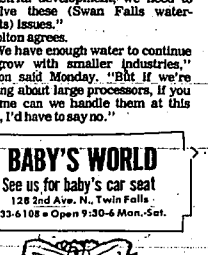
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# Farmers keep wary eye on jackrabbits

RUPERT (UPI) — Idaho farm leaders say producers will "wait and see" how jackrabbit populations respond to winter weather before deciding whether to slaughter the rodents to protect crops from damage.

Idaho Farm Bureau Federation spokesman Bill Whitton said Monday he believes less than 5 percent of all hay stored in eastern Idaho this season has sustained any damage from the roaming rabbits.

However, he added, most eastern Idaho farmers aren't willing to rule out the possibility that they'll be forced to kill the animals, as they did when rabbits ruined the harvest of scores of growers during the winter of 1981-82.

"It's premature to do any judging right now as to what might happen," said Whitton, who also is mayor of Rupert. "It's sort of a wait-and-see attitude by the people, seeing if they can control the

rabbits by other means."

Some farmers are allowing hunters to hone their marksmanship by shooting rabbits near exposed haystacks, Whitton said. Others are experimenting with snow fences in an attempt to keep the rodents away from crops, he said.

Whitton said the rabbits have not been as prolific recently as they were two years ago, when farmers swept through fields, clubbing and destroying thousands of the animals.

But if a harsh winter descends on the region and forces rabbits to scrounge through farm supplies, growers might be forced to conduct the same kind of roundups that prompted a lawsuit by the Fund for Animals aiming to halt the practice, he said.

Tom Geary of Burley, new president of the federation, said he was pleased with last week's Idaho Supreme Court ruling in the Fund for

Animals case, because justices agreed unanimously that farmers had the right to protect their crops by killing the rabbits.

Geary said farmers felt vindicated by the ruling, and he disputed some published statements indicating the Fund for Animals considered the ruling a victory.

"All the talk by the Fund for Animals people saying they have won the issue is just for publicity's sake," said Geary. "They wouldn't use this type of propaganda to get additional funds from folks out of this area to further their goals. It's just a ploy to raise more dollars."

Whitton said he had not talked to a single eastern Idaho farmer who didn't agree with the ruling.

"Everyone I talk to who is involved in agriculture say that they are really pleased the farmers will be able to protect their crops in the future," he said.

CHALLIS (UPI) — Central Idaho residents felt another aftershock Sunday from the October earthquake, but authorities said no one reported damage or injuries following the tremor that registered 4.6 on the Richter scale.

The aftershock was centered in the same area as the Oct. 28 quake, which hit 7.3 on the open-ended scale, said officials at the National Earthquake Information Service in Golden, Colo.

A spokesman said the tremor at 9:56 p.m. was centered about 110 miles northeast of Boise, between Challis and Mackay in Custer County.

A sheriff's dispatcher said the ground in Challis was shaken by the aftershock, but no other effects were reported.

Scientists at the Colorado facility said they weren't sure precisely where the aftershock originated, but they said it probably was based along the flanks of Mount Borah between the two Custer County towns, near where the October quake tore a 20-mile long gash in the foothills of the Teton Mountains.

The October quake originally was measured at 6.9 on the Richter scale, but seismologists have since upgraded the reading to 7.3 based on more complete data, officials at the Colorado center said.

# State fears waste disposal silos built to leak

By ELLEN MARKS  
United Press International

BOISE — State officials said Monday they are seeking federal documents to determine the accuracy of recently revealed architectural drawings that reportedly show that a waste-containing silo near Bruneau was designed to leak.

State Inspector Terry Koch said he has asked the General Services Administration for federal records on the abandoned Air Force missile silo, which since has been used to store toxic chemicals.

Owyhee County Prosecutor Clayton Andersen said last week he obtained Air Force drawings that show the

underground silo was designed so that moisture inside would drain into the ground to prevent damage to the concrete structure.

Andersen also said the drawings show the floor of the silo is six inches thick, not five to 12-foot thick as earlier believed.

The Bruneau site, now owned by EnviroSAFE Services of Idaho, also has two other silos, but those have not been used, yet for hazardous waste burial.

Koch said officials also are seeking information about the silos by combing through state vaults and trying to locate former building contractors who helped construct the underground containers.

Andersen has issued a plea for engineers or builders with information about the structure of the silos to contact Owyhee County officials.

Koch said the only records he has located so far are general descriptions submitted by Wes-Con Inc., the company which sold to EnviroSAFE the Bruneau site and another at Grand View.

"Our file information still states the walls of the Bruneau silo are six feet thick and the floor is 13-foot thick," Koch said. "They're just general statements in proposals set forth by Wes-Con to run a hazardous waste (silo). We're still looking through our files and haven't seen actual Air Force drawings."

The Environmental Protection Agency also will look into the matter, although the drawings turned up by Andersen are "nothing earthshattering," EPA's Idaho Director Lynn McKee said late last week.

McKee said he also was under the impression the silo doors at Bruneau were at least five feet thick, although the agency never believed the containers were "leakproof."

"The information I received was that it was very thick, steel-reinforced concrete built tight as a whistle," McKee said. "But I don't think we ever did assume they were leakproof. This may just mean it can leak faster than we thought it would."

# Lawyer alleges government withheld evidence

BOISE (UPI) — Federal prosecutors withheld evidence that might have convinced a grand jury not to indict a Pocatello firm for illegal PCB dumping, company lawyers told a judge Monday.

