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Reagan says mistakes marred Iran policy

O'Neill believes president aware of Contra link

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WASHINGTON — President Reagan, adopting a conciliatory tone amid unrelenting criticism over secret arms deals with Iran and payments to Nicaraguan rebels, said Saturday mistakes were made in carrying out his policies and pledged to "set things right."

Meanwhile, House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., in an inter-

view to be published Tuesday in Washington Jewish Week, said he believed Reagan knew of the diversion, through a Swiss bank account, of Iranian arms payments to the Contra rebels.

"My personal opinion is, I honestly believe the president knew, I think this is probably one judgment the president made on his own. And the judgment was wrong," O'Neill said Thursday in an interview with Hyman H. Bookbinder, former

Washington representative of the American Jewish Committee.

In his weekly radio address, Reagan defended his policy of reaching out to Iran.

"While we're still seeking all the facts, it's obvious that the execution of these policies was flawed and mistakes were made," Reagan said.

Reagan continued to deny that he had attempted to swap arms for hostages and promised that his administration would get to the bot-

tom of the investigation over how U.S. arms were sold to Iran and some proceeds sent to Nicaraguan Contras.

"It was not my intent to do business with (Ayatollah Ruhollah) Khomeini, to trade weapons for hostages nor to undercut our policy of anti-terrorism," Reagan said.

Reagan said Nov. 25, when the administration disclosed that up to \$30 million paid for U.S. arms shipped to Iran was sent to U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels, that one element of the implementation of his policy was "seriously flawed." His Satur-

day statement was the first time he has referred to "mistakes," but he did not specify the errors.

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said Reagan's speech represented "a little change in position for the president" and "goes a long way toward" improving his credibility.

"I think he's sticking by his policy of improving relations with Iran," Dole said, but added that he thinks Reagan's reticence to "mistakes" being made implies that the president, shares blame. "The president knows that the buck stops at his desk."

Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said it is not enough for Reagan to say the execution of his policy was flawed.

"When the president ... concurred that mistakes were made that was a step in the right direction," he said. But "before this matter comes to a conclusion, in my view, there's going to have to be an agreement that a mistake in policy was made."

O'Neill, in the Washington Jewish Week interview, said, "Even if the president didn't know (of the pay-

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Trouble plagues state prison

By MARILYN HAUKE ESSEX
 The Associated Press

BOISE — An Idaho State Prison inmate broke through a cell wall that was four cinderblocks wide and barricaded himself in with another prisoner as a three-day rampage continued Saturday at the penitentiary south of Boise.

Warden A.J. Arave said no injuries were reported. But damage estimates climbed to \$4,000 Saturday as inmates continued vandalizing the maximum-security tier of Unit Eight, the prison building that was rebuilt last year after what Corrections Director Al Murphy described as a "mini riot" caused extensive damage.

On Saturday, the prison's Special Weapons and Tactics unit was called out to remove inmate Donald Linger, age unavailable, from the cell of Sean Mathews, who is serving an indeterminate life sentence for the 1982 beating death of Christopher Peterman in the Ada County Jail.

The SWAT unit also brought under control about 15 other inmates who started breaking windows, damaging toilets, tearing out security screens and electrical wiring, and destroying light fixtures about 3 p.m. Saturday, Arave said.

All of the 26 cells on the tier were extensively damaged, and Arave estimated repairs could cost up to \$4,000.

Arave said the rampage was not linked to his cancellation of a memorial service planned by a white supremacist group called the Aryan Brotherhood to mark two years since the founder of the violent organization, The Order, died in a shootout with authorities. Robert Mathews died Dec. 8, 1984, at Whiteby Island, Wash., after a 30-

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Pilot Paul VanAlstyne is carried from his plane after it crashed south of Hansen and about 11 miles east of the Twin Falls-Sun Valley airport

2 hurt when small plane crashes near Hansen

By BOB FREUND
 Times-News writer

HANSEN — A small twin-engine plane crashed into a grain field near Hansen while on an instrument approach to the Twin Falls-Sun Valley Airport Saturday, injuring the pilot and one passenger.

The plane glanced off the ground at least once and slid into a grain field, losing a wing, propellers and one engine. It slammed down about 11 miles directly east of the airport.

Pilot Paul VanAlstyne and his wife Amber, both of Van Nuys, Calif., were found strapped in their seats in the cockpit, conscious but

suffering from head injuries. Their son, seven-year-old Kevin, escaped injury and ran from the plane to seek help. He had been farther back in the six or seven-seat craft.

Ann, 37, was transferred to St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise in critical condition. Paul, 50, was in fair condition late Saturday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls County Sheriff Jim Munn said the cause of the crash was not known Saturday as county deputies began an investigation. Gary Gomez, a crash investigator for the Federal Aviation Administration in Salt Lake City, also was to arrive this morning to

inspect the scene, a standard procedure in plane accidents.

The white 1981 Cessna 414 lay on its belly up across the furrows of a grain field Saturday night. Part of its tail was ripped and bent. The left wing was missing, but the fuselage was intact. The registration number N37561 stood out boldly in orange.

The wing was 100 yards away, and other parts were strewn along a quarter-mile swath of the field. Lights from emergency vehicles illuminated the wreckage and much of farmer Lynn Dille's field.

The plane had approached for an instrument landing at the Twin Falls-Sun Valley

airport, air traffic controller Bruce Mason said. Little else was known about the plane's flight, Mason said.

Dille and his family were watching television when whine of an engine and an immediate thud shook his farmhouse at almost exactly 7 p.m. There had been light fog at the farm when the crash occurred, Dille said.

"I just heard a kind of whining ... and then something hit the ground hard," he said. "It went right through my horse corral."

The plane apparently had bounced once, missed one fence of the corral, went under a

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Supreme Court set to hear arguments on creationism case

By DAVID McCORMICK
 The Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — A law requiring schools to teach creationism alongside evolution goes before the U.S. Supreme Court this week, a case civil rights lawyers could lead to a repeat of the *Scopes "monkey trial."*

Louisiana is appealing a federal judge's decision that the 1981 law violates constitutional separation of church and state.

The American Civil Liberties Union challenged the law, which has never been enforced, as an attempt to teach religion

disguised as science. The ACLU says the case could either end the creationism movement or open a new round in the conflict between Darwin and Genesis.

"It's the latest wrinkle in a century-old attempt to ban the teaching of evolution," said Martha Keel, president of the Louisiana ACLU.

The Supreme Court is to hear arguments Wednesday and rule sometime next year. The court can either order a trial at the district court level or uphold the ruling declaring the law unconstitutional.

The ACLU says the issue is the same that confronted Tennessee schoolteacher John

Scopes, who agreed in 1925 to challenge a state law prohibiting the teaching of Charles Darwin's theory that man evolved from lower life forms over millions of years.

Scopes was convicted and fined \$100 but the verdict was later overturned on a technicality. His trial gave worldwide publicity to the evidence supporting evolution, and Scopes lived to see the Supreme Court strike down a similar Arkansas law in 1968.

Louisiana Attorney General William Guste claims his state's law avoids constitutional pitfalls by requiring only that students be exposed to what scientific evidence may

support both theories, not just one or the other.

"We are defending the student's right to be exposed to all the evidence," Guste said. "There is nothing in this act that implies the Bible should be taught, that God should be taught. All that it provides is that scientific evidence be taught."

Scientists debate whether there is any legitimate evidence to support creationism, which parallels the Bible's Book of Genesis in holding that the earth and most of its life forms were created suddenly about 6,000 years ago.

The state has submitted affidavits from

two biology scholars contending there is a scientific basis for creationism. The ACLU will point to a brief filed by 72 Nobel Prize winners attacking the law.

"Teaching religious ideas mislabeled as science is detrimental to scientific education," the Nobel laureates' statement said.

"It sets up a false conflict between science and religion and misleads our youth about the nature of scientific inquiry."

The author of the law, former state Sen. Bill Keith, was a lay minister who made 30 bones about the religious foundation of creationism. Keith told fellow legislators that

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The Times-News
Newsstand price raised

TWIN FALLS — The Times-News today increases the newsstand price of its Sunday edition to \$1. It formerly was 75 cents.

The 25-cent increase will not affect mailed or home delivery copies. Times-News subscribers began paying higher rates for both daily and Sunday-only delivery on Oct. 12.

Circulation Director Mike Gower said the last newsstand increase was two years ago. The hike for newsstand copies was delayed to allow conversion of coin-operated machines to the new price, he said.

