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President Reagan comforts Alison Smith, daughter of Challenger pilot Michael Smith

Robot subs join hunt for Challenger pieces

Possible leak in booster rocket under scrutiny

By HARRY ROSENTHAL

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA put two robot submarines overboard Friday to photograph a large metal object on the ocean bottom that could be Challenger's crew compartment.

But on a day devoted to a memorial service for the seven astronauts in Houston, NASA said that if bodies were found in the cabin, it would not immediately disclose that fact.

"No comment will be made by NASA officials today on anything concerning personal effects or remains of the astronauts," a NASA spokesman said in a statement. "By nightfall, the agency had stuck to its promise."

An investigating board met with Mission Control Center personnel Friday and a source said the board was studying a possibility that a log of flame from a leak midway in the right booster rocket triggered one of the explosive "destruct" packages on the shuttle's huge fuel tank.

That followed a report from another source Thursday that the board studied film from the shuttle and thought there was a possibility the flame had burned into the tank like a 6,000 degree blowtorch.

The explosive on the tank is there in case the shuttle goes off course and has to be destroyed by radio signal.

The board has promised a report on Sunday about the direction in which the investigations are going.

The small submarine named "Spray" was lowered into the water from the NASA booster recovery ship Liberty Star. It was buffeted by the current, which also prevented divers from going down, and it was pulled out for a while.

A second and larger submersible, a robot called "Scorpios," was sent to the scene aboard another NASA ship, the Freedom Star. It began its survey with black and white color movie cameras and a still camera about 9 p.m. MST.

Cmdr. Robert Bender, pilot of one of the search helicopters, said pieces of debris "seem to be getting smaller all the time" as the days go by. "Every hour disappears the debris more and more," he said.

Although the pressurized cabin is the most solidly reinforced structure on the shuttle, some engineers thought it might have burst and that the astronauts' remains would not be found.

Const. Guard spokesman Lt. Cmdr. James Simpson cautioned that Jarrold might not be the cabin. "It could be a shirting coat from 20 years ago or a Spanish galleon from 300 years ago," he said.

The explosion rumbled after liftoff on Tuesday claimed the lives of Challenger's crew. The shuttle's pilot, Judith A. A. Resnik, 36; Ronald E. McNair, 35; Ellison S. Onizuka, 39; and Gregory B. Jarvis, 41.

Many in the audience at the service in Houston wiped away tears. The debris, also, at the Air and Space Museum in Washington where visitors clustered in front of television sets and at the Kennedy Space Center's visitors center, where employees watched the ceremony on television.

A service for space center employees and their families will be held Saturday near the launch control room that guided Challenger's flight.

As divers stood by to close a close up look at the large object on the ocean floor, 6,000 pounds of wreckage from the shattered shuttle were unloaded and five large chunks of the ship's fuselage, already returned to port, raised the possibility that the pressurized crew module might have survived intact.

The debris included Challenger's nose and part of the cabin, parts of a cargo bay door, and sections of wing.

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Keep reaching for stars, Reagan tells throng of mourners

By PAUL REEGER

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Engineers, astronauts, and scientists gathered Friday in a plaza usually reserved for celebrations of daring triumph to mourn with relatives and the nation's president for seven who reached for space and died in a fiery explosion.

"Sometimes, when we reach for the stars, we fall short," said President Reagan in a 10-minute eulogy delivered under cloudy skies at the Johnson Space Center before a crowd estimated at 10,000.

"But we must pick ourselves up again and press on despite the pain," Reagan said.

Family members of the dead astronauts sat in a center section of seats set up for the memorial. Many wept openly. And some toward the sun and then swept out of view seconds after rising from his Kennedy Space Center launch pad.

Reagan stood on a slight rise overlooking a grassy quadrangle surrounded by white-stone and black-glass buildings of NASA. His amplified voice echoed at every syllable. Before him, a crowd filled the plaza and spilled around a duck pond and into a grove of pines beyond.

To his left was Allison Control, the nerve center of space shuttle flights. Its computers, charts and screens are frozen yet busy preparing for what they hoped would be a woman in space.

Behind Reagan was one of the engineering buildings where the astronauts had spent their last days before an adventure in orbit. And across the course was the astronaut building where men and women returned Friday to continue a search for the cause of the Challenger tragedy.

But for the moment there were tears, a closeness forged in grief in a community where triumph is tradition.

"We're fathers here today as a family," said the Rev. Bernard R. Hawley, of Salina, Kan., a Presbyterian minister who is the father of astronaut Steven Hawley and the first son-in-law of Sally Ride, America's first woman in space.

"We're a family that shares a common goal, a common commitment, and now a common devastating loss."

"It was like some of our very own were"

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Haiti's Duvalier declares state of siege



JEAN-CLAUDE DUVALIER Says he's in control

By ART CANDELL

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Rioted buildings burned and Jean-Claude Duvalier, president-for-life, imposed a state of siege Friday.

He told the people of his impoverished land that he was in control, "firm as a monkey's tail."

He pledged to rectify the "unequal and shocking" distribution of wealth. Most Haitians earn less than \$150 a year.

Four hours before making the promise in an eight-minute radio and television speech from the gleaming-white National Palace, he rode through the city in one of his bullet-proof limousines with a heavy military guard.

Rioters ran through downtown Port-au-Prince in the morning, building street barricades. Police used clubs and opened fire on them.

The General Hospital and witnesses reported at least five people killed in the capital on Friday and 67 wounded, 16 by gunshot.

Buildings were reported burning in the towns of Gonaves, Petit-Gonaves, Les Cayes and Cap-Haitien.

A witness said police drove people off the streets with clubs and tear gas in Cap-Haitien, a north coast port that has been a focus of growing protest against the Duvalier dynasty on this Caribbean island.

Rioting in Port-au-Prince appeared to be quelled by midday. The streets filled with police, troops in battle gear and the volunteers' Ton National Security militia.

The militia succeeded the Tonton Macoute, the notorious personal army created by Jean-Claude's father, Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, from whom he inherited the presidency for life in 1971.

The State Department said more than 15,000 Americans in Haiti were safe, but did not express support for Duvalier and indicated that \$1 million in U.S. aid Haiti was to receive this year may be held back because of human rights violations.

Rioting was spurred by rumors sweeping across Haiti that Duvalier's government had fallen and he had fled the country.

President Reagan's spokesman Larry Spokes, told reporters just that Friday morning. The White House retracted the statement later, citing "conflicting reports."

Duvalier said in a radio broadcast after the speech statement, "The president is here, strong, firm as a monkey's tail. My dear friends, because of wild rumors and nonsense circulated by good-for-nothings for some time (sic) now, I'm obliged to take to the streets."

Haitians said the porly, 34-year-old president took his ride through the streets at about 9 a.m.

In his address at 1 p.m., he called for national unity to "restore peace and normal functioning of institutions" and said he would work for the good of the people despite "the wave of violence that has spread through the provinces."

Judge grants Creech stay of execution

The Associated Press

BOISE — U.S. District Court Judge Harold Ryan on Friday stayed the execution of convicted murderer Eugene Creech, cancelling his death by lethal injection and opening the doors of federal judicial review.

Ryan handed down the stay, requested by defense attorney Rolf Kelm, in the late morning, as Idaho prison officials readied to move the former church sexton into an isolated "death watch" in preparation for the Monday execution.

"Creech's petition presents nonfrivolous issues which must be examined to determine whether his trial and appeal afforded him the rights guaranteed by the constitution," Ryan wrote in the nine-page order. "It is simply impossible for the court to responsibly address the issues raised in the petition prior to the scheduled time of execution of the death sentence."

It would have been the first execution in Idaho since 1957 and the first ever by lethal injection.

The stay, reviewed by Ryan for less than 24 hours before being granted, came after Creech, 35, had exhausted all state avenues in appeal.

Kelm had been prepared to take the case to the U.S. Supreme Court to halt the execution ordered for the 1981 beating death of fellow-prison inmate David Jensen.

2,000 gather in Boise to push for improved Idaho schools

By MARK WARBIS

BOISE — More than 2,000 teachers, school administrators and education supporters filled the square in front of the state Capitol on Friday, quietly prodding lawmakers to help them improve the quality of Idaho's public schools.

"I think they'll come around, though I'll personally be shocked if it's this year," said Joyce Raasch, president of the Idaho Education Association, which sponsored the rally.

"But the people of Idaho needed to see this, and the teachers of Idaho needed to do this," carrying hundreds of red, white and blue balloons and placards with slogans such as "Please Don't Short-Change Our Future."

Successful in the past few years have been those that have increased their investments in research, high technology and education. I think Idaho will follow suit. I hope otherwise played to the crowd, talking about lessons he had learned from his mother's 42 years as a first-grade teacher.

"She taught me well that the proudest of professions is teaching," he said.

He urged teachers not to push the Legislature for funding increases during its current budget crisis, but instead to "ask them for honesty."

Lucas said about 75 percent of the state's general account budget already is allotted to education, one of the highest percentages in the nation. Since the proportion of the budget appropriated to public schools is not toward better public sector health.

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Rally was necessary — A5

and "Fund Education Before It's Too Late" and an orderly parade six blocks long made its way through Julia Davis Park to the Statehouse beneath a gray, drizzly sky.

The crowd gathered around the statue of former Gov. Frank Steunenberg while local performer J.J. Dion serenaded it with folk songs. That was followed by a prayer and brief tribute to Christa McAuliffe, the New Hampshire high school teacher who perished with six other astronauts aboard the space shuttle Challenger. Some people at the rally

GOP lawmaker's informal poll finds support for tax hike

By DEAN MILLER
Times-News writer



BOISE — Rep. Cyril Burt, R-St. Anthony, told the Senate Education Committee today that he has found a surprising amount of support in his district for tax increases to better fund public schools.

Burt said that 88 percent of the 156 people he contacted in a random informal poll last year said they would support a tax increase to better fund schools.

The conservative Republican's district phone was hard-hit when potato crops froze last fall, and he says he made some of his survey calls after the full impact of the frost had

been discovered. He said he called every 10th name in the phone book until the late letters of the alphabet, when he grew weary of calling and called every 20th name.

Of the people called, 60 said they belonged

to neither party, 72 said they were Republicans, 14 said they were Democrats, and 4 declined to answer.

Asked if they thought schools needed more money, 73 percent said yes, 5 percent more than said they would support the necessary tax increase.

Burt also asked people whether tax they would prefer to increase if a tax increase were inevitable. More than 75 percent

favored a sales tax increase, while 10 percent favored an income tax increase, and 2 percent favored property tax increases.

"I'm not beating the drum for more money for education or for higher education," Burt told the committee. He said he

was surprised by the results because he considered his district to be a conservative one.

Burt said a common complaint among the people he surveyed was that schools are not managed like businesses. They were not too critical of the curriculum in schools, Burt told Sen. Bruce Sweeney, D-Loviston. He said earlier that some people were concerned about how schools handle topics such as homosexuality.

Two questions on the survey concerned day-care licensing, and Burt said he was again surprised by the results.

He said 134 people felt day-care centers should be licensed, while 7 said they should not and the rest had no opinion. And 100 peo-

ple said they thought licensing ought to be handled by counties, while 39 said the state should license day-care centers.

Burt's final question was to ask what people thought should be the Legislature's main concern. Depending on their lines of work, people had different answers, he said.

included in the survey were about 40 professional people, 20 farmers, 36 housewives, 15 business owners, 13 educators, and 7 students, said Burt.

Education Committee Chairman Sen. Terry Swerdson, R-Cataldo, said he thought other members might want to try similar surveys in their home districts to get a better sense of what citizens want.

Gasohol production encouraged

BOISE (AP) — Members of a House committee say gasohol production looms as an important factor in the nation's future transportation system, and must be encouraged.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee voted Friday to print and introduce legislation containing a 4-cent per-gallon exemption from state taxes for gasohol, a mixture of gasoline and alcohol.

That alcohol can be produced from farm crops, and Revenue and Taxation Committee members say future gasohol plants could be an important market in the future.