"The government, knowing the use of false or insufficient evidence before a grand jury is grounds for dismissal of an indictment, presented the grand jury misleading evidence," Pacific Hide and Fur Depot attorney William Maury told U.S. District Court Judge

Marion Callister.

Pacific Hide's allegations were part of a motion demanding the government release transcripts of testimony to the grand jury and depositions taken from others in the case who did not testify.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jeffrey Howe, who shook his head in anger as the defense lawyers accused him of withholding evidence from the grand jury, did not respond to the allegations.

He did, however, argue the grand jury proceedings and depositions should be kept secret until trial begins in the case.

Callister took the defense motion under advisement.

Maury and another Pacific Hide attorney, Robert Magnuson, said prosecutors failed to present witnesses that would have contradicted testimony that the firm illegally

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# Better Business Bureau warns of scam

BOISE (UPI) — The Treasure Valley Better Business Bureau says Idahoans are losing thousands of dollars to a business promoting "free gifts" and a year's supply of vitamins.

BBB Director Ken Thornberg said

the alleged scam's promoters are calling consumers with the news they have won a "free prize" — such as a television or video recorder.

But Thornberg alleged a year's vitamin supply must be purchased for

the consumer to receive the "free prize."

The bureau said the vitamins cost as much as \$300 dollars, which it said is five to 10 times the amount a drug store charges for the same products.

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# World

## Syria-U.S. talks off, no explanation

By SCOTT MACLEOD  
United Press International

BEIRUT, Lebanon — U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld held talks in Oman Monday, unexpectedly putting off an attempt to press for the release of an American in Syrian custody.

In the mountains overlooking Beirut, Druze Moslem militiamen and Lebanese troops exchanged artillery and mortar fire, keeping a 10-day-old cease-fire agreement and breaching Beirut airport closed for the 12th consecutive day.

Two U.S. F-14 Tomcat fighter-bombers flew reconnaissance missions over Beirut and U.S. Marine positions at the airport during the fighting, but there were no reported attacks against American military targets.

Syrian gunners in the mountains near Beirut fired an American reconnaissance flight Dec. 3, pro-

mpting President Reagan to order carrier-based warplanes to bomb Syrian positions the next day. One airman was killed and another was captured wounded after falling out over Syrian positions.

Rumsfeld, President Reagan's Middle East envoy, had been scheduled to visit Damascus Monday and planned to press for the release of the downed airman, Lt. Robert Goodman Jr.

But the U.S. Embassy in Beirut said he left Beirut Sunday for Muscat, Oman. Omani sources said he met Sultan Qaboos, the Persian Gulf state's Western leader, and gave him a message from Reagan.

Rumsfeld's change of schedule was not explained, but in Damascus, the state-run broadcasting authority announced plans for massive anti-American demonstrations Tuesday.

State-run Damascus radio said a special Syrian cabinet session Monday was devoted to the recent

U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation agreement, which has also been criticized by moderate Arab states.

"The U.S. has turned into full partner in Israel's expansionist designs," the broadcast quoted Prime Minister Abdehraouf al Qasbi as telling the cabinet.

"But all this will not change Syria's stance and determination to confront all threats and dangers — from wherever they come."

In Beirut, the Lebanese army said it showed restraint in the face of new shelling from Syrian-backed Druze Moslem militiamen in the Shouf Mountains but vowed to retaliate if the shelling continued.

New clashes between Lebanese troops and militiamen were also reported in Beirut's southern suburbs, home to members of the Shiite Moslem community.

## Airliner report delayed

MONTREAL (UPI) — The International Civil Aviation Organization investigating the downing of a Korean Air Lines jet by Soviet fighters, Monday delayed releasing its findings on the disaster until a Soviet statement could be considered.

The 33-nation governing council began a page-by-page examination of its confidential report on the downing of Korean Air Lines flight 007 by Soviet fighters Sept. 1 over the Sea of Japan, near a Soviet military zone, killing all 269 people aboard.

It was widely reported last week that the U.N. agency's study concludes the KAL Boeing 743 strayed over Soviet airspace Sept. 1 because of mistakes made by the crew in programming the on-board flight computer.

Council president Assad Khatib of Lebanon said the Soviet Union had submitted its own report on the incident and ICAO would not release a summary of its findings until after the Soviet documents were examined.

Khatib said the meeting, which probably would last through Tuesday, wanted unanimous adoption of the report, which contains more than 100 pages of technical data.

He gave no estimate of how long that would take but U.S. representative, Lynn Helms, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, said a summary of the findings by a five-member team that took 2 1/2 months to investigate the incident could be released Tuesday.

## Allies caution against invasion of Nicaragua

By FRANK TAYLOR  
The London Daily Telegraph

BUENOS AIRES — Latin American governments have given their strongest warnings so far to the Reagan administration against undertaking any military action against the left-wing Sandinista regime in Nicaragua.

In talks with delegations gathered here for the installation of the civilian government of Raul Alfonsin, American officials have been confronted with a "unified and vehement opposition" to any such operations, according to a knowledgeable source.

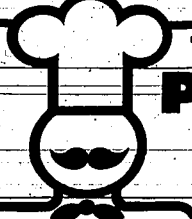
Many Latin American diplomats say the United States appears to be preparing to intervene directly in Nicaragua, possibly by provoking a confrontation between Nicaragua and Honduras, where 5,000 American troops are engaged in maneuvers.