Pearl Harbor bustles 45 years after sneak attack

By STEWART TAGGART
 The Associated Press

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii — After entering the narrow harbor channel here, visiting warships often order all hands on deck while a powerful USS Arizona, the tomb for 1,177 sailors.

The ships then tie up at newer landmarks known as Tin Can Alley and Hotel Pier, vital refueling and repositioning facilities that make Pearl Harbor Naval Base one of the American military's largest and most strategic Pacific ports.

On Dec. 7, 1941, a devastating surprise Japanese air attack killed thousands and left much of Pearl Harbor in ruins.

The base has since become a major employer for Hawaii as well as a critical repair and command headquarters.

Military, veterans and civilian groups planned to mark the 45th anniversary of the Japanese attack Sunday with ceremonies including speeches and the playing of tapes.

As is traditional, a flower wreath will be dropped over the wreckage, where brightly colored tropical fish now swim around the twisted metal.

Oil still leaks slowly from the wreck into the surrounding harbor.

"In the hearts of many Americans, it takes on much the character of a shrine," said Richard Brady, Pearl Harbor Naval Base deputy public affairs officer, speaking of the USS Arizona, which sank the fastest and with the greatest loss of life of 18 ships that were damaged or lost.

Each year, an estimated 1.4 million people visit the USS Arizona Memorial, taking a 7-minute boat ride across Pearl Harbor to see the wreckage from a gleaming monument built across its submerged hull. The bodies of those

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Iran

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 ... he should have known.
 Asked if he meant to say the president was not telling the truth, O'Neill replied: "We talked to generals since this thing happened. I've talked to colonels, lieutenant colonels, and to each one of them I say, 'Can you conceive of Lt. Col. (Oliver) North accomplishing this by himself?' They laugh. They say ... no lieutenant colonel would ever have done that on his own. He had to have the authority of someone up higher than himself."
 O'Neill, charging Reagan with wanting to bring the hostages home

from Lebanon before the November election, said, "They wanted ... to present those hostages on the White House stairs, something Jimmy Carter couldn't do."
 "So they came up with an idea. Not only can we get them home, not only can we get the Iranians to pay for arms, we can make a profit and we can take care of the Contras at the same time. Now, taking care of the Contras at the same time, they're breaking the law," he said.
 White House spokesman Dan Howard, asked about O'Neill's comments, said: "The president stated categorically that he had absolutely no knowledge of the diversion of

funds until informed by the attorney general on Monday, Nov. 24. I don't think we need to say anything more than that."
 The speaker's remarks in the interview were similar to an assessment given Tuesday by Sen. Ernest F. Hollings, D-S.C., who said he was "positive" of Reagan's knowledge of the diversion of arms sale payments.
 In the Democratic radio address delivered Saturday, O'Neill said Reagan's secret policy of sending arms to Iran was a "terrible decision."
 "The American people did not build this country to what it is today so that the arsenal of democracy

would become the arsenal of the Ayatollah. Paying tribute to terrorists is the sure way to keep them killing," he said.
 In another development, administration sources confirmed that State Department officials persuaded a wealthy Asian potentate, Sultan Hassanul Bokhal of Brunei, to supply millions of dollars to the Contras.
 Money from the sultan went to a numbered Swiss bank account controlled by former White House aide Lt. Col. Oliver North, according to a report published Saturday in Los Angeles Times.
 In his speech Saturday, Reagan promised to sort out the details of "all pledges to you I will set things right," the president promised. "That's what I'm doing now."
 Reagan repeated the assertion, made last Tuesday in the televised speech in which he disclosed that an independent counselor would be requested, that "if illegal acts were undertaken in the implementation of our policy, those who did so will be brought to justice."
 "I will continue to make all the facts known surrounding this matter," Reagan said Saturday.

Pearl

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 who died aboard the ship were never recovered.
 There are other reminders of the attack.
 A small plaque at Hospital Point, near the harbor entrance, tells of the voluntary grounding of the USS Nevada, said to be the only ship to get underway during the attack.
 The ship's captain beached the Nevada rather than risk having it sink in the harbor's 800-foot wide entrance, where it would have bottled up the remaining ships of the fleet.
 World War II-era steel obstacles intended to stop attackers at amphibious landing crafts have only recently been removed from near the harbor entrance, and the wreckage of the USS Utah, a decommissioned battleship at the

time of the attack, also lies at the bottom of Pearl Harbor.
 Fifty-eight men aboard the Utah that morning died, while 461 escaped.
 From almost anywhere on the Pearl Harbor Naval Base, it is easy to see Kolekole Pass, the verdant, saddle-like trough in the Waianae Mountains west of Pearl Harbor through which slipped one group of Japanese Zeros on their way to the attack.
 Today, the mountains house sophisticated secret radar installations and transmission facilities used by various military commands under the jurisdiction of the Commander in Chief, Pacific, or CINCPAC, located at Camp H.M. Smith on Oahu.
 CINCPAC has jurisdiction over all

U.S. military forces between the west coast of the United States and the east coast of Africa.
 The U.S. military has been a presence here since shortly after the United States negotiated in 1884 with the Hawaiian King Kalakaua for exclusive rights to the three-fingered, deep water locks of the harbor.
 The base at Pearl Harbor, named for the pearl oysters harvested in its brackish waters by native Hawaiians, pumps more than 11 billion a year into the roughly \$14 billion Hawaii economy, according to Brady.
 The base employs 24,000 service personnel and 16,375 civilians, or roughly one of every 16 people who live on Oahu, Hawaii's most populous island, Brady said.

unsuccessfully in state courts that the Legislature had no power to order specific subjects taught.
 U.S. District Judge Adrian Duplantier ruled the law unconstitutional on the basis of a similar decision that struck down a comparable Arkansas law a year earlier.

Evolution

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 evolution was a tenet of the humanist movement, which he called "a bona fide religion" itself.
 The law was immediately challenged by the ACLU and the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, which argued

Interstate closed after chemical spill

LOVELOCK, Nev. (AP) — Barrels holding 28,000 pounds of hazardous chemicals began to leak when a truck drifted off an interstate highway and ran over several ravines, forcing closure of a 35-mile stretch of the road Saturday, officials said.
 The Nevada Highway Patrol predicted the highway would remain closed until Sunday evening while a team of hazardous material specialists from California cleaned up the chemicals, ammonium fluoride and a hydrofluoric acid solution. Both lanes of Interstate 80 were closed about 1 p.m. Saturday.
 The barrels were damaged when the truck ran off the road about 2 1/2 miles west of Lovelock on I-80 Friday night, said Wayne Graham, the highway patrol's investigating officer. Leakage was contained inside the truck and no chemicals spilled onto the highway, said Graham.
 Graham said he could not say why it took until Saturday to begin removing the chemicals. "All I can say is we're trying to

get rid of them as soon as possible," he said.
 The two chemicals are lethal if touched or breathed, and will explode if mixed with water, Graham said. The situation was potentially dangerous because rain showers were expected Saturday night, he said.
 Graham said the driver drifted off the eastbound lane and ran into a series of hilly ravines that jostled the truck's contents and damaged some barrels. The rig managed to stay upright.
 The driver, Jerry Pettit, 50, of Caldwell, Ind., was cited for failure to maintain a traffic lane. Pettit suffered facial cuts and other injuries and was taken to a series of hilly ravines that jostled the truck's contents and damaged some barrels. The rig managed to stay upright.
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Prison

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 hour standoff with federal agents.
 "They're bonded, they're locked up in a maximum custody area," Arave said. "When these people hype each other up, they start doing things to cause trouble."
 "It takes a while to see how long they want to maintain this posture," he said.
 Arave said the remaining prisoners in the Unit Eight maximum-custody tier were being moved to other parts of the prison, where they would be placed under lockdown, which means their privileges are severely restricted.
 "We'll be there (early next week) assessing the damages and

repairing the damages," Arave said.
 The shift of prisoners began after violence erupted Thursday in the tier. Several prisoners who refused to take part in the rampage were moved to other parts of the prison, and some instigators were placed in cement cells.
 Two inmates who Arave described as ringleaders, Gary Garzee and Tim Finley, were moved to Montana and Oregon, respectively.
 The prison records department was closed Saturday, and Arave said he did not know what sentences Garzee, Finley and Linger were serving.
 During Thursday's commotion, one prison guard was grazed by a

projectile fired from a homemade rifle, Arave said.
 He said the vandalism continued Friday afternoon, though the damage caused then paled in comparison to Thursday's and Saturday's incidents.
 Some of the inmates involved in the rampage probably will receive an extra three to five years in prison because of their involvement, Arave said.
 Each inmate that caused damage to his cell will be billed for the repairs and replacement equipment, the warden said.
 "If they ever get money it's used to pay their bill," Arave said.