"We need to encourage the processing of everything we grow in this state," said Rep. James Lucas, R-Moscow.

Sponsor Rep. Gary Montgomery, R-Boise, told committee members the exemption is scheduled to expire on May 1. The legislation extends the exemption another six years.

A similar bill passed the House last year, but was stalled in the Senate Transportation Committee.

Committee Chairman Rep. Steve Antona, R-Rupert, a grain grower, said researchers are developing a new variety of barley which holds great promise.

The variety, Waxy barley, "offers exciting opportunities for agriculture," said Antona, because it is well-suited to gasohol production but also can be used to make certain pharmaceutical products, oil and malt.

Administrators to get chance to add polish

By DEAN MILLER
Times-News writer

BOISE — The Idaho Association of School Administrators wants to help school district leaders get back to school.

Boise High School Principal Blossom Turk told the Senate Education Committee Friday that the association is aiming to help administrators learn new skills and polish up old ones in a series of workshops to be called Project Leadership.

Scheduled to start this summer, the program will help superintendents and other administrators hone their accounting and budgeting skills, bone up on contract

negotiating, and examine different teaching styles.

"Strong administrative leaders are tied to effective schools," Turk told the committee. She said the program will consist of an annual schedule of statewide workshops and smaller regional workshops.

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Administrators will be encouraged to use the program to first develop their own skills, then to develop the expertise of their staff, by going back and teaching newly learned or polished skills.

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By The Associated Press

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Robert McElfresh, Sun Valley, to the Endowment Fund Investment Board for term ending April 11, 1989.

Robert L. Montgomery, Boise, to the Endowment Fund Investment Board for a term ending April 11, 1989.

HB145 (Local Government) — Amending a rule adopted by Department of Labor and Industrial Services, in law allowing deduction from wages of an employee for any cash shortage, breakage or loss of equipment, changes law to say any loss or breakage must be due to culpable negligence of employee, not gross negligence.

HB507 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides that voters in a county may authorize an income tax in that county if the voters approve.

HB508 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides that voters may decide to exempt an incorporated city from certain property tax limits.

HB509 (Revenue and Taxation) — Implements sales tax on services with some exemptions; increases grocery tax credit from \$100 to \$200 per person.

HB510 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides that county commissioners may exempt all or a portion of certain properties within an ambulance district from taxation for that district.

HB511 (Revenue and Taxation) — Changes state income tax brackets, adds new brackets with maximum of 10 percent on taxable income over \$20,000.

HB512 (Agricultural Affairs) — Provides that milk and cream utilized in the

manufacture of dairy products and all manufactured dairy products shall meet requirements of state law.

HB513 (Agricultural Affairs) — Increases assessments on peas and lentils by 2 cents per hundred pounds starting July 1, 1986, and continuing until July 1, 1988.

HB514 (Agricultural Affairs) — Increases penalty for failure to meet requirements for vaccination against brucella from \$25 to \$100 to new minimum of \$100 and maximum of \$5,000.

HB515 (Transportation and Defense) — Strikes references to farm vehicles and certain definitions under law on operating fees for farm vehicles.

HB516 (Transportation and Defense) — In county highway district reorganizations, requires that majority of votes cast in each of any existing districts shall be required for approval of a consolidation proposal.

HB517 (Transportation and Defense) — Provides that odometer readings shall be included on motor vehicle titles; odometer reading at time of sale or transfer.

HB518 (Education) — Allows teachers to use full monetary value of accumulated sick leave upon retirement to purchase health insurance of his or her choice.

HB519 (Education) — Provides for the appointment of a student voting member of state Board of Education; sets requirements.

HB520 (Local Government) — Strikes codifier's typographical error, eliminates superfluous word in laws relating to fees collected by clerk of district court.

Introduced in Senate

SB1316 (Judiciary and Rules) — Provides for penalties for operation of a boat while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

SB1317 (Judiciary and Rules) — Transfers to the Governor from the Corrections Board the power to appoint the director of corrections.

SB1318 (Judiciary and Rules) — Prohibits persons injured by intoxicated people to sue those who furnished the alcoholic beverages.

SB1319 (Judiciary and Rules) — Allows public defenders to practice civil law as well as criminal law.

SB1320 (Judiciary and Rules) — Allows for interest on offers of settlement in civil court cases.

SB1321 (Judiciary and Rules) — Regulates the disposal of abandoned and unclaimed firearms and contraband.

SB1322 (Health and Welfare) — Allows placement of youths in facilities for specialized treatment.

SB1323 (Transportation) — Makes it a misdemeanor to let irrigation water flow on a public highway.

SB1324 (Transportation) — Requires exterior mirrors on vehicles without side or rear windows and restricts types of windows and headlights allowed.

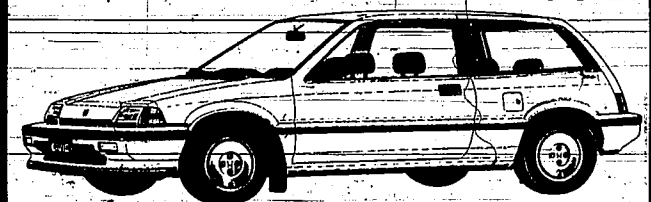
SB1325 (Transportation) — Revises fee schedule for vehicle registrations.

SB1326 (Commerce and Labor) — Revises engineers and surveyors laws, SB1327 (Commerce and Labor) — Provides for use of surplus fees from industrial development bond.

SB1329 (Agricultural Affairs) — Repeals set rate for mileage allowance for drainage district commissioners and lets the Board of Examiners set the rate.

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Briefly

Senate gears for day-care fight

BOISE (AP) — The next round in the Idaho Legislature's long-running battle over day-care licensing will be fought in the Senate. And Sen. Denton Darrington, R-Boise, chairman of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, predicts his committee will be just as divided over day care licensing as its House counterpart. "It will be either 5-4 for the bill or 4-5 against it," said Darrington, who personally opposes the measure. The House Health and Welfare Committee on Thursday voted 8-7 against what was described as a "compromise" legislation on day care licensing. That shifts the battle to the Senate, where SB1230 pends in Health and Welfare.

Lottery plan moves to Senate

BOISE (AP) — The controversial constitutional amendment that would clear the way for an Idaho state lottery has been sent to the full Senate for a vote. Without any debate on Friday, the Senate State Affairs Committee voted 9-1 to send the proposal to the Senate, where a vote should take place early next week. The action came despite a warning from Senate President Pro Tem James Risch, R-Boise, that support for the proposal could be undermined by the fact that the committee took action without prior public notice in what he called "dealing it off the bottom of the deck." But Sen. Phil Bait, R-Weiler, argued that with the proposition before the committee three previous times this session, in one form or other: "It's time to get this thing out. There's a lot of public interest in this."

Tax committee rejects Fry bill

BOISE (AP) — The House Revenue and Taxation Committee, which has approved a number of numerous bills on local option taxing authority, rejected one on Friday. The committee voted to reject a bill sponsored by Rep. Robert Fry, R-Horseshoe Bend, which in effect would have allowed counties to impose local sales taxes to offset property taxes. Rep. Chris Hooper, R-Boise, noted that the two major ideas in Fry's bill were similar in separate bills approved by the committee for introduction on Thursday. The bill was returned to Fry with "great love and admiration," according to Hooper's motion.

Telephone proposal gets nod

BOISE (AP) — Legislation which some officials say could have a big impact on telephone rates in rural areas has been approved for printing by a Senate committee. The State Affairs Committee on Friday gave preliminary approval to legislation which ultimately would free all telecommunications services in Idaho from regulation; allowing competition and marketplace demands to decide availability and costs. The legislation proposes a so-called "capping" process allowing increases in local telephone rates up to the Consumer Price Index increase, plus a portion of federally mandated charges.

Sentencing limits suggested

BOISE (AP) — A Boise lawyer-legislator thinks Idaho's criminal justice system could produce more consistent results if sentencing judges knew exactly how much time a defendant was to serve. The House Judiciary Rules and Administration Committee voted Friday to print and introduce legislation sponsored by Rep. Gary Montgomery, R-Boise. It would allow a district judge to specify an exact minimum sentence that must be served by a defendant before becoming eligible for parole. The proposal also says that minimum term is not subject to change by the Board of Pardons and Parole. The bill says a judge also can specify an indeterminate portion of the sentence. How much time the inmate will serve on that portion of the term will depend on the inmate's behavior.

Clapier named to commission

BOISE (AP) — Dave Clapier, 41, a Marsing farmer and member of the Idaho Potato Growers Association, has been named to the Idaho Potato Commission. Gov. John Evans appointed Clapier Friday to fill a vacancy caused by the resignation of Allan Wood of Caldwell on Jan. 1. Clapier, a potato grower since 1969, will complete Wood's term, which expires Sept. 15, 1987.

Evans draws \$439,000 in donations

BOISE (AP) — Democratic Gov. John Evans managed to generate more than \$439,000 in contributions from throughout the nation last year as the party's unofficial campaign manager, Kathi Rogers. "But we're right in line with our own statements filed with the state. We know Steve Symms is going to outstep us," said Evans' campaign manager, Kathi Rogers. "But we're right in line with our own statements filed with the state."

target. In confidence we'll meet our goal of \$2 million." Symms, a former congressman who upset veteran Democratic Sen. Frank Church in 1980, has had to file thousands of forms to file his final report for 1987, but he has said he may spend up to \$3 million. Evans reported operating expenses for his unofficial campaign during the year with another \$200,000 from political action com-

Bethune Church, the widow of the former senator, and others. The political action committee money came from over 50 organizations. In the congressional races, Idahoans For Busch, representing Democratic hopeful Pete Busch of Lewiston—in his bid to unseat Republican Congressman Larry Craig, reported contributions during the year of just over \$9,000 with expenditures totaling \$5,000. Among other reports filed with the state on Friday, Democratic state treasurer Majorie Ruth Moon, a candidate for lieutenant

governor, reported contributions of nearly \$3,400 and expenses of over \$2,700 while her primary candidate, former state Sen. Terry Reilly of Nampa, had contributions of just over \$1,000 and expenditures of some \$765. GOP Attorney General Jim Jones, unopposed so far in his bid for another term, reported total contributions of just over \$5,000 in 1987 with expenditures of nearly \$3,300. Boise City Treasurer Kent Rock, seeking the Democratic nomination to succeed Miss Moon, reported \$383 in contributions and just over \$300 in expenditures. Rock faces deputy state auditor Shawn DeLoyola,

4 ISP grads assigned to Twin Falls

By DEAN MILLER Times-News writer

BOISE — The Twin Falls barracks of the Idaho State Police will soon be stocked with four new troopers, following Friday's graduation ceremony in the statehouse.

After completing training in the State Police's 6-week "Fry's Stress Academy," the four officers bound for Twin Falls, and 11 other officers were planned with their state trooper stars and traded in their billed police caps for flat-brimmed trooper hats.

Joining the Twin Falls crew will be Sidney Edwards, 34, a Richfield native; Jay Jensen, 33, a Rupert resident; Robert Bingham, 38, of Paul; and Kent Oliver, 28, a Twin Falls native.

"I'm on top of the world," Bingham said. The trainees will spend several weeks riding with an experienced officer in the field training program before being added to the ranks of state troopers.

Edwards had had previous experience in the Air Force; Jensen has had 9 years experience in various city police departments; Bingham has had experience in California and Idaho; and Oliver has 5 years experience with the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department.

Andrus reports collections

BOISE (AP) — Former governor Cecil Andrus still "hasn't formally declared that he's a candidate for governor this year. But he's still collected a lot of money. Citizens for Idaho, a committee formed by Andrus to explore the possibilities of another campaign for governor, reported Friday it took in \$176,917 last year and spent \$132,517. A news release from Citizens for Idaho Friday said the committee has been assisting potential Democratic candidates for state office.

Andrus reports collections

Citizens for Idaho reported 1,005 contributors, with the average \$176. But there were some substantial contributions on the list.

Harry Magnusson, northern Idaho mining executive, contributed \$5,000, as did Keith Stein and John Hayden, both of Boise.