Richard Stone, the U.S. special envoy to Central America, was included in the U.S. delegation to the Argentine ceremonies. He stayed on in Buenos Aires for talks with Latin American officials after Vice President George Bush left Sunday morning having failed to hold an anticipated meeting with the Nicaraguan leader Daniel Ortega Saavedra.

What Stone encountered came as something of a shock, the source said. Almost to a man, the Latin Americans told him that Washington should not contemplate military action against Nicaragua if it wants to retain a semblance of credibility in the region.

Perhaps the biggest surprise came from Argentina's new civilian government. Foreign Minister Dante Caputo minced no words when he said an American incursion in Nicaragua would "gravely damage" U.S.-Argentine relations.

The Americans had not expected quite such a strong reaction, particularly so soon after President



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## Salvadorans agree with criticism of rightists

By United Press International

Salvadoran military and political leaders Monday praised Vice President George Bush's call for a crackdown on army-related rightist "death squads" issued during a 7-hour visit to El Salvador.

"I would say that, in principle, I am in complete agreement," said Defense Minister Gen. Carlos Eugenio Vidales Casanova in reaction to Bush's

presidential elections, said Bush's remarks were "clear and directly to the point."

Duarte said it would not be easy for Duarte to go after the death squads, but stressed "it can be done."

Dr. Rene Fortin Magana, secretary of the Democratic Action Party and a possible presidential candidate, said his reaction to Bush's "unusual" toast was "completely positive."

There was no immediate reaction from politicians on the ultra-rightist Nationalist Republican Alliance, whose leader, Roberto d'Abulsson, refused an invitation to attend the dinner with Bush.

## Nobel Prize in Poland

WARSAW, Poland (UPI) — Lech Walesa finally received his Nobel Peace Prize medal from his wife Jolanta with a hug and three kisses in a crowded airport terminal.

Hundreds of policemen kept back a small crowd of well-wishers who tried to congratulate Walesa and his wife, Danusia, who smiled and waved the photographers as they hurried to the Solidarity union.

Walesa, leader of Poland's independent trade union, did not display the Nobel medal, but brought the award to Cascochowa, shrine of the Black Madonna icon that is sacred to Polish Catholics.

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# Religious war kills 2

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (UPI) — Gunmen shot and killed a Roman Catholic teenager Monday and a young Protestant man was found dead in a house in Belfast, both victims of a religious gang war in the province, police said.

The deaths brought the number of people killed in the strife-torn province over the last two months to 27.

Gunmen fired three shots at Tony Dawson, 18, as he was walking on a dark street with a friend just 100 yards from a police station early Monday.

One bullet struck the teenager in the neck and he died later in a local hospital, police said. His friend escaped unharmed.

# Missile protests rage on

By United Press International

Anti-American protesters Monday marked the fourth anniversary of NATO's decision to deploy U.S. nuclear missiles in Europe by marching on American bases in West Germany and Britain and holding torchlight parades.

More than 100 anti-missile activists were arrested Monday in West Germany, Britain and Denmark, bringing to 744 the number of protesters reported taken into custody in western Europe since Friday.

The new wave of anti-missile demonstrations commemorated the Dec. 12, 1979 NATO decision to deploy 464 cruise and 108 Pershing-2 medium-range nuclear weapons in Western Europe. The deployment began last month.

In Denmark, 30 youths stopped Copenhagen's Council Tower clock seconds before noon, preventing the traditional chiming and symbolically halting the countdown toward nuclear war.

The youths had planned to sit in for 574 minutes at the clock tower, Denmark's equivalent of Big Ben, but they were arrested after two hours. NATO plans to deploy 572 U.S. medium-range missiles.



Riot police in Frankfurt, Germany, clear protesters from the entrance to a U.S. depot

New arrests in West Germany brought the total number of anti-missile protesters taken into custody since Friday to 617, authorities said.

Some 3,000 anti-missile protesters

marched in a torchlit parade through West Berlin. Another 10,000 carried torches and candles in parades in the Ruhr cities of Dortmund and Dulsburg.

About 150 people renewed an at-

tempt to blockade the U.S. Army's Hausen equipment maintenance center in Frankfurt's suburbs. The crowd was dispersed, but later surrounded a West German army truck trying to enter the base.

# Israelis on guard against attacks on children

TEL AVIV, Israel (UPI) — The killing of a 15-year-old Israeli boy called fears Monday that Arab guerrillas might be responsible for the disappearance of several children during the past year.

Police were investigating whether Danny Katz, whose mutilated corpse was found Sunday 25 miles from his Haifa home, was abducted by guerrillas, the Yedioth Aharonoth newspaper said.

Police also are investigating the

possibility that sexual molesters were behind the deaths.

Investigators described the killing as one of the most brutal in Israel's history. The Ha'aretz newspaper said the boy had been sexually molested before his death.

The 15-year-old had been missing three days before a shepherd found his body in a Galilee pine forest.

"There is a hostile Arab minority concentrated in several villages we know very well," Yedioth quoted a

senior police officer as saying.

A few months ago, police arrested several Israeli Arabs on suspicion of attempting to murder a hitchhiking Israeli soldier they had picked up.

The Katz killing followed the Nov. 28 death of a 12-year-old boy, Maya Singer, 16, who was fatally burned in a field near the Mishash Hospital.

Both cases were the worst instances of child slaying in Israel since the death of a 12-year-old boy, Nava Ellim, in March 1982 of Nava Ellim, a 12-year-old from the Tel

Aviv suburb of Bat Yam.