Crash

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 set of power lines and skidded into the 100-acre wheat field, he said. As it crashed, it came within five feet of a large bin on the farmhouse grounds.
 Dilie's wife Dea phoned for an ambulance immediately. The seven-year-old boy already was out of the plane.
 "The boy came running out and wanted me to help his parents" Dilie said.
 The VanAlstynes were strapped in their seats. Each had head injuries and some were deep. Although dazed and sometimes incoherent from shock, they were able to talk, Dilie said. Ann also was complaining of a shoulder injury.
 Although instruments showed gasoline in at least one of the plane's two tanks, there was no fire, said Sheriff's Deputy John Putzler, the first officer on the scene.
 The Kimberly Rural Fire Department stood by at the scene. A quick response unit from Hansen and emergency medical technicians from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center took the victims out of the plane, using backboards to immobilize any injuries.
 The VanAlstynes apparently have children besides Kevin. The youngster told Dilie there are six people in the family. They were on a

trip to Sun Valley, the boy said.
 Sheriff's police were guarding the plane at the scene at press time Saturday.
 Dilie estimated the plane bounced about 100 yards from the farmhouse where he, Dea and their two young sons were at the time.
 When it hit, it did cut a wheel off an augur used to fill the grain bin, he said.

Guste claims Duplantier was wrong to overturn the law without a trial. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the judge last year on an 8-7 vote.
 Guste, a candidate in the 1987 governor's race, says all he wants is a fair trial.

Today's weather

Morning fog and low clouds continue

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding.
 Areas of morning fog and low clouds today, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs 35 to 40. Increasing clouds tonight with chance of light snow by daybreak Monday and through day. Lows 20 to 25. Highs Monday in the mid-30s.

Camas Prairie, Halley and Lower Wood River Valley.
 Areas of morning valley fog and low clouds today, otherwise partly cloudy. Highs mid-30s. Increasing clouds today with chance of snow by daybreak Monday through the day. Snow locally heavy in the mountains. Lows 5 to 15. Highs near 30.

Northern Utah and Nevada.
 Utah: Few rain or snow showers north and west today. Variable clouds and sun on Monday with widely scattered rain or snow showers in the northwest late in the day. Snow level generally 5,000 to 6,000 feet. Lows mid-20s to low 30s. Highs upper 30s to upper 40s.

Northern Nevada: Mostly sunny today. Fair tonight. Increasing clouds from the north leading to snow along the northern border by late morning and spreading south on Monday. Continued cold. Highs both days in the upper 30s and 40s.

Synopsis:
 Low clouds and fog dominated the weather picture over much of Idaho

The Forecast for 7 p.m. EST, Sun., Dec. 7

High Temperatures: 50, 40, 30, 20, 10, 0, -10, -20, -30, -40, -50, -60, -70, -80, -90, -100

FRONTS: Warm, Cold, Occluded, Stationary

Shower Rain, Flurries, Snow

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while the low of 12 degrees was reported at Stanley.
 The extended forecast for southern Idaho: Cold and dry Tuesday through Thursday. Overnight lows will range from the teens to near zero. Highs will be in the 20s and low 30s.
 Elsewhere in the nation, Saturday's high temperature was 81 degrees in Sarasota, Fla., and the low was 6 degrees below zero at Warroad, Minn.

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U of I dominates list of top salaries for public employees

BOISE (AP) — The Establishment is keeping its grip on government in Idaho.

Despite the rise of women in the work force and the growth of the state's younger universities, two powers have resisted erosion of their primary positions in the state — men and the University of Idaho.

A review of public employees' salaries shows that 95 of the top 100 salaries in state government are earned by men.

Among institutions, the U of I easily outdistances its closest rival — the judiciary — with 41 Moscow educators and administrators placing in the top 100 state employee salaries. The top state universities, Boise State and Idaho State, have just six each in the top 100.

Winning elected office is not a good way to climb the salary ladder. Academics and appointed officials fare far better than the elected. For example, 150 state employees earn more than Gov. John Evans' \$50,000 annual salary.

Marilyn Shuler, director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, said she is concerned about the

paucity of women on the top-paid lists.

"Women have made lots of gains, but there is a ceiling — women are in mid-management," Shuler said. "There is concern in the private and public sector about women being able to go so high, but not higher."

But Richard Hutchinson, state personnel director, dismissed any suggestion of discrimination. "I can't believe that with so many different avenues into these positions that you could have all of these people get together and decide to exclude women," Hutchinson said. "It's just something that's happened by chance more than anything else."

He said the position of women should improve. "We have a lot of very talented women that are coming up in state government you're going to be seeing on (high-paid) lists like this in the future."

One woman, 4th District Judge Deborah Ball, ties for 98th on the state list, along with 25 male district judges. Eighteen male judges are higher on the list.

The Department of Health and Welfare has eight employees in the

top 100, six of them physicians; the Department of Transportation has five; the Department of Water Resources, three; and the Northwest Power Planning Council and the Military Division, two each. Six agencies have one employee on the list: the Board of Education, Division of Financial Management, Investment Board, Personnel Commission and the departments of Fish and Game and Law Enforcement.

The state's highest-paid employee is U of I professor Gilbert Corey, at \$75,550. Corey is the former head of the Department of Agricultural Engineering, but left the university in 1974 to take a job with the U.S. Agency for International Development.

He returned in 1985 to serve as chief of the U of I's Pakistan project, an irrigation systems management project funded by an \$11 million U.S. AID grant. Corey's normal salary is boosted 25 percent because he lives overseas.

State Personnel Director Hutchinson, whose \$52,187 salary is 90th on the list, said state employees generally are underpaid. "They earn 11 percent less than the

average salary among employees in Idaho's private sector and state employees in nine Western states, according to a survey cited by Hutchinson.

Idaho employees have been chided by salary freezes in three of the past four years, he added. The Personnel Commission is recommending an 11 percent salary increase for the 1987-88 budget, to bring Idaho to parity with Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona.

It is difficult to recruit physicians, psychologists and social workers to Idaho because of "relatively low salaries," Hutchinson said.

He said the governor's salary, which will increase \$5,000 in January, is too low — limiting other salaries.

"We pay our chief executive very poorly for the responsibility," Hutchinson said. "It puts pressure on those top-paid positions. The best response is going to be, 'My gosh, the governor makes \$50,000, why should a professor make more?'"

Idaho's gubernatorial salary of

\$50,000 is 75 percent of the national average of \$67,053, according to a 1985 survey by the Council of State Governments. The highest-paid governor is in New York, at \$100,000; the lowest in Arkansas and Maine, \$35,000.

The governor's salary also is the lowest among surrounding states. Oregon's is \$72,000; Wyoming, \$70,000; Nevada, \$65,000; Washington, \$53,000; Utah, \$50,000; and Montana, \$50,452.

The Idaho Legislature set elected officials' salaries. The lieutenant governor, whose job is part time, makes \$14,000; the secretary of state, auditor, treasurer and superintendent of public instruction, \$37,500. The attorney general earns \$42,000. In January, the lieutenant governor will get a \$1,000 raise; the attorney general, \$6,000; and the four other elected officials, \$7,500.

But Hutchinson added, "Of course, there's always a lot said about the monies needed for salaries in higher education, but it seems they're not doing too bad" among top-paid state workers.

Education officials, however, say Idaho schools are losing ground to other states paying higher salaries to professors and administrators.

Ed Cisek, chief fiscal officer for the state Board of Education, said the market for university administrators and professors is more competitive than any other in state government.

government.

"In every state, they are the highest-paid employees," Cisek said. "Despite the high salaries compared with other state workers, Idaho universities have not kept pace with other schools."

"In nearly every category, Idaho comes in last," Cisek said. "We're not paying our people enough. We're not going to keep good people, and we're not going to attract good people if we don't improve our salaries."

Cisek points to salary surveys showing Idaho schools trailing their peers as well as universities nationally. But since the University of Idaho is a research institution, it is graded in a latter peer group than BSU and ISU.

Full professors at the U of I earn an average of \$37,853. But it would cost \$762,000 annually to lift the U of I to the average pay for professors, associate professors, assistant professors and instructors at 11 other research universities in the West, according to salary surveys.

The cost of parity jumps to \$2.54 million when the U of I is compared with other schools nationwide, where full professors earn an average of \$47,280.

Full professors earn an average of \$33,179 at BSU and \$33,643 at ISU, also well below both their peer-group institutions in the West and universities nationally.