Among corporate donors, Idaho Power Co. contributed \$2,000 to Citizens for Idaho; Bennett Tree Farms of Princeton gave \$1,000 and the Robert F. Burgerger Co., Idaho Falls, donated \$1,000.

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BLM disputes indictment of grazing lands

By KENNETH A. BROWN
Times-News writer

SHOSHONE — A recent report on the condition of the nation's rangelands says the condition of Idaho's public grazing lands is among the poorest in the Western United States — a conclusion federal government officials dispute.

According to the report, compiled by the National Wildlife Federation and the National Resource Defense Council from U.S. Bureau of Land Management figures, 47.6 percent of the BLM-administered rangeland in Idaho is in "poor" condition — the worst of the Western states.

Only 12 percent of the state's public

range was considered to be in "excellent" condition and another 32.1 percent ranked only as "fair," the study said.

The report was compiled from published BLM data comparing the present productivity of an area's soil and vegetation to its potential productivity.

While the figures are the BLM's own, officials of the BLM's Shoshone District say those figures are somewhat misleading.

Bob Cordell, manager for the district's Bennett Hills Resource Area, said there are a number of ways of evaluating range condition. While area range may be in poor condition compared to its maximum "ecological potential," Cordell said, using other methods of evaluation — the ability to hold

soil in place or retain water — local range conditions would be considered to be generally good throughout much of the state.

Considering recent increases in range productivity, Cordell said that many area cattlemen and sheep operators using range areas would probably disagree that a substantial portion of the state's range is in poor or unsatisfactory condition.

The environmental group's report obtained its figures from environmental impact statements prepared by the BLM as part of its land management efforts.

Areas in "good" or "excellent" condition have ample plant and soil cover and are experiencing little soil erosion, according to

the report. They are also judged to be producing at or near their potential.

Areas in what the BLM considers "fair" condition are subject to active erosion because their soils and plant cover are in a "deteriorated state," the report said.

Because of their susceptibility to erosion, lands reported as "fair" are considered to be in unsatisfactory condition by the BLM, the report added.

The NWF and NRDC report blames poor range conditions on BLM lands on the mismanagement of domestic livestock grazing and insufficient funding for range management and range improvement programs.

Local BLM officials, however, stress that

while range conditions may not always be optimum, they have been improving.

"The source of the problem was overgrazing by sheep and cattle in the 1890s and the 1900s," said Ervin Cowley, manager of the Monument Resource Area. "The Taylor Grazing Act in 1934 was the first time grazing was controlled," Cowley said. "With that act, the process of restoring public rangeland was started," he added.

Cordell and Cowley said that agency land is not currently being overgrazed and pointed out grazing allotments on the 2-million-acre Shoshone District are "significantly below what they were authorized to graze."

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Herds remain road hazards

By KENNETH A. BROWN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Despite warmer temperatures, deer and antelope herds are still posing problems around the Magic Valley.

Road kills, in fact, are going back up, officials with the Idaho Fish and Game Department and the U.S. Bureau of Land Management say.

Steve Langenstein, a biologist with the BLM office in Shoshone, said local residents should remember that BLM lands in Gooding, Lincoln and Jerome counties are closed to motorized vehicles until March 1.

"On Tuesday night, Langenstein said, some persons trying to photograph a herd of deer near Highway 93 unintentionally spooked the animals. One was killed as the deer ran across the highway.

"Those trying to photograph the animals were driving on a paved road on BLM lands that had been closed to motorized vehicles," Langenstein said. "The sheriff's office said the occupants of the car were not aware of the closure and were quite upset by the accident.

"It's hard on people and hard on deer," says Dale Turnipseed, the number of deer kills in the area. "We're just asking for a little cooperation."

The motorized vehicle closure has been in effect since Dec. 26. Anyone planning a snowmobile or off-road vehicle trips should check with the BLM office in Shoshone or with county sheriff's offices for the exact boundaries of the closure area.

The closure was put into effect because of high concentrations of antelope, deer, and elk driven down to lower elevations by early winter snows in November and December and unusually cold temperatures.

Most of the road kills have been on Interstate 84, between Highway 93 and the Hansen Bridge, says Dale Turnipseed of the F&G's Jerome office.

While the deer herds have become more dispersed with warmer weather, herds which were wintering in the Vineyard Creek area in the Snake River Canyon are moving up to areas closer to the highway.

Herds will not leave the area until spring arrives, despite the current mild weather, Turnipseed added.



Time for a trim

Lawrence Vecera uses a pair of hedge shears to trim the last few branches of new growth from a customer's flowering hawthorn tree. Vecera, of Lawrence Lawn Service, made use of this week's mild weather to do some pruning on Alturas Drive in Twin Falls.

Burley man seeks money for shuttle

By The Associated Press
and The Times-News

BURLEY — Mark Grigg of Burley spent Friday answering telephone calls from people around the Northwest who want to keep the space shuttle program alive.

On Thursday he established PACT, or Private Assistance for Challenging Two, with the aim of raising funds from the public to help build another space shuttle so the program will not fall behind.

"There is a need to do it rapidly," Grigg said. "The loss of one shuttle can really hit the program."

Grigg, who owns an electronics store, said he believed the need for the undelayed continuation of the shuttle cannot wait for the federal government to decide whether to order another shuttle or to continue funding the program.

"Whether Idahoans realize it or not, the space program has touched all of their lives," he said. "Advanced medical equipment and medicines, space age plastics, computer chips and miniaturized electronics all owe part of their development to work and research done in the space program," he said.

"I know what the shuttle has done for us," Grigg said. "The shuttle wasn't just important for our country, Japan, western Europe and Canada have all benefited."

By collecting private money, NASA will know that the people of the nation are behind the shuttle program despite the recent tragedy," Grigg said.

The space shuttle Challenger — one of four used in the program — exploded Tuesday morning, 74 seconds after launch. The blast destroyed the spacecraft and killed all seven crew members.

"If I collect \$100 it will be worthwhile; I'll feel good," Grigg said. "If I can collect \$100,000 I'll feel great."

A Burley printing shop has offered to donate shirts and caps with a NASA design to the project, Grigg said. In addition to collecting donations, he wants to sell the clothing. Magic Valley Igwns later this month. All proceeds would be sent to NASA.

NASA officials are already accepting donations from citizens across the nation to rebuild the shuttle. They cannot promise that the money will be spent to replace the \$1.6 billion Challenger, they said. All money, however, will be placed in NASA's general fund for space exploration and projects, NASA officials said.

Grigg can be reached by calling 678-3544. Contributions to PACT may be made to PACT, in care of Fishy Bank and Trust, Box 129, Burley 83318.

Hotel developer shifts gears on project

By DAVE LEWIS
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — City officials got a surprise Friday when the developer of a proposed hotel in Ketchum's Warm Springs tourist district unveiled new plans for a low-density project on the same site.

Daon Development Co. President Jack Poole told the council the company wants to build its smaller 69-unit hotel, that nearly has city approval, and provide lots for only about 40 more units of mostly single family residences.

The approximately 100 units the Canadian firm proposed Friday cuts its original plan by nearly one-third. Denied by the city in late 1984, the earlier proposal included a small, central hotel and stacked condominiums Daon wanted to operate as part of the hotel. In all, it included 282 units.

Poole said Daon wants to "develop the land in a high-end custom lot-type of development."

"From a sales and marketing point of view, we think we will have something unique that no other ski resort will have," he said. "I don't know if the market would support a hotel," Poole said of the project that has split the community for several years and had an impact on last November's council election.

Before Daon's announcement, the city appeared ready to clear the way for a similar project as the firm's original proposal by rapidly moving to rezone the area to allow a hotel-condominium project.

Now, the city must rethink its position. No one on the City Council or the Planning and Zoning Commission objected to the new plan. In fact, they seemed to endorse the proposal that staves off a potential confrontation between factions on opposite ends of the development debate.

One city official, however, said the proposal did not surprise him: Mayor Jerry Seiffert, a strong proponent of the original hotel project.

"I've tried to keep the lines of communication open with Daon," Seiffert said after the council meeting. "Daon has been a great company to work with."

Support for the revised project also got the support from one local resident who strongly opposed the hotel.

"I've been a critic of this project for a long time, but it's going to be done like this, it's a heck of an improvement," said Ed Scott.

Support and encouragement came from another resident, "Moose" Mosely. "The whole plan's too good to pass up. Let's get going with it," Mosely said. "Poole said his company changed the plan because it doesn't want to fight for an unwanted project. He said the company 'can't be successful developing something the community doesn't want.'"

He also tied the revised plan to the local-improvement district (LID) proposed by some of the original hotel project.

'Say something' is teachers' rally cry

By DEAN MILLER
Times-News writer

BOISE — Twin Falls teachers who took part in a rally here on the Statehouse steps for more school funding said they don't like to march and sing, but feel they have to.

"I will be embarrassed if I don't speak," said Dan Jo Alexander, echoing a line from the speech of Lt. Gov. David Leroy, who spoke at the rally.

Alexander, a 5th-grade teacher at Sawtooth Elementary School, said she felt placards reading "Say nothing, do nothing, be nothing," being carried by the rally were wrong.

About 22 Twin Falls School District teachers marched up the Capitol Mall to the steps of the Statehouse to join a crowd of about 1,400 people for a series of speeches and songs organized by the Idaho Education Association aimed at convincing the Legislature to better fund schools.

Standing next to Alexander under gray Boise

skies, Sawtooth 6th-grade teacher Terry Gunn said rallying is not her favorite thing to do, but she felt it was necessary. "This is part of having an American and it's a wonderful right to have, so I take advantage of it."

"We're not here for the teacher salaries, we're here for a total education program," said Paul Remaley, a social studies teacher at Vera O'Leary Junior High School.

Twin Falls Education Association President Ray Grubbs, who teaches science at the high school, said the rally will not turn legislators against teachers.

"Many times the legislators refuse to listen to us," he said. "We have to make a strong statement, and so that is why we are here today," Grubbs said.

Only Robert Stuart Junior High School and the new I.B. Farrine Elementary did not send teachers to the rally, Grubbs said. "It's just a pity," he said.

Phil Grimm, a high school chemistry teacher, said he was skeptical how much good the rally will accomplish. "Frankly, I don't know

how much good it will do. I moved here about a year ago and the state kind of needs to see education as it doesn't at the moment."

Ed Arndt, a Twin Falls High U.S. history teacher, said the rally cheered him up. "You actually feel better because you get around people who care. It raises up your spirits."

"You don't get something for sitting on your rear," Arndt said.

Idaho students, always test above average, despite complaints about underfunding, said Leary-English teacher Tom James. He said he would rather see the state "shoot for excellent education programs than settle for above-average ones."

It will be disappointed if the legislators ignore us," I feel this is a great positive surge," said Milton Barrus, a science teacher at the High School.

Teachers said administrators and students were supportive of their decision to take a day off to rally at the Statehouse in support of more school funding.

Melted snow dampens road crews' afternoon

2 to 6 inches of water covers roadway

CASTLEFORD — Water and falling rocks on the Lilly Grade, south of Castleford, created problems Friday afternoon.

At about noon, water from melting snow from nearby desert lands flowed onto about 400 yards of the south end of the grade, said Clyde Burney, manager of the Twin Falls Highway District. The water was from 2 to 6 inches deep.

Crews also found large rocks in the road that had fallen during the night from the nearby canyon of Salmon Falls Creek, Burney said. The rocks, which were too large for people to remove, were taken away by a loader and the road cleared.

Later in the afternoon the road was patched and passable and signs

were in place warning drivers to use caution, Burney said. Elsewhere in the district, some water was reported on roads in various locations in the Ball Rapids tract.

Drivers of large trucks were warned to stay clear of the area because the water and frost damage had caused some "soft roads," Burney said.

The Twin Falls County sheriff's office also had reports of water flowing onto county roads about 1 1/2 miles north of Castleford and 2 miles west of Castleford.

Officials from the Buhl Highway District couldn't be reached for comment Friday afternoon about road conditions.