Ten days after she was last seen on a Bat Yam street, joggers found her severed head washed up in a plastic bag on a northern Tel Aviv beach.

The Israeli chief of staff at the time, Lt. Gen. Rafael Eitan said she had been killed by an Arab guerrilla as part of an initiation rite into the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Other Israeli military and police officials challenged the accuracy of Eitan's allegation.

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# Britain grabs 6 computers headed to Soviets

LONDON (UPI) — British customs officials investigating the smuggling of high technology into the Soviet Union seized six advanced American computers they said were destined for the East bloc, customs officials said Monday.

Two British men were arrested and charged with illegal exportation.

The computer systems, manufactured by the American

Digital Equipment Corp. in the United States, were seized Sunday in the harbor city of Poole, 113 miles southwest of London, said a customs agent who asked not to be identified.

"Our intelligence shows they were destined for the Soviet bloc," the official said.

Customs spokesman Hugh Rogers said the systems, identified as series PDP 11-34 and PDP 11-44, were bound

initially for France but were to have been re-routed to the Soviet bloc.

The computers, worth about \$750,000, were not disguised but the documents presented for their transport were deceptive, the spokesman said.

NATO countries operate a monitoring system for exports of high technology in Europe. For advanced computers to be shipped out of Bri-

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# Mr. T plays Santa

By HELEN THOMAS  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — Nancy Reagan put the White House Christmas decorations on display Monday, sat on the lap of "Mr. T" — who played Santa Claus — and said her special yuletide wish is that "everyone has peace."

While the burly Mr. T, star of the "A Team" television program, handed out gifts and American philosophy, Mrs. Reagan guided photographers and reporters on the annual tour of the holiday trimmings.

When the first lady took her turn perching on Santa's lap, he growled, "Burr Reynolds, eat your heart out."

The actor, who said he was giving the Reagans "all my love" for Christmas, wore a sleeveless Santa costume and 23 pounds of gold and diamond jewelry for his White House appearance.

Mrs. Reagan, dressed in a black-and-red striped knit dress with black patent pumps decorated with pom-poms, led the tour.



Nancy Reagan gets a turn with a unique Santa UPI photo

The rooms were festooned with green garlands. Wreaths hung in the big windows from long wide red ribbons. Workmen were still putting up the tiny white lights on the north porch.

"Highlighting the 'old fashioned' theme were 1,200 antique dolls and dollhouse furniture from the Strong Museum in Rochester, N.Y., on the 30-foot Christmas tree.

The noble fir tree touched the ceiling in the Blue Room and was so heavy with dolls and other toys, gold chains and sparkling ornaments, that its branches bent.

The White House tree also was decorated with 100 balls representing the states of the union, and hundreds of glass balls that are part of the White House collection dating back to the Eisenhower administration.

The Strong Museum also provided about 40 teddy bears, in various playful poses, that decorate the Grand Hallway and the state rooms.

But there were no cabbage dolls since, as Mrs. Reagan pointed out, "They didn't fall in the 19th century."

Asked what the president, who flew to New York Monday to give a speech, thought of the decorations, she said, "Oh he loved them."

Helping to make the decorations and to trim the tree along with volunteer florists were members of Second Genesis, an area drug treatment center.

"They did a wonderful job," Mrs. Reagan said.

Mark Robinson, 25, of Washington, a member of Second Genesis, told reporters "I never thought I would get an opportunity to be involved in something of that nature."

Mrs. Reagan said she will use her personal decorations, accumulated over the years, for the family tree in the upstairs quarters. She said she has invited 23 people for Christmas dinner at the White House, including family and friends.

# Justices silent on nativity scenes

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Supreme Court passed up a chance Monday to rule before Christmas on the controversial question of whether communities may display nativity scenes to celebrate the holiday.

The court's failure to act Monday, its last scheduled meeting before a month-long break, leaves communities free to display creches along with secular yuletide decorations.

At issue is a case from Pawtucket, R.I., which had displayed a Nativity, along with other Christmas decorations, for 40 years before it was challenged by taxpayers and the American Civil Liberties Union.

Pawtucket is appealing a ruling that its sponsorship of the scene near city hall — featuring life-size figures of the Christ child, Mary, Joseph, kings and shepherds — violated the First Amendment's requirement that church and state be separate.

After the suit began, a citizens group bought the creche and displays it in a privately owned park in downtown Pawtucket.

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# Kids show mixes ads, entertainment

By SYDNEY SHAW  
United Press International

WASHINGTON — A Popeye TV cartoon show, sponsored by a fried chicken restaurant with the same name, is nothing but a long commercial, a consumer group charged Monday in a complaint to the Federal Communications Commission.

Action for Children's Television said the Saturday morning show "Popeye and Pals," shown on WWL-TV in New Orleans, violates FCC regulations on separation of program and commercial matter by festooning the stage with logos from the show's biggest sponsor, Popeye's Famous Fried Chicken Restaurant.

"Furthermore, the program host (Captain Jim) orchestrates an extensive promotion of sponsor products" by interviewing children who are shown eating and prominently displaying Popeye's Restaurant products and those of the program's other sponsors, Pepsi-Cola and Haydel's Bakery, ACT said.

The complaint included a transcript from one show:

"I'm Captain Jim and a big Captain-Jim salute to all the ship-

mates at home. We got a great show today — we have a lady from the SPCA — who is going to bring some more dogs and kittens by. Doesn't that sound neat? And we have a cake from Haydel's Bakery, some Popeye's Fried Chicken and of course some great Popeye cartoons."