Governor comes in 151st with \$50,000 a year

BOISE (AP) — Here are the top 100 salaries paid by the state of Idaho. The governor comes in 151st with an annual salary of \$50,000.

- 1. Gilbert Corey, Pakistan project, University of Idaho, \$75,550.
- 2. D.E. John McCormack, clinical director, State Resources, \$64,827.
- 3. James H. Shreve, chairman, Board of Department of Chemistry, \$64,558.
- 4. V. Nancy, medical director, State Hospital South, \$62,245.
- 5. D.W. Puskaschil, U of I professor of forest resources, \$62,012.
- 6. Richard Gibb, U of I president, \$61,184, plus use of office.
- 7. A.K. Dunn, director, Department of Water Resources, \$60,827.
- 8. Gordon Edgren, clinical director, Health and Welfare, \$60,622.
- 9. D.W. Puskaschil, chief, Bureau of Child Health, \$60,622.
- 10. Charles Hatch, U of I professor of forest resources, \$60,612.
- 11. Thomas Bell, U of I academics and research, \$60,600.
- 12. Richard Bowen, Idaho State University president, \$60,600.
- 13. William Foy, investment manager, Investment Board, \$60,600.
- 14. John Moore, U of I finance vice president, \$60,600.
- 15. John Hendee, dean, U of I College of Forestry, \$60,500.
- 16. Sheldon Vincenti, dean, U of I College of Law, \$60,500.
- 17. William Mills, Northwest Power Planning Council, \$60,500.
- 18. William Saul, dean, U of I College of Engineering, \$60,500.
- 19. Robert Savick, chairman, Northwest Power Planning Council, \$60,500.
- 20. Gary Lee, U of I director of agricultural

- 21. William Biggs, administrator, Department of Employment, \$60,400.
- 22. Darrell Manning, adjutant general, \$61,901.
- 23. Brian Tadic, director, Transportation Department, \$61,901.
- 24. John Keiser, Boise State University president, \$61,850.
- 25. Charles Maclellan, executive director, Board of Education, \$61,800.
- 26. Richard Bullington, BSU vice president, \$60,200.
- 27. William Dacey, dean, U of I College of Business and Economics, \$60,200.
- 28. Charles Maclellan, executive director, Board of Education, \$60,200.
- 29. Larry Brannon, dean, U of I College of Education, \$60,200.
- 30. Delbert Fitzsimmons, U of I Pakistan project, \$60,200.
- 31. Dr. Robert Leonard, U of I student health director, \$60,072.
- 32. Philip Eastman, ISU student health director, \$60,060.
- 33. Robert Williams, ISU vice president for academic affairs, \$60,000.
- 34. Robert Williams, ISU professor of English, \$60,000.
- 35. A.A. Boyle, BSU vice president, \$60,000.
- 36. George Keith Green, state highway administrator, \$58,947.
- 37. Scott Maclellan, director, Department of Employment, \$58,947.
- 38. Arthur Gittins, U of I vice president for academic affairs, \$59,000.
- 39. John Law, U of I professor of electrical engineering, \$59,000.
- 40. Arthur Smith Jr., associate dean, U of I College of Law, \$57,574.
- 41. Robert Colby, director, Department of Fish and Game, \$57,523.
- 42. Raymond Stewart, U of I professor of mechanical engineering, \$57,470.
- 43. Rose Bowman, administrator, Department of Health and Welfare, \$57,400.
- 44. Thomas Stitzel, dean, BSU College of Business, \$56,977.
- 45. Fred Tingley, director, U of I Idaho Falls, \$56,429.
- 46. Edward Miller, dean, U of I College of Mines, \$56,338.
- 47. Charles Davidson, chief justice, Supreme Court, \$56,200.
- 48. George Neumayer, bureau chief, Transportation Department, \$56,130.
- 49. George Neumayer, bureau chief, Transportation Department, \$56,130.
- 50. Dale Greedy, dean, U of I College of Education, \$56,104.
- 51. Glenn Howe, dean, U of I letters and science, \$56,016.
- 52. Richard Jacobson, associate dean, U of I College of Engineering, \$55,973.
- 53. Dale Greedy, dean, U of I College of Education, \$55,806.
- 54. Ernest Ables, chairman, U of I Wildlife Department, \$55,790.
- 55. Harold Genthner, director, U of I agricultural extension, \$55,790.
- 56. David Jones, dean, BSU College of Arts and Sciences, \$55,619.
- 57. Ron Bailey, acting dean, ISU College of Business, \$55,619.
- 58. Laver Marsh, administrator, Department of Employment, \$54,787.
- 59. Robert Maclellan, director, Department of Law Enforcement, \$54,787.
- 60. Robert Baker, Supreme Court justice, \$54,770.
- 61. Stephen Bullitt, Supreme Court justice, \$54,770.
- 62. Robert Huntley, Supreme Court justice, \$54,770.
- 63. Allan Shepard, Supreme Court justice, \$54,770.
- 64. Douglas Grant, U of I law professor, \$54,651.
- 65. Frederick Waite, U of I engineering professor, \$54,600.
- 66. Anthony Pralo, chairman, U of I Department of Agricultural Economics, \$53,779.
- 67. Donald Burnett, Jr., court of appeals judge, \$53,770.
- 68. Roger Swanson, court of appeals judge, \$53,770.
- 69. Jesse Wallers, court of appeals judge, \$53,770.
- 70. Jill Hesterman, court of appeals judge, \$53,770.
- 71. Ross Kaban, chairman, U of I Animal Science, \$53,553.
- 72. Darrell Brock, chief, Bureau of Laboratories, \$53,456.
- 73. Wayne Haas, administrator, resource analysis, Department of Water Resources, \$53,456.
- 74. P. P. Mac Sheehy, chief, Motor Vehicles Bureau, \$53,456.
- 75. Charles Peterson, U of I professor of agricultural engineering, \$53,400.
- 76. David Taylor, BSU vice president, \$53,200.
- 77. Gary Hamant, district judge, \$53,200.
- 78. Phillip Becker, district judge, \$53,200.

- 79. Edward Lodge, district judge, \$53,200.
- 80. John Maynard, district judge, \$53,200.
- 81. Peter McCormick, district judge, \$53,200.
- 82. Gerald Schroeder, district judge, \$53,200.
- 83. Donald C. Williams, U of I professor of sociology, \$53,115.
- 84. James Milligan, chairman, U of I Civil Engineering, \$53,037.
- 85. Robert Sprague, chairman, U of I Sociology and Anthropology, \$52,666.
- 86. Dan Hillman, superintendent, U of I Southwest Agricultural Extension, \$52,291.
- 87. Richard Hutchinson, state personnel director, \$52,187.
- 88. Martin Peterson, administrator of financial management, \$52,187.
- 89. Laura Vance, Campbell, assistant adjutant general, \$52,000.
- 90. Steve Lincoln, director, U of I veterinary clinic, \$52,000.
- 91. John Hailing, coordinator, U of I graduate business program, \$51,858.
- 92. Joey Overton-George, U of I director of teaching, \$51,772.
- 93. Donald Clin, U of I physician, \$51,771.
- 94. 152 District judges, \$51,720.

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Gas rate changes subject of hearing

BOISE (AP) — Hesitant to make changes at the height of the heating season, Idaho utility regulators say they will not consider altering the way gas bills are calculated within customer classes during a hearing on Intermountain Gas Co.'s application for rate changes.

Wednesday's hearing before the Idaho Public Utilities Commission will consider only how the effect of two reductions and one increase in the cost of gas to the company will be allocated among customer classes, the PUC has ruled.

The commission said Intermountain's application did not give enough information for it to make a "reasoned analysis or decision" on the issue of rate design within customer classes.

"Because we believe that exigent circumstances exist requiring prompt action, we therefore find it appropriate to narrow the issues for consideration in the Dec. 10 hearing," the PUC said.

Intermountain Gas has asked regulators to grant rate reductions to all customer classes, and to pass along the increase in the price it pays for gas only to commercial customers.

The total effect of the company's proposed adjustments would be a 5.9 percent drop in rate revenue, from \$109.4 million to \$97.3 million.

However, Intermountain has pro-

posed passing along reductions in its cost of purchasing gas more heavily to large industrial customers. The company argues that industrial users have been subsidizing residential and commercial customers, and fears they will shift to oil if rates are not restructured.

Intermountain has asked the PUC to cut rates for industrial customers by 16.1 percent and for residential heating and water customers by 4.9 percent, while increasing rates for residential heating or water customers by 3.6 percent and for commercial customers by 9 percent.