Magistrate sentencing

TWIN FALLS — The following people were sentenced Jan. 23 in 5th District Magistrate Court in Twin Falls:

Jack Lavern Eisinger, 30, of 1598 Coulson St., Twin Falls, driving under the influence, \$184 fine, 180-day driver's license suspension.

Arthur Leroy Wiggins, 57, of Boise, DUI, 90 days in jail, 1-year license suspension.

George V. Barnes, 58, of 6111 S. Second Ave. N., Twin Falls, DUI, 90 days in jail, 1-year license suspension.

Terry Lee Hawkins, 22, of 535 Madison St., Twin Falls, battery, restitution, \$100 fine.

Helen Emma Hernandez, 23, of 295 Lois St., Twin Falls, issuing an unlicensed check, \$100 fine.

Ch. H. Hagan, 23, of Route 1, Buhl, DUI, 30 days in jail, 180-day license suspension, failure to maintain insurance, \$50 fine.

Quintin E. Fry, 19, of 1322 Washington St., Twin Falls, indecent exposure (two counts), 180 days in jail, 170 days suspended and \$300 fine, \$250 suspended on each count, 24-month probation, enrollment in alcohol treatment program.

Sentences on each count are concurrent.

Trena Reon Climer, 25, of 1322 Washington St., Twin Falls, petit theft, \$200 fine, suspended, 6-month probation, restitution.

Ramon Carrasco, 27, of Hansen, DUI, \$184 fine, 30-day license suspension.

Stephen Scott Aragon, 20, of 254 S. Eighth Ave. N., Twin Falls, disorderly conduct (two counts), 180 days in jail on each count. Sentences are consecutive.

Robert A. Abramowski, 25, of 735 Bolton St., Twin Falls, petit theft, 1-year in jail.

Kenneth Lee Van Blaricom, 24, of 423-B Blue Lakes Blvd., Twin Falls, DUI, 30 days in jail, 180-day license suspension.

Rodney Lee Harter, 34, of 2188 Falls-Ave.-E., Twin Falls, speeding, \$20 fine, no insurance, \$35 fine.

John Virgil McGranahan, 27, of Route 1, Twin Falls, DUI, \$584 fine, 2 days in jail, 180-day license suspension.

Oran C. Scholl Jr., 50, of Twin Falls, DUI, \$700 fine, 7 days in jail, 180-day license suspension, no insurance, \$35 fine.

Rugena Edwards, 24, of Route 2, Filer, DUI, 5 days in jail, 180-day license suspension, \$200 fine.

Tina Beza, also known as Palina A. Curial, 21, of 217 Washington St., Twin Falls, petit theft, 10 days in jail.

Jeffrey Cave Simmons, 30, of 312 Shoshone Ave. E., Twin Falls, petit theft, \$184 fine.

Brian J. McFarland, 25, of 306 Hillmore St., Twin Falls, driving without privileges, 180 days in jail, 1-year license suspension, failure to pay, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended. Sentences are concurrent.

Jerry Nell-McCardell, 34, of Route 5, Twin Falls, failure to pay fine, \$75 fine.

Elma L. Jones, 50, of 375 Diamond Ave., Twin Falls, petit theft, \$184 fine.

Johnny Lynn Brashtier, 29, of Hansen, willful concealment, 180 days in jail, 180 days suspended, 12-month probation, evaluation at alcohol treatment center.

Obituaries

Audrey Fisher Buchanan
FILER — Audrey Fisher Buchanan, 53, formerly of Filer, died Monday in Las Vegas after a short illness.

Surviving are: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orville Fisher of Filer; three children — David, Donald, Michael; and Lori Buchanan of Las Vegas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jim, and a son, Jerry Lynn.

Following cremation, a memorial service was held in Las Vegas.

Toral G. Skrudland
TWIN FALLS — Toral G. Skrudland, 72, of Twin Falls, died Friday afternoon at his home.

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

Eva Brown Rodau
HAGERMAN — Eva Brown Rodau, 83, of Hagerman, died Friday morning in Green Acres Care Center in Gooding.

Born Nov. 27, 1902, in Spokane. She married Orval Brown Nov. 27, 1920, in Ashton. They were later divorced. She married Leroy Rodau April 6, 1960, in Boise. She had lived in Spencer, Ashton, Gooding and Hagerman.

Mrs. Rodau owned and operated the Hagerman Hotel and Coffee Shop until 1960.

She was a member of the Hagerman LDS Church and had been a member of the Union Rebekah Lodge No. 45 of Hagerman.

Surviving are: her husband of Hagerman; five daughters, Estella, Stacie, Lois, Doris and Betty; and Hagerman; Velma Owsley of Emmett; Joan Henken of Boise; and Mary Kirtland of Gooding; a son, Lloyd Brown of Okey; a daughter, Jean DeMarino of Waco, Texas; 19 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a sister, Iva; a brother, a grandchild and a great-grandchild.

A funeral will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Hagerman LDS Church. Burial will be in Hagerman Cemetery.

Friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel, 200 N. 7th, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Mountain States Tumor Institute at 151-E 21st Banrock Street, Boise 83722.

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Services

FILER — A memorial service for Sophie Marie Lampe, 95, of Filer, who died Tuesday, will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Christian Center, 181 Morrison, Twin Falls.

BUIH — The funeral for Fay Hunt, 73, of Buhl, who died Tuesday, will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at the Buhl Branch LDS Church on Fair Street. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery. Farmer Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Friends may call at the church from 10 to 11 a.m.

TWIN FALLS — A memorial service for Nina May Betts, 76, of Twin Falls, who died Monday, will be conducted at 11 a.m. today at the White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Cremation took place at White Crematory.

BURLY — A Mass of the resurrection for Julia E. Schilling, 83, of Burley, who died Monday, will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today at the West End Cemetery Church. Interment will be in the cemetery.

HEVYBURN — The funeral for Willie S. Smith, 68, of Hevlyburn, who died Tuesday, will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in Central Church of Christ in Rupert. Burial will be in Paul Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary in Rupert Sunday from 2 to 8 p.m., and Monday at the church one hour prior to the time of the service. A service also will be held Sunday at 8 p.m. in the mortuary.

GOODING — The funeral for Nellie O. Higgins, 83, of Boise and formerly of Gooding, who died Wednesday, will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in Dupuy's Gooding Chapel, 200 N. 7th, in Gooding. Elwood Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel Sunday from 1 to 7 p.m.

JEROME — A funeral for Ardell W. Borden, 80, of Jerome, who died Tues-

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Jerome, a sister, Mary Potaracke of LaCrosse, Wis.; and seven grandchildren.

Gravestone services will be held Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Jerome Cemetery, with the Rev. Ellis Ketch officiating.

Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary in Hevlyburn from 4 to 7 p.m. and may gather at the cemetery shortly before time of the service.

Ruth Morris
TWIN FALLS — Ruth Morris, 81, of Twin Falls, died Thursday evening at Hazelwood Manor.

Born Jan. 19, 1895, in Mohawk, Ohio, she married Lee Morris on Oct. 10, 1916, in Randall, Kan. He died in 1967.

She was raised in Kansas, moving to Idaho with her husband in 1921. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church and of the Lydia Circle.

Surviving are: a son, Richard Morris, Twin Falls; three grandchildren: Vickie Ann, a daughter, and Julie Lierman, Jerome; seven great-grandchildren; and a daughter, Mary Zimmer, Grand Junction, Colo.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Virginia, in 1983; two brothers and a sister.

A funeral service will be held Monday at 2 p.m. in White Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Tom Tucker officiating.

Friends may call at the mortuary today and Sunday from 3 until 8 p.m. and Monday until 1 p.m. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the United Methodist Church Elevator Fund.

Cora Brooks
BURLY — Cora Brooks, 86, of Burley, died Thursday evening in Cassia Memorial Hospital.

A funeral will be held Monday at 11 a.m. in the Joseph Payne Memorial Chapel. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Payne Chapel Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Monday one hour prior to the time of the service.

Chester E. Shepard
JEROME — Chester E. Shepard, 74, of Jerome, died Thursday evening at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Born March 29, 1911, in Wisconsin, where he was reared and educated, he also farmed there before moving to Idaho in 1968. He worked for various area farmers and also worked for Plumbing Supply and Salvage.

He married Clara Colvige at Jerome July 11, 1976, and they had lived here since.

Surviving are: his wife of Jerome; a son, Chester E. Shepard Jr., of Mesa, Ariz.; a stepson, Melvin Ramey of Boise; a brother, Nelson Shepard of Jerome; and a daughter, Dorothy Hagem, Twin Falls; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, a son, a brother, a twin brother and six sisters.

A graveside service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. Robert Van Ness officiating. Friends may call at the mortuary today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorialists to a favorite charity.

Hazel Spencer Cedarquist
TWIN FALLS — Hazel Spencer Cedarquist, 85, Twin Falls, died Friday at Hazelwood Manor.

Born in the City of Portland, Ore., she married J.A. "Art" Cedarquist in Wendover, Utah. Mr. Cedarquist, who died June 24, 1981, owned Globe Seed and Feed Store in Twin Falls.

Mrs. Cedarquist had lived in Twin Falls the past 32 years, moving here from San Francisco, Calif., in 1951. She was a member of the Ladies of the Elks and was a past regent of the DAR. She was a former member of the Twentieth Century Club and the Blue Lakes Country Club.

Surviving are: a daughter, Dorothy Hagem, Twin Falls; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, a son, a brother, a twin brother and six sisters.

A graveside service will be held Monday at 11 a.m. at Sunset Memorial Park with the Rev. Robert Van Ness officiating. Friends may call at the mortuary today from 5 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 4 to 8 p.m. The family suggests memorialists to a favorite charity.

TWIN FALLS — A rosary for Florence T. Torres, 77, of Twin Falls, who died Wednesday, will be recited today at 7 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. today in Sunset Memorial Park.

TWIN FALLS — A funeral for Cecil V. Mikaw, 76, of Twin Falls, who died Wednesday, will be held today at 11 a.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Park.

Friends may call at the chapel until the time of the funeral.

HEVYBURN — A graveside funeral for Charles Holaday, 82, of Ketchum, who died Wednesday, will be held at 2 p.m. Monday in Ketchum Cemetery, with the Rev. William Mallory officiating. Arrangements will be under the direction of the Wood River Chapel in Hevlyburn.

CASSIA MEMORIAL
Admitted
Jason Rodriguez, Cora Brooks and Christina Bedolla, all of said; Jeffrey, Herbert, Jody of Oakley; and Christine Schiers of Hevlyburn.

Released
Gary Ross, Walter Caldwell, Marilyn Gochour and daughter, and Virgil Purtee, all of Burley; Doniga Garcia, Rowena Jack and Mrs. James Qualls, all of Hevlyburn; and Mrs. Robert (Hildner) and Clint Fantassell and daughter, all of Hevlyburn; and Raymond Sherrin, both of Wendell; Dewey King of Buhl; Kerry Dye of Murtaugh; and baby Frances of Gooding.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL
Admitted
Michael Christiansen of Rupert.

Briefly

Accident victim hospitalized
HOLLISBURG — A Twin Falls man remained hospitalized Friday night after a one-car accident Thursday night, 1 1/2 miles north of Hollister on U.S. Highway 20.

At about 9:35 p.m., 40-year-old Charles Scherer of 157-Filer Ave. W. was driving north when his car went off the right side of the road, according to Idaho State Police. Rick Wright, Scherer then corrected and went onto the left side of the road, pulling the car at least one time. The driver was thrown out.

Scherer was taken by ambulance to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, where he was reported in fair condition Friday night.

Scherer was charged with driving under the influence and violating a restricted license, Wright said.

There was about \$7,000 in damages to the car.

Fairfield receives sewer grant
BOISE — Fairfield is one of three southern Idaho communities that have been awarded a total of \$30,000 from the state's Water Pollution Control Fund to upgrade or repair sewage treatment facilities, Gov. John Evans has announced.

Evans said the city of Mars will receive \$10,000 to help design an upgraded wastewater treatment plant.