The Newtonville, Mass., organization said it is "impossible to draw a line between program material and advertising" and asked the FCC to order WWL-TV, which is owned and operated by Loyola University of the South, to "cease and desist from any host-selling during program time," clearly identify program sponsors and eliminate stage props as advertising products.

The FCC, in a 1970 opinion, said children's shows may not mingle advertising with program content. The decision came after Mattel Toy Co. sponsored an ABC-TV program called "Hot Wheels," which was based on the company's toy cars.

ACT wants the FCC to declare "Popeye and Pals" a program-length commercial and require the station to log it as commercial time, which would effectively force it to change its format or leave the air.

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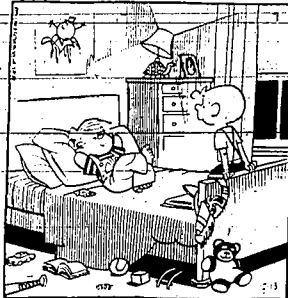
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NYSE	100	100	100	100	100	100
AMEX	100	100	100	100	100	100
NASDAQ	100	100	100	100	100	100
OTC	100	100	100	100	100	100
Foreign	100	100	100	100	100	100
Commodity	100	100	100	100	100	100
Energy	100	100	100	100	100	100
Metals	100	100	100	100	100	100
Grains	100	100	100	100	100	100
Stocks	100	100	100	100	100	100
Options	100	100	100	100	100	100
Bonds	100	100	100	100	100	100
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Grains	100	100	100	100	100	100
Stocks	100	100	100	100	100	100
Options	100	100	100	100	100	100
Bonds	100	100	100	100	100	100
Commodities	100	100	100	100	100	100

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Great Northern	14 1/2 @ 21.00, 1 @ 20.00, 1 @ 19.00
Small red	18 @ 19.00, 2 @ 18.00 and 1 @ 17.00
Small white	18 @ 19.00, 2 @ 18.00 and 1 @ 17.00
Small black	18 @ 19.00, 2 @ 18.00 and 1 @ 17.00
Small green	18 @ 19.00, 2 @ 18.00 and 1 @ 17.00

### Valley grains

Soft white wheat	3.20, barley 3.80, mixed grain 3.50 and oats 3.20, and corn 3.20
Wheat	3.20
Barley	3.80
Mixed grain	3.50
Oats	3.20
Corn	3.20

### NYSE bonds

NYSE Composite	STOCK SALES
100	100
100	100
100	100
100	100
100	100

### D-J averages

By United Press International	11 a.m.	12 p.m.	1 p.m.	2 p.m.	3 p.m.	4 p.m.	5 p.m.
Common Index	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49
Industrial	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49
Transport	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49
Utilities	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49	111.49

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### Closing commodity futures

Month Commodity	Close	High	Low	Close P.M.
May, Maize	6.49	6.50	6.45	6.50
Feb. live cattle	64.75	65.075	64.625	65.00
Apr. live cattle	65.75	66.15	65.75	66.10
Mar. feeder cattle	67.025	68.30	67.60	68.25
Feb. live hogs	49.05	49.40	48.75	49.075
Mar. wheat	3.534	3.544	3.514	3.514
Jul. corn	3.33	3.36	3.334	3.344
Mar. silver	9.58	9.72	9.49	9.54
Jun. gold	405.50	411.30	407.50	408.50
Mar. copper	67.15	67.40	66.60	66.60
Mar. sugar	9.23	9.35	9.08	9.13
Mar. soybeans	7.97	8.08	7.93	7.964
Jun. Treasury Bills	90.14	90.23	90.17	90.19

### Local interest stock quotations

Company	Bid	Ask
Western Union	37.125	37.125
Utah Power	23.625	23.625
Albertson	36.375	36.375
Idaho Pwr. Co.	67.25	67.25
Dart-Kraft	17.50	17.50
C.P. National	38.75	38.75
Hosp. Corp. Am.	31.25	31.25
Cmy. Psy. Cent.	18.50	18.50
Fta. Coast Bk.	52.25	52.25
Maytag	31.25	31.25
Bary Wright	24.25	24.25
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# Livestock futures

CHICAGO (UPI)	Close	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High	Low	Close	Open	High	Low
Chicago	83.00	82.50	83.50	82.00	82.50	82.00	83.00	81.50	82.00	81.50	82.50	81.00
Merchandise	62.00	61.50	62.50	61.00	61.50	61.00	62.00	60.50	61.00	60.50	61.50	60.00
Cattle	120.00	119.50	120.50	119.00	119.50	119.00	120.00	118.50	119.00	118.50	119.50	118.00

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Answers provided on AT&T breakup

By GAIL COLLINS United Press International

NEW YORK (UPI) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. spins off its 22 operating companies Jan. 1 in the largest divestiture in U.S. business history.

The following are answers to questions about what the breakup means to consumers.

Q — Is there any reason I have to know about all this?

A — Not in minute detail. But the divestiture will have a big impact on phone service. So it's a good idea to know the general outline. Your telephone costs will certainly be affected, as well as the way you're billed and the way your phone is serviced.

Q — Is phone service going to get a lot more expensive?

A — The general assumption has been that long distance service, which will be provided by AT&T and competitors like MCI and Sprint, will get cheaper while standard local telephone service becomes more expensive. For most people, the net result probably will be higher costs. But a lot will depend on decisions Congress and state regulatory commissions make next year.