Intervenor scheduled to testify on the request at Wednesday's hearing include the Idaho Citizens Coalition, Idaho Power Co., Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Idaho Consumer Affairs Inc., FMC Corp. and Northwest Pipeline Corp.

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Hospital restructuring proposal endorsed, but with reservations

On Tuesday, Twin Falls County voters have an opportunity to decide the future of the Twin Falls County hospital, known as the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The proposal on the ballot would allow the hospital board to "restructure" itself into a private, non-profit institution, as allowed by new state law which the MVRMC won from the Legislature in 1986.

The proposal comes in response to a changing base of medical economics, brought on by changes in how the federal government reimburses for health care. As that economic pie changes, this proposal would allow the hospital to capture a broader base from which it could compete effectively.

The essence of the change would be to allow MVRMC to enter joint ventures with private businesses and partnerships, through which it could then invest in profitable activities.

Today, The Times-News endorses the proposed change, but we do so with the reservation that the Twin Falls County Commissioners, who will ultimately make the decision, establish specific goals for the reformed hospital board to follow in the years ahead.

Those goals for MVRMC, in our view, should include:

•MVRMC must maintain an open accessibility to

all people of the valley, rich and poor alike. It should never deny care to those citizens who need it.

•MVRMC must offer services at a cost which are in line with those offered nationally for hospitals of this type.

•MVRMC should strive to offer the highest quality of medical care it can, consistent with the costs of the procedures offered. The Magic Valley does not have to provide every medical procedure; some are better performed in larger centers. But those it should offer should be the best possible for a community this size.

•MVRMC should be required to maintain an open board meeting policy, so that the public can determine, on an ongoing basis, what it is doing. Its economic discussions should be included in this "open meeting" directive. This would go a long way to relieving suspicions that a restructured MVRMC would become an all-powerful medical-care empire and monopoly.

We believe the commissioners should set these conditions into any transfer agreement, and that the board should be picked to be composed of people whose interest in the hospital is general and public, not narrow and private.

The pro and con analysis, we believe, argues for a

"pro" decision on the hospital restructuring decision.

The hospital is now making money, and we see nothing to be lost by allowing it to compete a bit more. If it needs more volume of business to do so effectively, let's get it. That volume of medical care is better here than in Salt Lake or Boise.

Weighed as a whole, restructuring will bring more gains than losses. This may not be the best time to do it, and a case can be made for a one or two year delay in implementing the proposal.

If the vote falls on Tuesday, a delay of that length would not be particularly harmful. But in the interim, business opportunities would probably be lost.

Today, the hospital operates under a county-appointed board. Under restructuring, it would still have local control, but under a regional board.

As is the situation today, under a long-range running of the hospital would be left to that board and to the hospital's administration.

In the end, they must exercise the vision necessary to lead the facility in the right way. A "yes" vote Tuesday, and a clear statement of goals, can give them the direction.

Proposed hospital restructuring analyzed

Editors' note: When businesses examine the pros and cons of an impending decision, they often go through a process known as risk analysis, listing pros and cons separately, giving them weight and assessing the impact of each point. Below is a risk analysis of the decision Tuesday on whether Twin Falls County voters should allow management "restructuring" of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The analysis accompanies our editorial on the subject, which we also publish today.

Pros of Restructuring

Allow MVRMC to decrease operating costs. Restructuring MVRMC would allow the hospital to enter into joint ventures with non-governmental units in both health care and other health care related businesses. Such joint ventures would generate revenue for the hospital, which would in turn help cover the costs of non-profitable functions.

Promote regional growth. Restructuring would allow MVRMC to extend its reach in the Magic Valley, and perhaps beyond it. Joint ventures could be established with medical care units in Jerome, the

Wood River valley and elsewhere. Maintain or increase services. With restructuring, the hospital could better maintain or expand services. Some services, such as neonatal care for infants and the ambulance service, traditionally lose money. Restructuring would allow the hospital to enter into other ventures, such as a combined medical laboratory and a tumor diagnosis program, which potentially could earn money to offset such non-profitable services. A caution note: there is no guarantee that new ventures automatically would be successful, nor is it known what each would generate in revenues. Each would have to be evaluated carefully.

Keep medical revenue in the valley. Restructuring would result in a larger "pool" of medical revenue in the Magic Valley. That revenue otherwise would likely "leak" to medical centers in Salt Lake City and Boise. Some of it already is.

Attract new doctors. By providing a wider range of services, the hospital with restructuring could help the community attract and hold doctors.

Improve MVRMC's ability to bargain. Restructuring would allow the hospital to bargain in joint ventures from a position of strength.

Delaying restructuring would cripple that ability.

Maintain and broaden local control. Restructuring would supplement the present hospital board, which is made up of Twin Falls County residents, with a valley-wide board of citizens and public officials. The result would be a broader representation. Local control of the hospital is the present state of affairs. It would be enhanced by restructuring.

Guarantee indigent care. The restructuring proposal is written to guarantee continuation of care for low income people. Access to health care for people of all economic strata would be maintained.

Keep ambulance service. The proposal also calls for maintaining the ambulance as a hospital unit, despite the fact that is a traditional money loser. Counties are required to maintain an ambulance service under state law. The proposal thus would keep the ambulance service of the county tax roles.

Maintain an important component in economic development. A quality hospital and a strong medical-care profile is an important plus in any community's industrial recruiting effort. MVRMC was considered an "asset" in a recent Twin Falls economic development study. A quality medical-care profile, over the long term, will help the entire community to grow.

Cons of restructuring

Decision on restructuring comes at wrong time. The latest data on national health care trends shows that, in six of eight key categories, important positive changes occurred in the first six months of 1986, the last period for which figures are available.

MVRMC officials say that such changes may represent only "blips" in long-term negative trends, or that



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MVRMC is "different" from national patterns and will continue to show negative trends despite what the national trends show.

Restructuring the hospital now could close off other options later. If the positive national trends continue, MVRMC could continue to make money and restructuring might not be needed.

Restructuring would effectively give away a county asset, whose value has not been established.

Restructuring would transfer the hospital to a private, non-profit board, which would become its owner. As long as the hospital remains viable from an economic

perspective, the value of that transfer would be lost to the county. Sale by the county, on the other hand, would allow the county to capture a windfall, which might be used to create other badly needed county assets, such as a new county jail.

Furthermore, the market value of the hospital has not been established. A figure of \$7 million has been mentioned, (\$37 in assets minus \$30 million in debts), but on the basis of its cash flow (\$25 million annually) and profits (more than \$3 million in the last two years), it could be worth a lot more than that.

An argument can be made that, at the minimum, time should be taken

to establish what the hospital is really worth in today's market before any decision is made as to its future.

Transfer would withhold critical hospital information to the public. While county commissioners would require the hospital to report monthly on how it is doing, there is little doubt that a restructuring would limit public information on new proposals until they were launched in order to preserve competitive advantages. The result would significantly reduce public awareness of the pros and cons of ongoing medical care issues and costs.

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Letters/Lack of information steering reader into 'against' stance

My wife asked me a single question a few days ago, that was "What are we voting for concerning the hospital issue?"

I gave her a single answer which was "I don't know." As I visit with others I have found most to be as uninformed as I am.

Unless more information is forthcoming as to the actual value of the hospital and what it represents as a loss to the taxpayer if a "yes" vote is cast, I will vote "no" so that time can be allotted for the study and disclosure of this information.

TERRYL ROEMER
Twin Falls

Profits counter 'poor' talk

There's a lot of talk about how poorly the Magic Valley Hospital is doing these days, but it made more than a million dollars profit this year and that doesn't sound poor to me.

I can't understand why we would want to give our hospital away, nor do I know who is going to get it. The only thing I know for sure is that the taxpayers who built it won't have it any more. I'm voting against the hospital transfer.

RAEDENE FOX
Filer

Why use of veiled threats?

I've always thought this hospital transfer matter was being pushed down our throats by an expensive, slick hospital PR program, but yesterday was the last straw.

Is this idea so important to the hospital that they are willing to make veiled threats about closing the emergency room or stopping ambulance services? There are a lot of places over at the hospital where they could save money before they decided to stop emergency services.

What is it the hospital really wants to do? Why is it willing to spend \$17,000 to get people to vote for this idea? Why is it willing to make threats? Who's going to benefit most from this deal?

I think the people will benefit the most if they hold on to control of the hospital they built, and vote "no" next Tuesday.

MARTIN TILLEY
Hansen

Not broken, why try to fix?

If it isn't broken, why are we trying to fix it? Magic Valley Hospital made more than a million dollars profit this year and next Tuesday we are going to vote about the idea of giving it away because it isn't making enough money. How much do they need?