The city of Emmett also would receive \$7,500 toward the cost of an engineering study on ways to eliminate sewage backup problems, and Fairfield would get \$6,000 for a study on how to upgrade its wastewater facility to meet state and federal standards.

Area to get first electricity
CARLIN, Nev. — The rural Pine Valley area south of Carlin will receive its first station electricity Feb. 4 for the first time in its history.

With the help of a low-interest loan from the Rural Electrification Administration, the Wells Rural Electric Company has constructed an 80-mile distribution line to the area.

The project is being completed 24 days ahead of schedule and \$200,000 below its originally projected \$1.3 million cost.

The rural area encompasses approximately 1,350 square miles in northeast Nevada. Prior to the central power lines, Pine Valley residents depended on private diesel generators for their electricity.

City Council cancels meeting
TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Council has called off its Monday work session and evening meeting because of a lack of business to discuss, said City Manager Tom Courtney.

The council will hold a work session Feb. 10, but will not hold another regular meeting until Feb. 18.

McClure seeking college students for internships in nation's capital

WASHINGTON — U.S. Sen. Jim McClure, Energy and Natural Resources Committee, which McClure is accepting applications from Idaho college students interested in spending part of their summer as a congressional intern in the nation's capital.

"Working in Washington D.C. is seeing first-hand how the federal government operates — is one of the best ways for Idaho students to learn the legislative process," said McClure.

"It's a competitive process for a limited number of internships," he emphasized, "so I encourage those interested to apply as soon as possible."

Idaho students selected for the program will spend 6 weeks working in Washington, either on McClure's personal staff or the staff of the

PUC slates rate-hike hearing
BOISE — The Idaho Public Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing in Boise on Idaho Power's \$270-million rate increase.

The purpose of the hearing is to hear additional testimony and exhibits concerning the Valley-II coal-fired generating plant.

Testimony will be presented by Donald Birely, Idaho Power's senior vice president for planning and public relations. The commission will also cross-examine the witness.

The company's request for a 27.4-percent, or \$84.2 million, increase is the largest ever requested by an Idaho utility. The largest share of that increase, \$57.5 million, would go to pay for Idaho Power's share of the Valley plant located in Nevada.

Other investments and increased operating costs account for \$34.4 million of the company's request, and co-generation payments are responsible for another \$12.3 million.

Idaho's Power's requested rate hike would increase residential charges from 4.2 to 5.5 cents per kilowatt-hour. That would increase the average home's monthly utility bill by \$13.78, according to company figures.

The IPUC will hold other hearings on the rate increase in Pocatello on March 6 and in Twin Falls at a time and place yet to be decided.

2-day groundwater course set
TWIN FALLS — The Idaho Division of Health and Welfare has a 2-day course on groundwater in Twin Falls on Feb. 2 and 3. The purpose of the course is to enable public and private workers concerned about groundwater pollution to learn more about the problem.

Dr. Albert E. Ogden, a senior hydrogeologist for the IDHW's Division of Environment, will be teaching the class, which will focus on the movement and occurrence of ground waters.

There is no charge for the course, but participants are asked to register so that materials will be available for them.

This is designed for people involved with protecting and managing groundwater resources," Ogden said. "It's intended to help them understand the complexity of Idaho's aquifers."

Participants include employees of both the Division of Environment and the Department of Water Resources; city officials; members of district health departments; well drillers; engineering consultants and representatives of the food processing industries.

Registration forms, a course outline, and information on times and locations are available from Ogden at the Water Quality Bureau, Department of Health and Welfare, Statehouse, Boise 83720, or by calling 334-1251.

Range

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Compared to its condition 50 years ago, the agency has had "tremendous" success in the Shoshone District, but more work is needed in controlling soil erosion, particularly in the Snake River Valley.

As recently as the 1950s the Dietrich Canal had to be cleared of sand every year, Cowley said. He explained, eroded or eroding banks of chest grass in some areas, which has since been solved by improved plant and grass cover.

Johnann Wald, with the NRDC in San Francisco, said he agrees that there has been an improvement, but he said that the BLM's "message" is that substantial portions of its lands are in unsatisfactory condition and that improvements are needed.

"The real question is when are we going to be around to do any of it?" Wald said.

Much of the state's rangeland is probably considered to be in unsatisfactory condition, Cordell said, because of prevalent stands of chest grass in some areas. That was in addition to GAO reported overgrazing at the turn of the century destroyed native vegetation and allowed chest grass to gain a foothold in the area, Cordell explained.

Applicants must be legal residents of Idaho and a college or university student entering his or her junior or senior year this fall. Applicants must also be in good academic standing at their school.

Students interested in an internship should write to McClure's Washington, D.C., office by Feb. 15 to obtain application materials. The mailing address is: Office of U.S. Sen. Jim McClure, 361 Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510.

All applications must be returned to the senators' Washington office no later than March 1. After receiving all applications, McClure will announce his selections in early April.

Since it readily out-competes native grasses, it has been almost impossible to replace it with more beneficial grasses.

Cowley's message is that chest grass will not fill you blue in the face. Cowley said, "You can't show any results without showing any results."

Falling the development of grass improvement projects.

"We're talking about a Star Wars program for public range," Cordell said.

With additional funding cuts on the way from the House of Representatives, the BLM had a backlog of \$26.1 million for needed range improvement projects in Fiscal Year 1983. That was in addition to GAO reported backlog of \$18 million from 1982.

The NWF and NRDC report blames the money shortage on current grazing fee formulas.

Because grazing fee formulas have been tied to livestock prices, grazing fees receipts have steadily declined since 1981. Because of the drop, the environmental groups report, says, "It covers neither the costs of administering the BLM's grazing program, nor the cost of financing range improvement projects."

In 1984, the cost of administering the BLM's grazing program exceeded grazing receipts by \$30 million.

Project

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owners before going into effect.

Daon's new project includes the Inn at Greyhawk, a 69-unit hotel on the north side of Warm Springs road. The project also includes a new parking lot, a new playground, a new swimming pool, a new tennis court, a new walking trail, a new bicycle path, a new playground, a new swimming pool, a new tennis court, a new walking trail, a new bicycle path.

The area's business managers and property owners. The taxing district would be in landscaping, newly designed streets, street furniture and new traffic patterns for the tourist area near the Warm Springs access to Sun Valley Bald Mountain.

"We think the IDJ is the most exciting project development that has come along in awhile," Poole said. "Along with the proposed upgrading, we thought a different type of development might be in every body's interest."

He offered to include Daon's property in the improvement district that will pay for the improvements with increased property taxes on the area's property. It is in its early stage of development and needs the approval of the area's property

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Religion

Protests, divided church await Pope John Paul II in India

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Pope John Paul II left for India Friday on one of his most controversial voyages. Awaiting him are protesting Hindu militants and a small, divided Catholic church that is split between those who are hostile to the overwheleing Hindu nation and the pope's special All India Boleing...

About 6,000 militant Hindus demonstrated Friday in New Delhi shouting with fists raised, "Pope go back." Hindu groups have announced that mass demonstrations and anti-pope slogans have appeared in New Delhi and Madras, and at least two death threats have been made against the leader of the world's 800 million Roman Catholics...

It has since divided into a number of sects, including three rites loyal to the pope but with their own hierarchy and liturgy. Vatican officials said John Paul will seek to encourage unity among the Catholics and to promote the introduction of more local culture into the liturgy, something strongly opposed by conservative clergy members...

Church news

TWIN FALLS — Scott Eugene Marley, son of Gene and Mary Joan Marley of Twin Falls, has been called to serve in the Okayama Japan Mission for the LDS Church...

TWIN FALLS — Brad Barnes, of the Twin Falls 6th Ward, has been called to serve in the Brazil-Sao Paulo North Mission for the LDS Church...

TWIN FALLS — A fast-paced, modern-day allegory, akin to the familiar Bible stories, "The Prodigal," a World Wide Pictures Presentation, will be shown Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at First Christian Church...

Vatican newspaper says Catholic priests and worshippers are being persecuted in Nicaragua

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The official Vatican newspaper has condemned what it called "persecution" and "unjustified attacks" suffered by Catholic priests and worshippers in Nicaragua...

Obando y Bravo gave Perez de Cuellar copies of 11 letters to Ortega from the Nicaraguan Bishops Conference, charging the Sandinistas with intimidating and mistreating priests and lay people who work with the church...

Ezra T. Benson addresses Downtown churches banned

EL PASO, Texas (AP) — The 86-year-old spiritual leader of 5.8 million Mormons addressed church leaders last Saturday in a 4-hour closed session that addressed the problems of rapid church growth...

Belgrade went to move her business to another city. She has been banned from moving into the Main Street downtown business district of this southern Montana community after businesses complained churches might ruin the neighborhood...

Church services

ASSEMBLY OF GOD
TWIN FALLS — Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a.m. at First Assembly of God. Pastor Ravan will speak at the 10:30 a.m. service. Children's service will begin at 10:50 a.m. Pastor Ravan will speak at 6 p.m. All church activities will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

MONDAY SPACE 52
TWIN FALLS — Sunday school will begin at 9:30 a.m. at First Christian. The morning service will be at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Jim Huston will speak on "Responding to God's Call" at 11 a.m. On Thursday, fellowship will begin at 10 p.m. at the church on finances will be held at 11:15 p.m.

UNIFIED METHODIST
FILET — The young adults will have a bowling party today at 7:30 p.m. at Cedar lanes. Sunday school will begin at 9:15 a.m. A fellowship will be held at 10:30 a.m. The Rev. David Upd will speak on "Charlotte Elliott: Just As I Am" at the 11 a.m. communion service. Fellowship classes will not be held this week.

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Nelson had cocaine in body

DALLAS (AP) — Entertainer Rick Nelson's body contained a "small amount" of cocaine when he died in a New Year's Eve plane crash, the Dallas Times Herald reported Friday.

Toxicology tests showed no evidence that "freebasing," a method of cocaine use that involves heating the drug with an open flame, the newspaper quoted an unidentified Federal Aviation Administration biologist as saying.

The Times Herald quoted an unidentified official at the Civil Aeromedical Institute in Oklahoma City as saying traces of both metabolized and unmetabolized cocaine, as well as a compound of the painkiller Datvon, were found in Nelson's blood and urine samples.

"I don't think there is anything to say about this," said Oscar Arslanian, Nelson's manager, in Los Angeles.

Angolan rebel blasts oil firm

WASHINGTON (AP) — Angolan resistance leader Jonas Savimbi criticized the Chevron Corp.'s Gulf Oil subsidiary Friday for doing business with Angola's Marxist government and said his forces may sabotage the firm's oil field facilities.

"It is a target," Savimbi told a news conference, adding that his anti-communist, rebel movement is looking for the appropriate time to strike. He said Americans working in the area will not be harmed.

Savimbi, whose appearance was arranged by Foreign Policy magazine, is here seeking U.S. support. He declined comment on what commitments he has received in his meetings with President Reagan, Secretary of State George Shultz and Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger.

However, Savimbi suggested he is not going back to his base of operations in southern Angola empty-handed.

State votes to settle lawsuit

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — Washington lawmakers Friday rattified a \$482 million plan that would give pay raises to 35,000 workers and settle a sex-discrimination lawsuit filed by the state's female employees.

The U.S. District Judge Jack Tanner upholds the "comparable worth" plan the state workers, mostly women, will find raises in their April 20 pay envelopes, said Deputy Attorney General Christine Gregoire.

Tanner ruled in 1983 that Washington deliberately practiced sex-based wage discrimination and ordered a plan, including back pay, that would have cost up to \$1.7 billion, according to estimates.

AIDS exposure foils recruits

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has so far rejected roughly 400 recruits from entering active service because they tested positively for exposure to an antibody associated with AIDS, an Army officer said Friday.

Col. Gary Quay, assigned to oversee the new AIDS blood screening program for the Army, said the 400 recruits had been rejected out of roughly 270,000 recruits tested between Oct. 15 and Jan. 17.