Q — What about those choices you mentioned? What am I supposed to decide and when?

A — There's no cause for panic. The phone will still be there Jan. 1 and if will work as usual. It will, however, belong to AT&T, not your local phone company. Sometimes this month you should be getting a mailing that outlines how much AT&T will charge you to lease your phone and what it would cost to buy it. You can, of course, also buy a phone from any number of retail suppliers. Later on, your local company will ask you to choose which long distance service you want — AT&T or one of its competitors.

Q — My sister has one of those other long distance services and you have to dial about a million numbers to get a call through. Is that going to change?

A — Yes. The regional phone companies are supposed to start phasing in an "equal access" program next year. That means you'll be able to choose which service you want as your main provider. You'll be able to make long distance calls through that service by dialing 1 plus 10 numbers — the way you do now through AT&T. It will take about three years before the whole country has equal access, however.

Q — After Jan. 1, AT&T is in charge of long distance and the local companies in charge of local service — is that all there is to it?

A — Nothing's that simple. You can also get long distance service from one of AT&T's competitors, like MCI or Sprint. And the local companies will also be in charge of all the toll calls within their service areas.

Q — How big are these service

areas? Will I be charged tolls for calls that are free now?

A — There are 161 service areas, which AT&T calls LATAs, (Local Access and Transport Areas). Some include entire states, others a part of a state. The locals handle all intra-LATA calls and long distance services handle calls that cross the boundaries of the local service area. There shouldn't be any immediate change in the way you're billed for calls within these areas.

Q — What do you mean, immediate?

A — The long term is anybody's guess. Some companies are asking for an "intra-LATA access charge" which basically means an across-the-board rate increase. Many experts predict we'll see new methods of billing by local phone companies, based on the amount of use rather than a flat fee. But your state regulatory agency is still going to be in charge of local service, and would have to approve any changes in area charges, pay phone costs, or local telephone rates.

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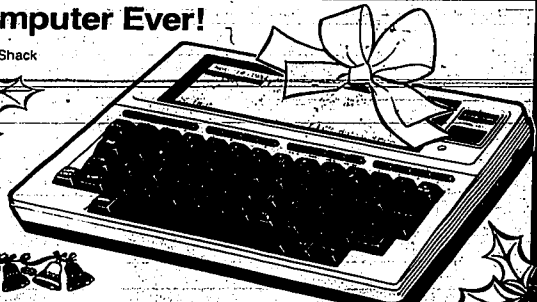
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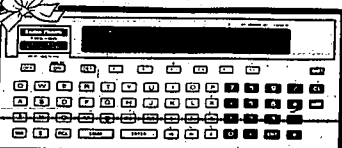
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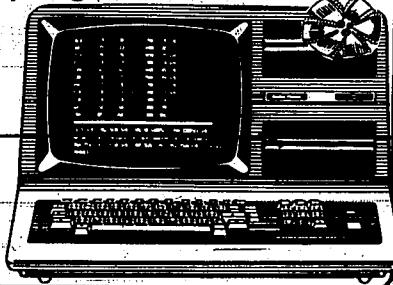
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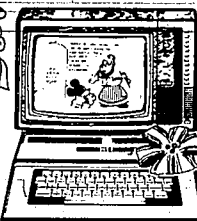
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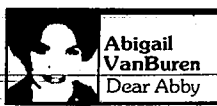
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# Valley Life

## Mother's goof points out importance of recording gifts

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ask my mother or anybody else. If a girl goes all the way with a boy before she begins to have her monthly periods, can she get pregnant? Please hurry your answer.

**DEAR CAN'T SIGN:** Fertility experts say usually no, but it is possible.

**DEAR ABBY:** After seven years of marriage, my husband (I'll call him Joe) and I are divorcing. We have been separated for a year, and here's the situation: Joe lives out of town,

and when he comes in without a date (twice a month), we always end up in bed together. We enjoy each other sexually, and neither one of us has found anyone else with whom we are more comfortable sexually. We're not kinky; we just know what pleases each other. Joe thinks this should go on forever. Have my doubts, mainly, because I could very easily fall in love with him again, which I think would be a step backward. (He was a poor husband, and I know he will never change.)

Do you think that to continue this twice-a-month habit is OK since we both enjoy it and are not serious about anyone else right now? Or should we try to break off all ties before the divorce is final?

**DEAR WONDERING:** Joe obviously wants the pleasure of your company "forever" for sexual reasons — a nice convenience — but since you feel that it may cause you to "fall in love" with him again, which would not be in your best interests, let

go. Say goodbye to ALL of Joe so you can be free to go on with your life. (Problems? What's bugging you? Unload on Abby, P.O. Box 38923, Hollywood, Calif. 90038. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.)

I had all their wedding gifts on display all my home together with the cards of the givers, and I promised to pack them all up and keep them until they returned so they could write their thank-you notes. They received about 250 wedding gifts.

Well, I don't know where my head was, Abby, but I collected all the gift cards and put them in a large envelope — then I packed up the gifts!

It suddenly occurred to me they won't know which cards came with which gifts! What should I do?

**DEAR THOUGHTLESS:** In acknowledging a gift, one should make some reference to "the beautiful ice bucket" or the "lovely salad bowl," but unless somebody writes or telephones each giver to find out what was given, your daughter and her husband will have to thank them all for the "lovely gift" and let it go at that.