We get to vote on this only because it is a county hospital. If it's given to someone else we won't have this kind of say in what happens to it in the future.

DIANE E. LARSEN
Diane L. Larsen

'Yes' means honest utility

I remember a time ten or so years ago when I was in high school, a lady wrote an article shaming the quality of the young people growing up in our community and submitted it to you for publication. When I read that article, I was appalled at the things this lady was saying about the people in my age group.

At that time, I took the opportunity of using your paper to voice my own opinion. I was amazed at the number of people I knew that read the article I wrote, and at the response I received. For this reason I would

like once again, to take the opportunity to address an issue for which I have strong feelings.

On Tuesday Dec. 9, the members of this community will be asked to make a decision regarding the restructuring of our hospital. An issue which, in my opinion, is grossly misinterpreted by the majority of people.

I am an employee at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. I have not been asked to make my opinion public, nor have I been coached into the opinions I have.

I am not a person to believe in a cause for which I can not clearly define justification. I take pride in the team of people I work with. I have the opportunity to have an inside look at the facility, how it operates not only from a financial point of view, but also from a very human point of view.

In every department of the hospital, there are people who are dedicated to helping people.

If it weren't just a financial, political issue, I doubt seriously that there would be any support from these people, but I, as one of many employees, see the restructuring as an honest way of utilizing resources, and making the quality of health care adequate not only for Twin Falls, but also for the surrounding area.

A non-profit organization is exactly that. The moment it becomes anything but that, it is no longer treated as such, and would revert back to a county hospital. The laws governing a non-profit facility are there to protect the public.

It is a shame to see how this has turned into such a display of winner take all. Have we lost sight of, or did anyone ever care to know what it means to this community to restructure? Please, if you don't know, ask.

SUSAN HENSON
Twin Falls

Kudos to commissioners

I want to applaud the county commissioners for having the foresight to put the matter of the hospital transfer to a vote.

They should be commended for their desire to hear the people's wishes on something this important. I hope for two things: First, that the majority of voters will vote on this, as it is still their hospital that they may be giving up. Second, that the county commissioners will look closely at the vote and go with the transfer only if an overwhelming majority vote for it.

I still feel to uncertain about this issue to vote for it at this time. The hospital needs to give out more information as to what businesses they wish to go into before I can vote for this issue.

PATTY MAHRT
Kimberly

Twins Falls should be assessed

Twin Falls County needs \$7 million for its jail system and hundreds of thousands of dollars for its schools. Yet, next Tuesday people are being asked whether or not they want to give away their hospital — the value of which has not even been assessed by professional appraisers.

I think we should take a minute and think things over. Let's get at least the professional appraisals of the hospital and if the county still wants to get out of the business, sell it and use the money for the new jail, the new swimming pool and our struggling educational system.

Since the hospital is making a healthy profit, we don't need to rush this issue. Vote no now until we can see how much our hospital is really worth.

JAMES S. COX
Twin Falls

"No," for more study time

In regard to the MVRMC transfer to a new corporation, I'd like to voice a few concerns of mine.

In the past we have paid taxes to build and operate our county hospital; we have supported it by volunteers from our community; we have supported it at their fund raisers and we've supported it by going there when we were ill.

May I ask when will MVRMC start supporting the community who fathered it? When will they start bringing their business to the local people by buying their supplies, food products and other commodities from us?

Instead, they undercut our local supermarkets and sell meat products to their employees at a lower price. (Too bad we all aren't employees.) Sure they can buy it cheaper from a big conglomerate back East, but where is their loyalty to us?

No wonder the employees and doctors are doing the advertising. They're the ones being "fed" by the hospital.

I'd like to suggest that if the hospital has any loyalties to this community at all, that they use that 1.5 million dollars profit from last year by supporting the local businesses rather than competing with them.

Let's see them cut their expenses by joining with our local businesses to improve community health care instead of starting their own.

Let's see them tell us the truth about their financial situation and not change their mind every other week. Let's see them not be secretive about their plans for the future. Until that happens I'm voting No on Tuesday.

GEORGIE ANDREW
Twin Falls

'Yes' to hospital restructuring in community's best interest

I would like to point out a few historical facts to the people of Twin Falls County. First, I must mention that the hospital boards that have served this county — past and present — have been and are made up of very sincere and dedicated individuals.

They devote countless hours to meet the challenges and responsibilities given to them, which is to provide the community with the best medical facility possible.

On Feb. 12, 1974, the board at that time, after careful and considered study, recommended to the community to pass a general obligation bond of \$4.6 million. This would have added 50,000 square feet, increased bed capacity from 126 to 151, expanded emergency, surgery, and outpatient services.

Dr. Ben E. Katz

This failed to pass a needed two-thirds majority by four percentile points. The community did not want to raise taxes but stated "let the users pay for it."

On Nov. 6, 1974, a \$4.97 million bond (which provided less than the original bond issue) failed for the same reason.

After that, the need for the expansion and the modernization did not change, but considerable effort was made to modify Idaho law to allow a county hospital to expand, using revenue bonds. On Dec. 7, 1979, the Hospital Board again, after thoughtful consideration and follow-

ing the dictum of the community "let the users pay for it," implemented the sorely needed expansion and modernization program. This time because of increases in inflation, financing costs, and legal fees the cost was \$26.7 million to provide 89,000 square feet, increase bed size from 145 to 165, and expand emergency, surgery, and outpatient services, and in addition, obtain a CT Scanner.

The December 26, 1985 edition of the Wall Street Journal included an article under the heading, "Financial Woes Forcing Public Hospitals to Restructure as Private Institutions." This article stated, "Public hospitals grappling with increased competition at a time when funds are dwindling are searching for new cures for their financial ills." This

points out that these same problems facing MVRMC today are not unique to Twin Falls, but were nationwide two years ago.

On Dec. 9, the hospital board once again, after carefully considering the options, is asking the community to vote on an issue they feel is in the community's best interest — to maintain the best possible medical facility. This board has no personal gain in the decision, as do some of those opposed to the idea, other than to make it possible to carry out its responsibilities.

This issue represents a very complex, involved interplay of legal and economic facts. It is not an issue that is clearly stated in one or two short phrases. Neither is it an issue that is incomprehensible to anyone willing to take the time and become acquainted with all the facets involved.

It is my plea that the community believe and support the recommendations of not only the hospital board, but the 17 member study group, the medical staff, and the county commissioners, by voting "yes" on restructuring on Dec. 9, because to vote "no" will not maintain the status quo.

It is my opinion that the issue boils down to this — a "yes" vote will maintain the hospital under local control. A "no" vote will result in the eventual sale of the facility.

Had the community heeded the advice of their hospital board in February, 1974, a lot of our present debt problems would not have occurred.

This has proven to be an expensive lesson. Let's not make the same mistake twice.

Dr. Ben E. Katz, a Twin Falls pediatrician, is a member of the hospital board and chairman, Long Range Planning Committee, MVRMC.

Risk

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The transfer agreement could be drafted in a way which would ensure public and media access to meetings of the new restructured board, although this has not been raised by the county commissioners.

Potential for higher costs. There is a fair amount of evidence that, once a county hospital goes private or private-nonprofit, health care costs in the community will rise. In the Magic Valley, changing the hospital's structure could result in a few hands, with resulting increases to the consumer.

Some private enterprise will be hurt. Allowing the hospital to "compete" means that some health-related businesses, as well as some outside of the health business would find themselves with competitors. Some of the proposal's most outspoken opponents are in this category. They would, indeed, lose market share if the hospital jumped into their lines of work.

Increased competition to other regional hospitals. A restructured MVRMC would compete more aggressively with other hospitals in the valley, including Gooding, Jerome, and the Wood River valley. Some of these are already struggling. Competition from MVRMC could force further cutbacks in what these facilities are able to do economically in their communities.

Economic conditions for MVRMC are not as bad as presented. The hospital has made profits of more than \$3 million in the past two years. It has a solid cash flow of about \$25

million. It has a cash reserve of about \$7.4 million. The largest bond payment it has to make over the 28 years of bond payments was the one made last week, for \$3.2 million. Future bond payments drop, year by year, from that point. If it had to, the hospital could reschedule the bond schedule again to gain even better rates and returns.

Despite these hard numbers, restructuring promoters have used like "survival" and "crisis" to describe the hospital's future. These terms do not accurately describe the current or known projected financial health of the facility. Terms like "crisis" and "survival" are scare words which "cry wolf" when a real crisis is not imminent and is not foreseeable at any known point in the years ahead.

Given such numbers, there is no reason to "restructure" at this time.