Based on the initial three months of testing, Quay said the Army was expecting a positive test rate of about 1.5 percent. That is higher than the rate being reported by civilian blood agencies, but Quay stressed it was impossible to compare the two groups because of such differences as age.

All three services have been testing recruits since October. But they are only now completing their plans for testing active-duty and reserve personnel as ordered by Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger.

Firm takes IUDs off U.S. market

CHICAGO (AP) — G.D. Searle & Co. on Friday withdrew from the U.S. market two in-uterine birth control devices, including the nation's most-prescribed IUD, because of costs stemming from hundreds of lawsuits.

The IUDs to be withdrawn immediately are marketed under the trade names TATUM-T and CU-7, or Copper-7, the IUD most often prescribed in the United States since it was approved by the Food and Drug Administration in 1974.

The move leaves only one IUD on the U.S. market, the Progestasert, made by Alza Corp., the FDA said.

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Quake shakes up nine states

By The Associated Press

A strong earthquake centered near Cleveland rumbled through nine states and part of Canada on Friday, shattering glass, sounding an alarm at an unfinished nuclear plant, shutting off three coal-fired generators and slightly injuring two people.

The U.S. Geological Survey in Washington estimated that the quake, which occurred at 9:47 a.m. MST, had a magnitude of 5.6 on the Richter scale of "ground" movement and was centered 30 miles northeast of Cleveland.

"I've been through tornadoes and floods, but nothing like this," said Betty McFarland, a bus driver for the Mentor public school in Ohio's Lake County, where two people were treated for cuts from flying glass and falling ceiling tiles.

Emergency alarms were activated and employees were sent home at the Perry nuclear plant, 36 miles east of Cleveland, but Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. spokesman Lee Bailey said there was no structural damage. Fuel rods on the site waiting to be loaded in reactors were not damaged, he said.

Bailey said the earthquake knocked out a 650-megawatt generator at the company's Eastlake coal-burn-

ing plant. However, other generators picked up the slack and no outages were reported.

Two coal-fired generators at the Belle River power plant near Marine City, Mich., also shut down because the tremor triggered a safety device which detects excess vibration, said Carlo Gebba, spokesman for Detroit Edison Co. Electric service was not affected, he said.

Mentor police dispatcher Jeff Ackerman said a Sears store was closed at the Great Lakes Mall because of the quake, but he knew of no injuries. He said at least one older school building was evacuated to check for cracks.

'Mary Worth' creator dies

COLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Allen Saunders, a cartoonist who created the "Mary Worth" and "Steve Roper" comic strips, has died at the age of 88.

Saunders, who died at St. Luke's Hospital in Maumee on Tuesday, was a former college professor, drama critic and president of the Toledo school board.

Born March 24, 1899, Saunders was an instructor in romance languages at his alma mater, Wabash College, in Crawfordsville, Ind.

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World

Mexico announces crude oil price cut

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexico, the United States' second-largest oil supplier, announced Friday an average \$4-a-barrel cut in its crude oil prices retroactive to Jan. 1, sending its heavy-crude price below \$20 a barrel for the first time.

The announcement came just hours after President Miguel de la Madrid and Venezuelan President Jaime Lusinchi agreed to begin coordinating their pricing strategies in hopes of maintaining each country's share of the glutted world market.

Femex, the state oil monopoly, said its January prices for U.S. customers would be \$21.70 for the light 15thmus crude, down from

\$26.25 in December, and \$19.50 for \$19.50 for the heavy Maya crude, down from \$22.00 in December.

Femex sets prices at the end of each month, retroactive to the first of the month.

Mexico's average price in December was \$23.75 per 42-gallon barrel. For January the average is \$19.75, Femex said.

Mexico, which does not belong to the OPEC cartel, sells only by contract and does not trade on the spot market.

De la Madrid and Lusinchi announced the price-coordination plan in a joint communique the day after holding private talks at the Caribbean resort of Cancun.

Botha: Free Mandela in deal with Soviets

CAPE TOWN, South Africa (AP) — President P. W. Botha proposed Friday to release Nelson Mandela on humanitarian grounds if the Soviet Union freed dissidents and South African and Anatoly Scharansky and if Angola freed a captured South African commando.

The proposal would free the guerrilla leader who after 24 years in jail remains the leading symbol of the black struggle against apartheid, South Africa's system of racial

segregation, and two of the best-known dissidents in the Soviet Union.

In a speech opening Parliament, Botha said the deal should include the release of Capt. Wynand du Toit, seized last year during a failed South African raid on U.S.-owned oil installations in Angola.

There was no reaction from the Soviet Union or from Marxist Angola.

Gunmen kidnap S. Korean consul

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Gunmen firing automatic rifles and pistols kidnaped a South Korean diplomat in Moslem west Beirut Friday. In south Lebanon, Israeli jets showered Sidon with leaflets warning Moslems of "misery and destruction" if they harbor Palestinian guerrillas.

A military spokesman said Do Chae Sung, 33, second secretary and consul of the South Korean Embassy was on his way to work when five gunmen in a green Mercedes intercepted his car about 50 yards from the embassy in the seaside Ramlet el-Baida district.

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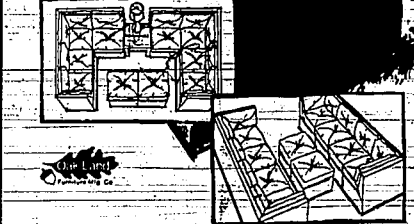
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Victory

Bruins survive Spartan attack, post 63-61 win

By BRAD BRELAND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Tom Mueller hit four free throws down the stretch Friday night and lifted the Twin Falls Bruins to a 63-61 Gem State Conference victory over the Minico Spartans halting a five-game Bruin losing streak.

Mueller was held scoreless until he went to the line with 61 seconds left and boosted the Bruins lead to five points.

"It was the same thing that happened at Minico," said Bruin coach John Astorquia. "This time we made the free throws."

Minico controlled the game and led for most of the contest until Kenny Fuchs hit a basket with 9:12 left in the contest.

Jack Bagley got the Spartans off to a 4-0 lead with two buckets just within the three-point line.

Twin Falls battled back on a couple of baskets by John Fulton.

Jesse Beltran hit a basket with six seconds left and Minico led by a point at the end of the first quarter.

Senior Pete Jones came off the bench to ignite the offense and put the Bruins in front 17-16.

With two minutes left in the first half, Minico had stretched their lead to eight points, but the Bruins came back and cut the lead to 34-32 with four points from Fuchs down the stretch.

Three minutes into the second half, Fuchs tied the game 38-38 but Minico came back and scored the next two points capped off by a jumper by Bagley.

Astorquia called a time out and had his team regroup, changing the defense from the zone to man-to-man.

Minico held their advantage and took a four point lead with the final quarter.

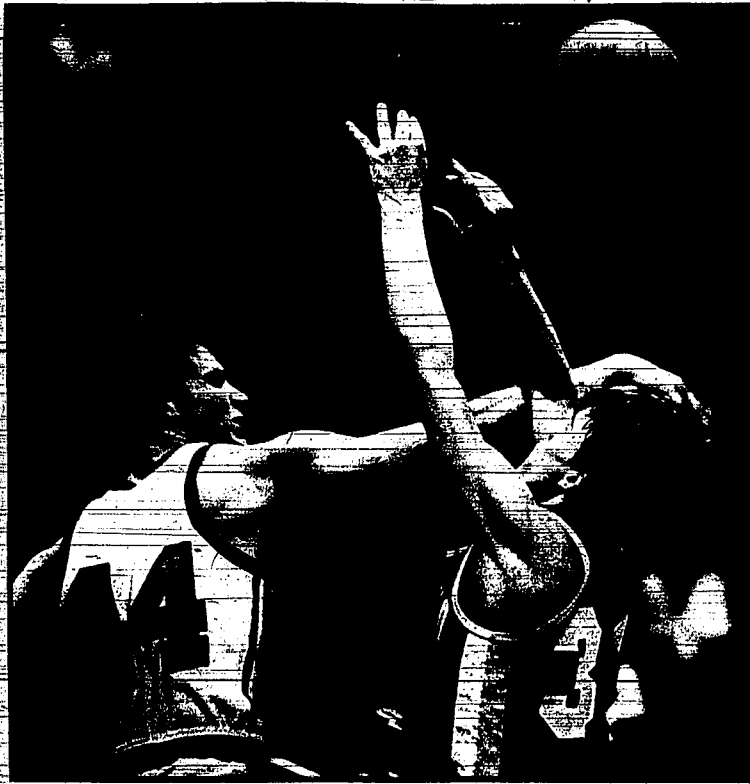
Fulton found the touch.

After bombing away from the three-point line and missing the first half, he canned one and brought the Bruins within one.

After Fuchs gave the Bruins the lead midway through the quarter, Fulton brought another one in, giving Twin Falls a 56-51 advantage.

"He's a good shooter," said Astorquia. "He's always got the green light to shoot them."

Bagley returned the favor, ten seconds later with a three-point goal cutting the deficit to a pair of points.



Kenny Fuchs, left, of Twin Falls, bats away a shot by Minoico's Greg Edgar, but fouls him on the play.

After a Bruin timeout and with the clock nearing a minute, Tom Prater drove the lane scored and hit the free-throw after he was fouled.

TWIN FALLS led player:

Prater	6	22	3	14
Dayton	1	0	0	1
D. Fuchs	6	1	1	2
Fuchs	3	4	4	10
Clay	1	2	2	0
Sires	0	0	1	1
J. Fulton	5	0	0	12
Jones	1	0	0	2
Prater	21	12	15	63

MINICO led player:

Beltran	5	24	2	12
Poulsen	4	3	2	15
Greene	1	2	3	3
Edgar	1	0	0	2
Totals	23	11	20	41
Minico	11	24	28	61
Twin Falls	12	32	44	63

Bruins' box score

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Prater led the Bruins with 14, with David and John Fulton adding 12.

Burley defense trips Buhl effort, 56-50

By RIM GATES
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Burley Bobcats turned to defensive pressure in the second half Friday night to get past Buhl 56-50 in a South-Central Idaho Conference boys' basketball game.

The victory, which improves Burley's SICM mark to 3-0, also extends the Bobcats' winning streak to seven.

Burley's Craig Felt and Buhl's Kyle Wilson took turns scoring back-to-back field goals in the early going before the Bobcats struck for eight points in only 42 seconds to forge an eight-point lead. Most of the damage in that span was done by six-foot senior Shane Newcomb. Newcomb started the breakaway with a three-point howitzer and, after Brad Church hit a baseline

jamper, took the ball to the hoop on the end of a two-on-one fast break, drew the foul and converted the three-point play.

The clubs exchanged buckets twice and then it was Buhl's turn to show some fireworks. 6-foot-2 Shane Ware kicked off an 11-point rally for the Indians with a three-point play and when Tad Davis worked the give-and-go for a pair, Buhl took their first lead at 17-16.

The Indians ran the count to 23-18 a minute into the second period before senior guard Scott Mellinger, who tallied seven points in the period, took over. Driving to the middle, adding a pair of dunks and posting up low, Mellinger combined with Newcomb and Felt to outscore the visitors 10-3 and regain their earlier advantage at the 23:24 mark.

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Tossed, not sunk

San Jacinto fields teams of the overlooked

By JOHN JEANSONNE
Newsday

PASADENA, Texas — The inscription over the gymnasium at San Jacinto College should be: "Fluctuat nec mergitur." "Tossed by waves but never sunk." That is because the players here — the stars, who brought three national junior-college championships since the school opened in 1960 — have not had wonderfully smooth sailing despite considerable basketball skills and eventual fame and fortune.

"We get kids for three reasons," says San Jacinto's 38-year-old head coach, Ronnie Arrow, the man who runs this athletic Halfway House. "First, because they aren't doing it academically. Second, because they've had problems of the court. Third, because they're just not ready for Division I basketball. Mostly for the first reason."

Since 1969, when Ollie Taylor came



here from New York on his way to the University of Houston and the American Basketball Association's New York Nets, San Jacinto has given aid, comfort and a second chance to 10 future pro players.