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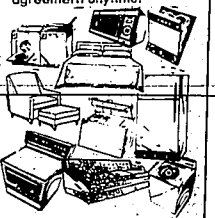
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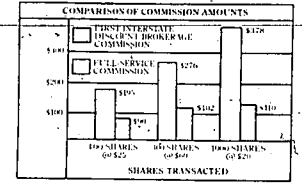
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# Causes of bad breath are difficult to determine

**DEAR DR. LAMB** — I have bad breath and it's ruining my social life. I brush my teeth three to four times a day.

I also use baking soda. Since it is such a good deodorizing product, I thought it might help. I try to avoid foods that will contribute to bad breath. I understand that stomach acids can be a factor.



Lawrence Lamb, M.D.

Is there anything I could drink to stabilize this? Will drinking lots of water help? I don't usually buy mouthwash, since it only works temporarily.

I'd appreciate any answers at this point. I'm afraid I'm going to lose my friends and fiancé.

**DEAR READER** — I hope you have seen your dentist. Even outstanding efforts such as yours will not always eliminate some dental problems that cause bad breath. Diseased areas of the gums often need special cleaning and treatment. And you should see an ear, nose and throat specialist. Disorders in that area sometimes cause bad breath.

You also may be having problems in your upper digestive tract, stomach or esophagus.

Beyond that, the health profession has a difficult time explaining the cause of bad breath. Causes are not easily determined; therefore, cures are hard to find.

I was taught that the colon is not a cause for bad breath, and it is com-

monly taught that constipation or irregularity are not causes for bad breath. In fact, I cite this point in The Health Letter 94, Halitosis: The Breath Problem And What To Do About It, which I am sending you. But I suspect the colon is a much more frequent cause of bad breath than has been recognized. That doesn't necessarily mean constipation causes it.

How can the colon cause bad breath? Well, contrary to popular misconception, a lot of things are absorbed from the colon directly into the bloodstream. After all, doctors give medicines as suppositories. Just how active the colon really is, is just becoming appreciated.

Carbohydrates, such as lactose in milk, that are not digested are fermented in the colon. The products, hydrogen and carbon dioxide are absorbed into the bloodstream. The milk intolerance can be detected by breath analysis, measuring the excess hydrogen.

Now it also is known that short-chain fatty acids are absorbed from the colon. These may be

manufactured by bacteria that live in the colon. That has many ramifications, including an unexpected source of energy that can be absorbed into the body. All of this simply points to the fact that not only hydrogen and fatty acids, but probably malodorous gases produced in the colon can be absorbed into the bloodstream.

The gas then is carried by the circulation to the lungs and exhaled, producing the same odor it produced in the colon. I hope that as these fundamentals are recognized, measures to control malodorous gases and other chemical disturbances that cause bad breath will be developed.

Meanwhile, follow the guidelines I have suggested for control of bad breath in The Health Letter. Others who want this issue can send 75 cents with a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope for it to me in care of this newspaper, P.O. Box 1551, Radio City Station, New York, N.Y. 10019.

You might try a elimination diet to identify any other foods that contribute to your problem. Intolerance to certain foods may be important in some people.

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Of the 50 United States, Alaska is the only one that does not have an official nickname.

## New home kit tells ovulation

**CHICAGO (UPI)** — A new home test can determine when a woman ovulates, helping couples to more accurately plan conception, a Northwestern University Medical School researcher says.

Robert T. Chatterton Jr., a professor of obstetrics and gynecology who developed the test, said in an interview the test kit could be marketed within the next year and a half.

The kit is a breakthrough "in terms of its simplicity and availability for use in the home," Chatterton said. "Methods for forecasting the time of ovulation are rather difficult," he said. "It (the new test) provides a much more accurate test of ovulation than basal body temperature."

Usually, women record their oral temperature daily on a chart to determine when ovulation occurs around the time of a temperature rise. But body temperature can be influenced by activity, colds, fever;

room temperature.

"And so basal body temperature is notoriously unreliable," Chatterton said.

The test measures pregnanediol, a steroid hormone present in urine during ovulation. The kit will be tested in March with 20 volunteers in Chicago and 20 each in two undersigned cities.

The test is performed by adding an antibody solution to a urine sample. "The antibody" clings to the pregnanediol. The sample is then checked against a color chart included with the kit. The color indicates the concentration of remaining antibodies, showing how much pregnanediol is present in the sample.

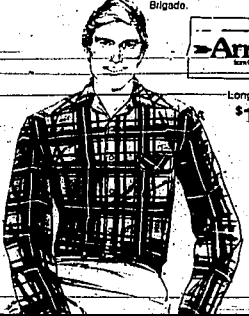
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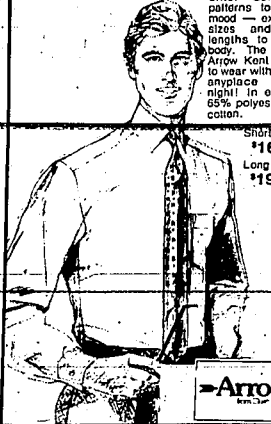


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# Christmas sing-ins becoming important part of holiday

By FREDERICK M. WINSHIP  
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**NEW YORK (UPI)**—Thousands of amateur singers in various parts of the nation will raise their voices at massed sing-ins this Christmas season, an old tradition that has been given a new twist.

In the Victorian era, choruses numbering in the hundreds performed oratorio-works—such as—Handel's "Messiah" before huge audiences in major halls across the country. In recent years, the performance by gargantuan groups of baroque works usually written for only 20 voices, has been frowned on by music purists and fallen into disrepute.