The hospital wants to form HMOs which would restrict doctors' in-

dependence. MVRMC, if restructured, could establish health maintenance organizations with businesses which would, in effect, force consumers to use it for health needs. The result would be to weaken independent doctors in the community and ultimately lead to a hospital-paid medical staff. The end result could well be a medical and health care monopoly in the Magic Valley.

MVRMC is over-reaching by trying to restructure. The conditions of health care in the intermountain West dictate the size of what MVRMC can be. Instead of adding on expensive procedure and costs to, in effect, subsidize a medical community, MVRMC should look for ways to trim costs. By "cutting the cloth to fit," MVRMC would ultimately offer reasonable health care in the valley, but would not create a larger medical facility than is cost effective.



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World

Iran contains dissent over arms deal

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iranian leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini appears to have contained a potential scandal over Iran's secret dealings with the United States.

Disclosures that envoys of President Reagan met with Iranian officials initially prompted questions from eight members of Iran's Parliament. They wrote to Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati demanding to know which officials were involved and who authorized such talks.

The Iran Liberation Movement, a legal opposition group led by former Premier Mehdi Bazargan, also issued an 11-page statement on Nov. 18, criticizing the secrecy and handling of the American involvement.

The statement said Hashem Rafsanjani's position as Parliament speaker did not entitle him to carry out such contacts, which were the responsibility of the president and premier.

"It appears that power is in the hands of those who do not possess any government responsibilities," the statement said.

Subsequent disclosures that Israel delivered weapons to Iran and that funds paid by Tehran wound up with Nicaragua's anti-Sandinista rebels were expected to cause additional criticism.

The arms deals and American attempts to improve relations with Iran caused a controversy in Washington and disclosure that

some of the money paid for arms was sent to the Contra rebels led to the resignation of one Reagan administration official and the firing of another.

But Khomeini, in a speech Nov. 20, ordered a halt to the criticism in Iran, saying it was against the national interest. His edict stopped most of the protests, at least on the surface.

"When (Khomeini) said he was in full control, we were not worried anymore," said Seyyed Jamal Nik-Ravesh, one of the Parliament deputies who signed the letter demanding an inquiry.

He told The Associated Press in a telephone interview that he and the other deputies wrote the letter to

"obtain" more information" about the contacts.

"The Imam said this was not the time and we withdrew our question," he said. "We have now enough confidence that it was initiated by the other side (Americans), and that they tried to contact us and there was no special move from our part."

Following Khomeini's speech, Tehran radio refocused its coverage to focus on the scandal brewing in Washington and items critical of the U.S. government. Iranian leaders stressed in public appearances that U.S. efforts to re-establish ties with Iran had failed.

However, one sign of defiance came on Friday shortly before President Ali Khamenei was to deliver the prayer sermon at Tehran University. A dozen demonstrators critical of Iran-U.S. contacts, shouted: "Death to Compromisers!" and "Death to America!"

Venezuela announces economic measures

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — President Jaime Lusinchi on Saturday announced new economic and financial measures, including a partial currency devaluation, after Venezuela's oil revenues dropped to the lowest point in years.

The measures include a plan to pay off \$5.5 billion of the \$7.8 billion owed private banks, minimum salary increases and a new exchange rate for some imports and exports.

Venezuela owes about \$3 billion to foreign creditors, including \$25 billion to other governments and international financial institutions.

The South American nation now has three exchange rates for its cur-

rency, the bolivar.

The lowest is the official rate, set in 1984, of 7.50 bolivars per dollar. Lusinchi said on television this rate will continue to be used to pay for "basic needs in food, medicines, clothing, and shoes," and that the prices of these items will remain frozen.

The official rate also will continue to apply to revenue from oil exports, which account for more than 90 percent of Venezuela's foreign exchange earnings, he said.

Lusinchi said the government had established a new intermediate rate at 14.50 bolivars per dollar — 93 percent above the official rate — to im-

prove the bolivar's "real and psychological value." This rate will be used for some imports and exports previously paid for at the lower official rate.

Also, foreign exchanges earnings from non-traditional exports such as agricultural and fishing products will now have to be sold to the Central Bank at the intermediate rate instead of the free market rate as before.

Lusinchi said the free market would continue to operate, but the Central Bank would not intervene in the future to avoid wide fluctuations.

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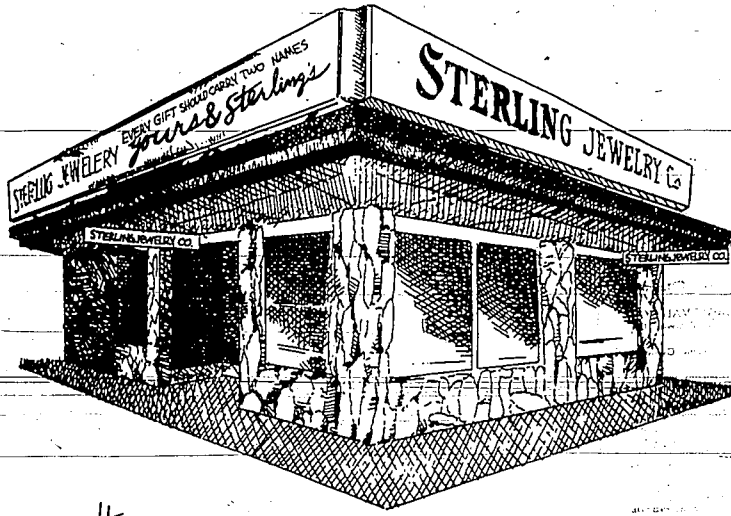
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U.S. asked Asian sultan to contribute millions to Contras

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department persuaded a wealthy Asian potentate to contribute millions of dollars to U.S.-backed Nicaraguan rebels earlier this year, and a published report says the money was sent to a bank account administered by a central figure in the Iranian arms scandal.

U.S. government sources, speaking on condition they not be identified, confirmed a report in The Los Angeles Times on Saturday that the ruler of oil-rich Brunei, Sultan Hassanal-Bolkiah, agreed to give millions of dollars to the Contras in Central America.

It could not be learned whether Secretary of State George P. Shultz personally discussed the aid with Bolkiah on June 24 when they met at

the sultan's 1,700 room-marble and glass palace on a hilltop in Brunei's capital, Bandar Seri Begawan.

Since the eruption of the furor over the Iranian arms sale and the administration's revelation that proceeds were funneled to Nicaraguan rebels, State Department officials, including Shultz himself, have taken strides to distance themselves from the operation.

Shultz opposed the sale of arms to the Iranis and the department took no part in the operation, according to President Reagan. On the other hand, the State Department has been active in formulating and carrying out U.S. policies in Central America, notably efforts to help the Contras in their fight against

Nicaragua's leftist government.

The idea to ask Bolkiah for money came from Elliot Abovna, assistant secretary of state for inter-American affairs, who provided the number of a Swiss bank account where the funds were to be sent, the Times said.

The newspaper quoted sources as saying the account was administered by Lt. Col. Oliver North, a National Security Council staff member under investigation by the Justice Department and is a key figure in the Iranian arms sale affair.

The sources did not know whether the ruler intended his money to go for medical supplies and other humanitarian aid or for weapons for the Contras.

At the time, the Reagan ad-

ministration was prohibited by Congress from sending military supplies or supporting such shipments, but had been authorized to send \$27 million in humanitarian aid.

There would have been nothing wrong, therefore, for Shultz to have asked Bolkiah for money if it was for humanitarian assistance, according to the State Department interpretation of congressional intent.

The department would not comment on the Brunel donation, but the matter will be raised when Shultz testifies before the House Foreign Affairs Committee on Monday. Rep. Stephen Solarz, D-N.Y., chairman of the subcommittee that monitors U.S. relations with Brunei and other Asian countries, said reading about the donation in his

morning newspaper Saturday was report.

"When Shultz appears on Monday, he will be asked about it," Solarz said. He and Rep. Thomas Foley, assistant Democratic leader in the House, said they would hear all the facts from Shultz before commenting on the substance of the

From time-to-time in recent years there have been reports of other countries assisting the Contras, but until Saturday there had been no such mention of Brunei.

It is a Connecticut-size country on the northern coast of Borneo in the South China Sea.

Iran deal clouds government sting operation

NEW YORK (AP) — A few months ago, the prosecution of 13 businessmen for conspiring to sell \$2 billion worth of arms to Iran seemed to be an iron-clad case for the government and the culmination of a highly successful sting operation.

But disclosures of U.S. government arms shipments to that country have lent at least some credence to defense attorneys' contentions that top U.S. officials initially had been considering giving their covert blessing to the proposed arms shipments the businessmen were trying to arrange.