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Boston Celtics, Atlanta Hawks, Alton Lister (Arizona State, Milwaukee Bucks), Larry Spriggs (Howard University, Lrs Angeles Lakers).

Of course, St. John's heroes Walter Berry and before him, Billy Goodwin, wore the pale blue of San Jacinto, too. And Frank "Spoon" James, who now plays at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, when San Jacinto won the 1981 national junior college title featuring Berry and playing before a gym full of Division I scouts, Arrow said he was told "more than one Big East guy that we could have finished fifth, maybe fourth in the Big East." On the night last month when the nearby University of Houston played DePaul, Arrow figured that "four, maybe five of the kids I have now are good enough to play in that game. Let me say, 'four or five,' so I won't be bragging. And I've got one or two who're not the favorites."

North Idaho, which had a great shooting night from the field, was even stronger at the foul line, hitting 28 of 35 and a brilliant 10 of 23 in the second half. CSI was 14-for-28 and B-for-18 in the second half, but at least five of those tough conventional grounding-of-Meyer-after-he-got-the-ball-into-for-apparently-easy-buckets. Meyer hit 10 of 11 in the second half.

See TOSSED on Page B2

Sun Valley: 20's; Magic: 40's

Sun Valley — Sun Valley reported cloudy skies Friday with an inch of new snow overnight. There is 45 inches of snow on the top of Bald Mountain, with packed powder on all slopes. The weather forecast for today calls for temperatures in the 20s with a chance of more snow. All lifts and runs will be in operation this weekend. Hours today: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Falls today and Sunday, leaving Newton's at 7:30 a.m., Claude's Sports in Jerome at 8 a.m., Wendell at 8:45 a.m., and Gooding Junior High School at 8:30 p.m. Hours today: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Pomeroy — Pomeroy reported clear skies with temperatures in the 40s on Friday, with three inches of new snow since Wednesday night. There is 33 inches of snow at the base and 88 inches at the top of the mountain. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow chains are advised. Bus base and 35 inches of snow at the top of the mountain. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow chains are advised. Bus service will run from Twin Falls at 7:30 a.m., Burley at 8:30 p.m., and Buhl at 8:45 a.m.

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Magic Mountain — Magic reported clear skies and temperatures in the high 40s on Friday. There is 51 inches of snow at the top of the mountain and 46 inches at the base, with packed powder on all runs. The access road has been plowed and sanded, but snow tires or chains are advised. Bus service will run from Twin Falls at 7:30 a.m., Burley at 8:30 a.m., and Buhl at 8:45 a.m.

Grapplers make plans for combined tourney

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Pirates shock third-ranked Castleford Wolves, 52-48

By The Times-News

HAGERMAN — Devyn Pharis and Troy Olson led 15 points each Friday night as the Hagerman Pirates upset third-ranked Castleford 52-48 in a Magic Valley Conference boys' basketball contest.

The Wolves jumped out to a six-point lead but Hagerman chipped away before taking control in the third quarter.

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Castleford's lead was cut to 13-13 at the end of the first quarter. Olson hit a clutch free throw down the stretch to tie the game.

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Japanese golfer leads

NORTH MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Japan's Ayako Okamoto, her back pain diminishing with each round of golf she plays, shot a Sunday par 67 Friday to open a three-hole lead over Beth Daniel after two rounds of the LPGA's \$200,000 Elizabeth Arden Classic.

Okamoto, from Tokyo, has been bothered by an aching back since last July and has been using acupuncture treatments to relieve the pain. She said the back hardly bothered her during a six-hole and one-happy round Friday at the 6,103-yard Turnberry Isle Country Club course.

"The back feels very good," said Okamoto, who has a two-round total of 8-under 136. "I just played nice and easy. I just tried to enjoy it and play the best I could and not take it too seriously."

AT&T tourney postponed

PBBLE BEACH, Calif. (AP) — Continuing rains flooded conditions and a "solid river" washed out Friday's play and set up a day-late finish in the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

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NBA standings

Table showing NBA standings for Eastern and Western Conferences.

Wrestling

Continued from Page B1. The Rams have a returning state champ of their own in 158-pound Jesse Smith and own a trio of top seeds that will test the hosts.

Burley

Continued from Page B2. Scoring was sparse for the balance of the half as neither team could get the roll on lay-ins. Burley's 24-foot attempt at the buzzer caromed off the iron.

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Gooding 62 Walton 30

HAZELTON — Gooding put nine players in the scoring column here Friday night en route to a 62-30 Canyon Conference boys' basketball victory over Walton.

Bliss 49 KSV 17

BLISS — Bliss got scoring from eight different players here Friday night in a 49-17 Northside Conference boys' basketball victory over the Ketchum-Sum Valley Community School.

Dietrich 72 Rockland 44

DIETRICH — Dietrich avenged one of its two losses the season here Friday night, routing Rockland 72-44 in a non-conference boys' basketball contest.

Wells 47 Jackpot 34

JACKPOT — A 19-point second quarter proved to be the difference here Friday night as Wells defeated Jackpot 47-34 in a Northern Nevada B Conference boys' basketball game.

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Celtics extend winning streak to 10

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — With Kevin McHale on the sidelines with an injury, the Boston Celtics haven't missed a beat, or a win.

Scott Wedman, McHale's replacement, scored 24 points in a 97-88 victory over the Washington Bullets Friday night as the Celtics extended their winning streak to 10 games, the longest in the NBA this season.

Wedman, averaging about 14 minutes a game before given the opportunity to start the last four, played 32 minutes even though Coach K.C. Jones substituted liberally.

"I hate to see somebody get hurt, but I'm glad for the opportunity to play," Wedman said. "On this team, it's easy to fill in, because they're such good players and know your strengths."

"It's not my job to worry about minutes," Wedman said. "I stay in shape, and I'm ready if they need

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me. If I come off the bench for four or five minutes, I give it my best."

Wedman conceded he was more aggressive than he was after missing his first three chances against Chicago on Thursday, and he came out firing.

Atlanta 116 Detroit 103

ATLANTA (AP) — Joh Koncak scored seven of his 20 points in a 116-103 streak that broke open a close game as Atlanta defeated Detroit 116-103 in NBA action Friday night.

Koncak, a rookie from Southern Methodist University, led the fourth-quarter spurt that sent the Hawks from an 86-85 lead after three quarters to a 108-87 advantage with

7:28 to play.

Dominique Wilkins topped the Hawks with 36 points and Doc Rivers added 18.

Detroit was led by Joe Dumars with 22 points. Kelly Tripucka added 19, Bill Laimbeer scored 14 and had a game-high 16 rebounds, and Vinnie Johnson and Isiah Thomas each added 10.

The Pistons led by as many as 11 points in the first half and by four at halftime.

"It was Atlanta's 12th victory in its past 16 games, and 15th in its last 17 home contests."

Indiana 101 Seattle 94

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Herb Williams scored 19 of his game-high 27 points in the first half, giving Indiana a lead it never relinquished as the Pacers defeated Seattle 101-94 in the NBA Friday night.

Williams added eight points in the third quarter, which ended with the Pacers protecting a 75-65 advantage.

Seattle scored the first six points of the final quarter and pulled to within five points several times. The SuperSonics trailed 99-92 on a three-point shot by Gerald Henderson with 16 seconds to play.

Vern Fleming, who contributed 18 to an Indiana offense that put five players in double figures, hit two free throws with 10 seconds left. Al Wood, who led Seattle with 20, missed another three-point effort and Fleming got the loose ball. Steve Stipanovich, who had 11 of his 17 points in the second half, then made two free throws for the game's final points with six seconds remaining.

The Pacers, who won their third consecutive home game and recorded their fourth victory in six games, were up by 11 after a Ron Anderson layup with 8:32 to go in the first half.

Dallas 107 Cleveland 91

DALLAS (AP) — James Donaldson had 17 points and 11 rebounds as the Dallas Mavericks raced to a 31-13 lead after one quarter and coasted to a 107-91 NBA victory over Cleveland Friday night, only their second triumph in their last 11 meetings with the Cavaliers.

The Mavericks won their fourth straight game, while it was the sixth consecutive loss for the Cavaliers, who were led by Roy Hinson with 17 points.

Dallas led 65-39 at halftime and 86-64 after three quarters.

Darrel Harper and Rolando Blackman added 15 apiece for Dallas, which held Cleveland's World B. Free to seven first-half points. Free, who averages 23.4 points per game, sat out the second half of the blowout.

No. 8 Kentucky tops Tigers

LEXINGTON, Ky. (AP) — Forward Kenny Walker scored 24 points, eight coming in the final 5:49, to hit eighth-ranked Kentucky to an 83-71 victory over Auburn in Southeastern Conference basketball Friday night.

College basketball

Kentucky hiked its record to 18-2 overall and 9-1 in the SEC, while Auburn fell to 12-7 and 6-3.

Kentucky appeared comfortably ahead when Walker hit a jumper in the lane for a 59-46 lead with 12:46 left in the game.

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Business



Idaho building value surges

BOISE (AP) — The value of construction in Idaho was up 22 percent in 1985 over 1984, because of substantial increases in commercial building, according to the Idaho Construction Report, a publication of First Security Bank of Idaho.

In 1985, commercial construction was valued at \$225.5 million, up 72.7 percent from a year earlier. Alterations and repairs in 1985 totaled \$117.05 million, up 6.9 percent, the report said.

The report said total construction value increased in December. The value of building permits issued in December at 56 Idaho locations was \$16.6 million, up 10.2 percent from December 1984.

Residential construction in December for 113 homes and other dwelling units was valued at about \$4.9 million, a decline of 13.1 percent in number and 32.9 percent in value compared December 1984.

Commercial construction last month was valued at \$3.6 million, up 25.2 percent, while alterations and repairs totaled \$7.95 million, up 39.4 percent.

Utility reports rise in profits

SPOKANE (AP) — Washington Water Power Co. attributes higher profits for the fourth quarter of 1985 and the entire year to increased sales to other utilities, increased electric usage and rate increases.

The company reported earnings per average share of \$3.03 for the entire year, compared with \$2.46 in 1984, when the company took a non-recurring loss of 21 cents a share.

For the fourth quarter of 1985, profits were 75 cents per share, compared with 50 cents for the same period of 1984.

Paul A. Redmond, WWP board chairman and chief executive officer, said electric sales to other utilities had increased, electric and natural gas usage was higher due to colder average temperatures, and electric rates had increased in early 1985.

However, he said, the difference between the two fourth quarters and year-end earnings would not be as pronounced if the company had not experienced a one-time charge to earnings of \$4.8 million for the Spokane-based utility's investment in the canceled Snake River Dam.

Net profits totaled \$64.6 million for 1985, compared with \$50.4 million for 1984, the company said. Total 1985 operating revenues amounted to \$459.5 million, compared with \$413.3 million for the previous year.

Millionth ounce of gold out

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — Freeport-McMoRan Gold Co. has produced its millionth ounce of gold after 4 1/2 years of operation at its Jerritt Canyon project 50 miles north of Elko in northeastern Nevada.

The project began in 1978 with its first ounce of gold on July 4, 1981. The mine's production is nearing the \$500 million gross revenue mark, according to Milton H. Ward, corporate president and chief operating officer of the company's parent, Freeport-McMoRan, Inc.

The company produces microscopic gold, netting 0.2 ounces of the metal from each 100 tons of ore crushed to the consistency of flour then treated with chlorine.

The mill processes 3,500 tons of ore using 240,000 to 250,000 pounds of chlorine daily. It produced 255,000 ounces of gold last year.

The Jerritt Canyon operation is the second largest gold mine in North America and employs 375 workers.

Hecla posts quarters '85 losses

WALLACE (AP) — Hecla Mining Co. sustained a fourth quarter loss of \$3.9 million, or 16 cents a share, and a 1985 loss of \$4.2 million, or 16 cents a share, the company said Friday.

The losses were attributed to low metals prices.

Hecla suffered \$9 million in operating losses in 1984, but ended the year with a profit after selling its interest in the Sunshin Utah Arsenic Property near Wallace.