But for the past 16 years a new concept, wherein the singers are also the audience, has found favor with both performers and conductors, and critics are kindly invited to stay home. Chief organizer of these un-rehearsed sing-ins is the New York-based National Choral Council, founded by conductor Martin Jostman in 1967.

"The council has brought the gala holiday performance of 'Messiah' to 15 cities, including Boston, Minneapolis, Seattle, St. Louis, and Phoenix, not as a religious occasion but as a celebration of singing," said Crall Connor, projects manager for the council since 1970. "It's a matter of people coming together to do what they like to do—sing."

The council has organized three major sing-ins this month, in Philadelphia at the Academy of Music

Dec. 14, in New York at Avery Fisher Hall Dec. 21, and in Denver at Boettcher Hall Dec. 22.

Every seat and the stage in each hall will be occupied by singers who will perform all the choral movements of Handel's masterpiece to organ accompaniment under the direction of the locale's best choral conductors.

In addition there will be join-in performances in several other cities where an established choral group occupies the stage and the audience is invited to join in the singing. A notable one was the Chanukah performance of Handel's "Judah Maccabaeus" hosted by the American Jewish Choral Festival at Merkin Hall in New York Dec. 4.

All of these events feature outstanding young soloists who consider the sing-ins important showcase events in building careers. Baritone John Ostendorf, for instance, sang for the National Choral Council's "Messiah" in Philadelphia last year and was hired to sing the work with the Philadelphia Orchestra this year as a result.

"The conductors like these events,

too, because it gives them a chance to work together with conductors from all over their geographical area," said Miss Connor. "It's not just an ego trip for one conductor. Even Leopold Stokowski conducted with us in the early 1970s."

Composer David Amram has been a conductor of the New York sing-in for 12 years and is one of 21 conductors taking part this year. He describes the experience as "one of the most beautiful musical events I've ever had the joy of participating in."

"That spirit is a true love of music for its own sake, and conducting and

singing along with 4,000 people in one of the world's great compositions is an inspiration to me and all my colleagues.

"Just seeing so many people, all different ages and backgrounds sing together shows the power and magic that music has of uniting people instantly. It has given me more pleasure than anything I've done in years. It's electrifying."

This feeling is shared by almost all singers who become part of the mighty organ formed by a massed chorus of 3,000 and more, the number usually taking part in the council's sing-ins. Many of them come long distances to participate and make it a

highlight of their annual Christmas holiday.

A high school group from Baltimore buses into New York for "Messiah" and makes the return trip the same night. A man from Matanzas, Fla., comes with several young singers who have never been to New York before as his guests. After a dinner, he delivers them to the sing-in in a hansom cab.

Most singers wear comfortable clothes, including jeans and turtlenecks, but there is a minority that dresses up for the event in formal attire, even white tie and tails.

Reserved seats can be had for a premium price of \$7 in Denver, \$13.50

in Philadelphia and \$22 in New York, but general admission—first come, first seated—ranges from \$3 to \$11. The rule is bring your own music, but scores can be purchased at the door.

Admission—do-not-cover—expenses for the council's sing-ins. The deficit is picked up by corporations and other private supporters.

McGraw-Hill, the publishing firm, is a major backer of this year's Denver performance because Ted Weber, president of the McGraw-Hill Foundation, heard a sing-in in New York and wanted one in Denver, where his firm owns a TV station. Taping of sing-ins for holiday broadcasting is becoming a tradition, too.

## No wonder kids dumb about money

One of the main concerns of parents everywhere is that children do not put a monetary value on things. This is because we have raised a generation of children who think everything is disposable. Use a lunch box? Throw it away. Use a beach towel? Leave it on the beach for a tip.



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Wear a sweater? Give it to a friend. Lose a door key? Another one will pop up in its place like a nose tissue.

This can create a problem, especially if you are the parents of a child who is a flake. And you parents of flakes all know who you are. You are the ones who last winter bought the same pair of gloves 18 times for the same child. The first day he wore the gloves, his grandmother bought him, he lost the name tag. The second day he lost the sweater. He never leaves home without an umbrella and never returns with one. The library should bear your name since you replaced every volume in it with books he has lost.

And every June before you can go on vacation, he has to claim all his clothes out of Lost and Found so he has something to pack.

We've tried every solution you can possibly think of. Once, we figured out that our kids had no sense of value because we didn't stress the responsibility of ownership. So we gave one of them a bicycle and said, "This cost a lot of money. If you lose it, you will never get another one. It is 100 percent yours to keep in running order and keep safe. From this point on, we are absolved of any responsibility for it whatsoever."

"Are you saying I own this?" he asked.

Bingo. We had made contact. Two weeks later, he sold it and bought a set of drums.

We tried having them use their own money for something they wanted, figuring that would instill a sense of pride and ownership. I defy a mother to sit by and watch a child go through eight inches of new snow because he can't afford to replace the boots that got ripped off when he left them in the gym.

Still we try. I went into the kitchen the other morning and there was a half-eaten orange in the sink. "Look at this waste," I said. "Do you think oranges grow on trees? That's it. Snecker. I'll bet you don't even know what an orange costs. That's the problem. Young people today don't know what anything costs. They just take it for granted there will be food on the table and clothes in the closet and gas in the car with no regard as to how it got there. Aren't you even curious?"

"Yeah, how much money does Dad make and how much did this house cost?"

"That's none of your business," I said.

Kids! Where do they come up with those questions?

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