Despite the losses, Hecla's financial statement "is about as strong as you could ask for," said company spokesman Elmer L. Blerly. The company's long-term obligations total less than \$500,000, he said.

The company's strong balance sheet and diversification into industrial minerals place Hecla in a position to profit from higher precious metals prices, said Chairman William A. Griffith.

Hecla has stressed cost-cutting, reducing its mineral exploration expenses by \$3.2 million in 1985, Blerly said.

Lewis becomes UP's chairman

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Former Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis has been elected chairman and chief executive officer of Union Pacific Railroad Co.

His appointment is effective April 1. William S. Cook, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Union Pacific Corp. said Lewis, 54, will be based at the railroad's headquarters in Omaha.

He also became a director of the New York-based Union Pacific Corp. holding company effective Thursday.

Cook also stated said it was intended for Lewis to become president and chief operating officer of Union Pacific Corp. next year, and upon Cook's retirement at age 65 on Oct. 1, 1987, for Lewis to succeed him as chairman and chief executive officer.

Under the plan, John C. Kenefick, chairman and chief executive officer of the railroad, will become vice chairman of UP Corp. on April 1 and will serve in that capacity until his retirement at age 65 on Jan. 1, 1987. Kenefick, in his new position, will work closely with Lewis and Cook, the company said.

Home sales hit 6-year high

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes jumped 7.5 percent last year to their highest level since 1979 as the average price of a new home topped \$100,000 for the first time, the government reported Friday.

Some 686,000 new single-family homes were sold in 1985, the highest total since 709,000 new houses were sold in 1979, the Department of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development said.

The price paid for those new homes averaged \$100,600 last year, a 3.1 percent increase over the \$97,500 average price tag in 1984.

"It marked the first year that the average home price has gone above \$100,000. For December, home prices hit a monthly record of \$108,600, up from \$103,900 in November."

Analysts, however, said the price increases are not out of line with overall inflation, noting that consumer prices rose 3.8 percent last year, a slightly faster clip than the 3.5 percent increase in prices.

In a separate report Friday, the government said new deposits at savings and loans associations fell by \$2.2 billion in December following an increase of \$1.1 billion in November.

For all of 1985, new deposits at the nation's savings and loan institutions dropped by \$4.8 billion, compared with increases of \$56.9 billion in 1984.

Analysts said the big decline in deposit growth reflected lower interest rates being paid on savings and — tougher controls imposed by federal regulators to control growth at savings institutions.

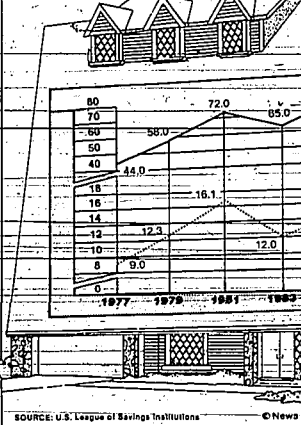
The report on new homes followed a report on Monday that sales of existing homes rose an even faster 12.1 percent last year to total 3.22 million units, the best sales level for existing homes since 1979 as well.

Home prices increase

In 1985, the median purchase price for a home in the United States reached \$75,000, an increase of \$10,000 over 1984. The average down payment for a home in 1985 was \$14,000, compared to \$12,000 in 1984.

MEDIAN HOME PURCHASE PRICE AND DOWN PAYMENT

In thousands of dollars:



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Presidential spokesman Larry Speakes noted that the number of unsold new homes fell to a 5.8-month supply in December, the lowest it has been since August.

interest rates. Rates for both fixed-rate and adjustable-rate mortgages have dropped by 1.5 percentage points in the past year.

Fixed-rate mortgages are now averaging around 10.25 percent, with some analysts predicting they will decline to 10.25 percent by summer and perhaps dip into single-digit rates at least in parts of the country.

Lyne Gramley, chief economist for the Mortgage Bankers Association, predicted that favorable mortgage rates would push new-home sales above the 700,000 level this year.

"Housing will be strong, particularly during the first half of the year," he said. "Individuals are saying to themselves that they haven't seen mortgage rates like this for seven years and this is leading them to enter the market and make their purchase now."

The report said home sales rose 1.7 percent in December to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 721,000 units following a sharp 11.8 percent rise in November.

The government also revised up its sales figures from September through November. Analysts said these revisions removed some of the mystery over why sales had not improved more as interest rates fell during the fall.

For December, sales rose 8.9 percent in the Midwest, followed by small gains of 1.5 percent in the Northeast and 0.9 percent in the South. Sales dropped 0.6 percent in the West.

The median price of a new home last year was \$94,100, up 5.3 percent from 1984. The median price means half the homes sold for more and half for less.

For December, the median home price rose 3.4 percent to \$89,300, while the average price of a new home rose 1.5 percent in the Northeast and 0.9 percent in the South. Sales dropped 0.6 percent in the West.

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Dow ends January with record close

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market closed out a tumultuous first month of 1986 with a strong advance Friday that carried the Dow Jones Industrial average to new highs.

Analysts said hopes for lower interest rates apparently were spreading again, putting buyers in command.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrial stocks jumped 18.1 to 1,570.99, surpassing the previous closing peak of 1,553.71 reached on Jan. 7. For the week, the average gained 41.6 points.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange reached 143.51 million shares, up from 129.37 million Thursday.

In credit-market activity, prices of long-term government bonds, which move in the opposite direction from interest rates, rose moderately.

Analysts say hopes persist for a continuing decline in rates that could extend the length and strength of the expansion in business activity.

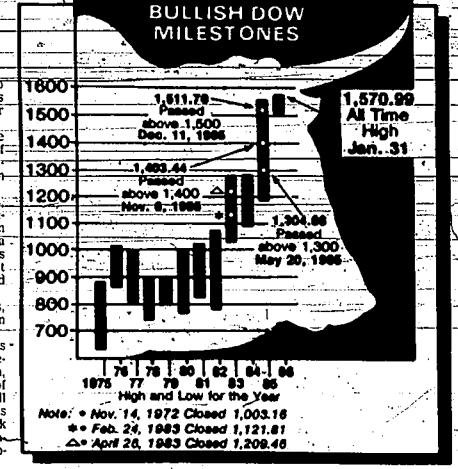
The market's gains this week proved to be a boon to followers of the so-called January barometer, who believe that jumps to stock prices early in the year sets the tone for the remaining 11 months.

The Dow Jones Industrial average finished the month with a net gain of 24.32 points, and most other prominent market measures also came in on the plus side.

Among Friday's volume leaders, Cigna recovered 3/4 to 65 1/2 after taking a 4 1/2-point drop Thursday, when the company said it would take a charge of \$1.2 billion against its fourth-quarter earnings as a result of an addition to its property and casualty reserves.

International Business Machines, which was also under pressure on Thursday, climbed 2 to 151 1/2.

While most other blue chips followed IBM's lead, American Telephone & Telegraph was an exception, slipping 3/4 to 43 1/2 on turnover of 6 million shares. The Wall Street Journal quoted some analysts as saying they considered the stock overpriced on the basis of the company's growth and dividend prospects.



New budget will put BPA on sale block

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Reagan's new budget will offer to sell the Bonneville Power Administration to Washington, Idaho and Montana for \$8.85 billion, according to Rep. Jim Weaver, D-Ore.

Weaver said the fiscal 1987 budget, which will be unveiled next Wednesday, will "alternately propose that if BPA is not bought by the states, BPA's annual debt payments to the Treasury be increased by 25 percent, or \$140 million."

Weaver, chairman of the House Interior northwest power subcommittee, made the statement in the panel opened hearings on legislation introduced last year by Weaver and Rep. Mike Lowry, D-Wash.

Their bill would authorize the four states to enter into a compact and purchase BPA for \$4.84 billion, all of it to be paid in fiscal 1987, which begins next Oct.

Weaver said that "because the price being offered by the administration could be spread over four years, the difference between his proposal and the administration's effectively is \$2.5 billion."

"I think we can make a deal," he said. "If we sell all the bonds soon and invest the proceeds in taxable securities, we can avoid any rate increases and in fact save nearly \$400 million during the first six years."

"Consequently, I welcome the administration's proposal as its initial position in the subsequent bargaining," Weaver said.

In prepared testimony to the subcommittee, BPA Administrator Peter T. Johnson said he was unable to present a formal position on the Weaver-Lowry bill, which was introduced last August.

"The administration has not completed a review of your proposed legislation," Johnson said.

William G. Gordon, assistant administrator for fisheries of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, told the hearing that his agency had reviewed the question of fish protection under a regionally owned BPA.

"As a practical matter, we believe transfer of the federal power system to a regional authority could be accomplished while preserving existing safeguards — to conserve anadromous fish and meet this country's fishery treaty obligations," he said.

Levi George of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission said Indian tribes were watching the situation closely.

"We are concerned that the obligations and responsibilities that the United States assumed when it executed our treaties are not diminished or modified in any way by the proposed transfer" of BPA, George said.

Intangible drilling cost deduction still a primary tax benefit

One of the principal tax benefits from oil and gas is the deduction for intangible drilling costs.

These are costs that go into drilling of an oil or gas well but do not create assets having salvage value after the well is completed.

For instance, intangible drilling costs include the fuel, wages, repairs, hauling and supplies used in ground clearing prior to drilling and in the drilling of wells.

If you invest in oil and gas, you usually do so through a limited partnership. Generally, much of the investment goes for intangible drilling costs. This allows you and the other limited partners to gain the maximum tax benefit.

Intangible drilling expenses can be deducted in the year you pay them. Under prior law, this was true even if your payment was really a

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"prepayment": You put your cash in one year for drilling that took place the next. You could still get an immediate write-off as long as the drilling contract called for payments before the end of the year.

There is one big change: Effective for prepayments after March 31, 1984, an investor is generally not en-

titled to an immediate deduction for a cash prepayment unless the work is completed within 90 days after the close of the year.

Special bonus for oil and gas shelters: Although your drilling must begin in the 90-day period, the work need not be completed within 90 days for you to get a current deduction.

Result: The way is still open for you to get big first-year write-offs in oil and gas.

But you still may find that you can make a better deal for yourself earlier in the year.

HOW TO GET TAX-SHELTERED INCOME FROM OIL AND GAS INVESTMENTS: A large portion of an investor's profit from a successful oil and gas investment is sheltered from tax. The tax shelter is primarily derived from 1) depletion; 2)

depletion deductions; and 3) long-term capital gain on the sale of the investment.

1) Depletion. Under current law, most of the time you get a deduction for the depletion of your oil reserves. Your deduction is computed either under the cost depletion method or the percentage depletion method.

You must use cost depletion if you drill a "proven area." For drilling in other than proven areas, either cost or percentage depletion may be used. But you must use whichever method benefits you the most each year.

Percentage depletion is a real tax winner. It allows you to recover the cost of the well by deducting a percentage of your gross income from the well each and every year. This percentage is 15 percent. The percentage depletion deduc-

tion cannot exceed the lesser of 1) 50 percent of the taxable income (gross income less allowable deductions other than depletion) of the oil and gas property, or 2) 65 percent of the investor's taxable income. You can continue to deduct percentage depletion as long as the well continues to produce income and even after you have fully recovered your cost basis.

2) Depreciation. A large part of the tangible costs of the wells goes toward salvageable assets, such as derricks, tanks and the like. Eli J. Warach, a divisional vice president of PricewaterhouseCoopers in our studies of this subject, says such assets qualify for depreciation.

3) Long-term capital gain on the sale of the investment. Here's what happens if you sell: Ordinary income

deductions for intangible drilling costs, depletion and depreciation reduce a partnership's basis in the property. And your basis in your partnership interest.

This, of course, increases the potential for gain on the sale of the property (or the sale of the investor's partnership interest). But assuming the long-term holding period requirement is met, this gain generally is taxed as long-term capital gain.

This completes a series of six columns on how you can benefit from today's tax laws, no matter what year when new reforms are passed. Clip and save these six columns; they'll be useful for a long time.

Sylvia Porter writes on consumer matters for the University Press Syndicate.

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