The Justice Department in Washington says the government in no way authorized the proposed arms shipments involved in the sting operation conducted by the U.S. Customs Service. But defense attorneys insist there are indications top U.S. officials might have been involved. As a result, they will press for answers to the following questions:

• Precisely how many secret pipelines was the Reagan administration planning to use to ship arms to Iran and was this indicted group of arms brokers to have been one of them?

• "One hand of government was conducting a sting operation while the other arm of government may very well have been conducting a legitimate arms transaction," said Ronald Kuby, an attorney representing Nico Mendez of Beverly Hills, Calif., one of the defendants in the case.

• "It may very well have been an arms deal that Customs stumbled upon" — and the National Security

Council "was unwilling at this point to tell Customs," said Kuby. "The NSC basically just let it go and cut it loose" the businessmen.

Defense attorneys have filed requests for a wide range of internal Reagan administration documents. During the upcoming trial, they hope to subpoena a number of current and former U.S. officials, in-

cluding Vice President George Bush, who have detailed knowledge of the government's Iranian transactions.

The case by the U.S. Customs Service and the office of U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani in New York put together more than a year ago, isling an Iranian oil man, Cyrus Hashemi Hashemi, agreed to pose as a prospective arms buyer for Iran

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Evans, one of the defendants, is the lawyer for Saudi billionaire and arms merchant Adnan Khashoggi.

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Proof of Libyan link eludes investigators

BONN, West Germany (AP) — Seven months after U.S. warplanes bombed Libya in retaliation for a West Berlin terrorist attack, police investigators are still unable to turn up proof linking Libyan officials to the attack.

Although the police inquiry has not shown that the United States bombed the wrong country, it also has not proved that American jets hit the right one. A West Berlin court's ruling Nov. 28 that Syria — not Libya — aided an earlier terrorist bombing has raised further questions.

Ten days after two American soldiers were fatally wounded in the bombing of West Berlin's La Belle discotheque last April 5, U.S. jets struck back by bombing two Libyan cities. Dozens of Libyans were

reported killed. American officials said at the time they had proof from intercepted messages that the Berlin attack was backed by Libya, and described the April 15 air raid as a get-tough measure aimed at deterring Libyan authorities from further terrorist actions.

But West Berlin authorities investigating the La Belle bombing say they have no access to the reported U.S. evidence, and they have been unable to compile enough information to make an arrest in the case or link it to any foreign country.

"At the moment there is no concrete proof that connects Libya to the attack," said Volker Kaehne, a spokesman for the West Berlin

Justice Department. Kaehne told The Associated Press in a telephone interview, "There is still a small degree of suspicion about this connection, but at the moment it is minimal."

A West German intelligence source, demanding anonymity, also acknowledged that concrete proof had not emerged that Libya was behind the bombing.

"You could say the Libya issue is still open," said the source. A Turkish woman also was killed in the bombing, and 229 people were injured.

American officials said last April that intercepted messages between Libya and its embassy in East Berlin proved that Col. Muammar Gadhafi's government was behind

the disco attack. Less than a week after the attack, Chancellor Helmut Kohl said West German security officials also had evidence indicating "Libya" orchestrated the bombing.

Kaehne said statements made by U.S. and West German authorities last April were apparently based on information provided by intelligence agencies.

"We have no access to that kind of information, so we cannot make any judgment on it," he said.

Kaehne said investigators have no legal power to obtain such material from intelligence agencies, and it is uncertain whether such information — presumably clandestinely made tapes — would be admissible in court.

Diver wounded in shark attack

MONTEREY, Calif. (AP) — A scuba diver was attacked Saturday by what experts say may have been a great white shark up to 15 feet long and was hospitalized in critical condition.

Frank Gallo, 27, of San Jose suffered a punctured right lung and lacerations to his right shoulder, jaw, neck and forearm in the attack off Carmel River State Beach, said Bob Miskimon, a spokesman for Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

"He's doing incredibly well considering what he went through," said Charles Bancroft, a ranger at Point Lobos State Park who was on duty near the beach and went to the hospital later.

Bancroft said one of the doctors told him the size of the bite wounds made it likely that a great white shark, at least 12 to 15 feet long, was responsible. The ranger said he was aware of only two previous shark attacks in the past five years, both involving great whites.

The beach was closed after the attack as a precautionary measure, said Claude Wilkerson, a park spokesman.

Gallo was about 150 yards offshore and 30 feet beneath the surface when he was attacked, Bancroft said. He signaled to friends that he was in trouble and was carried him to shore on a diving mattress, Bancroft said.



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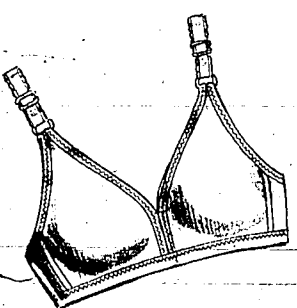
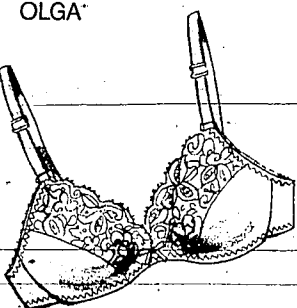
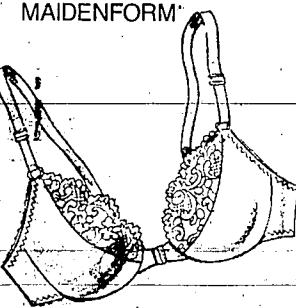
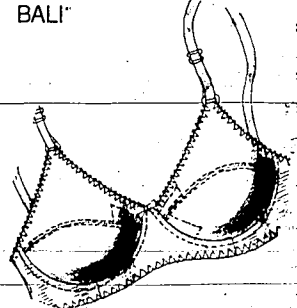
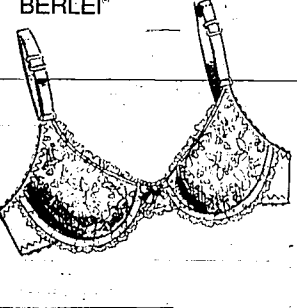
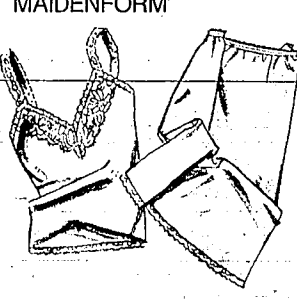
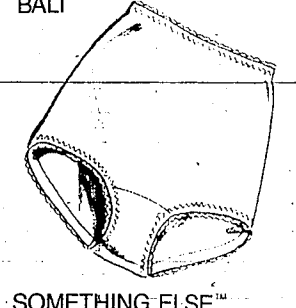
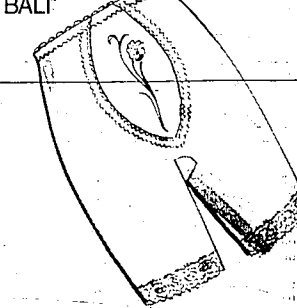
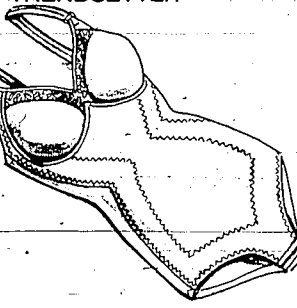
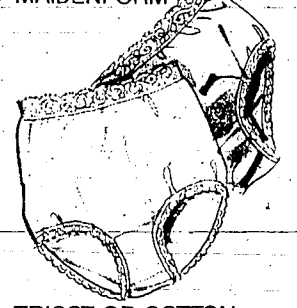
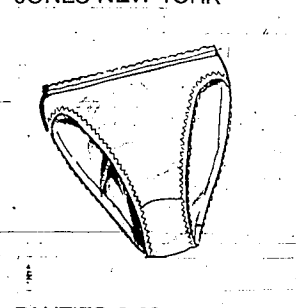
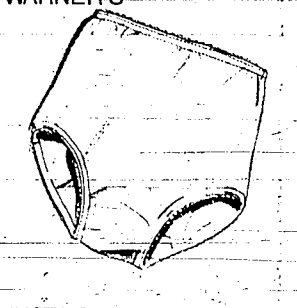
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European leaders support U.S. in Iran arms controversy

LONDON (AP) — Western European leaders said Saturday they stood by the United States in its time of trouble over the sale of arms to Iran.

The world has need of the leadership of America," said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the conclusion of a two-day European Community summit meeting.

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Guerrillas attack Salvadoran town

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP) — Leftist guerrillas struck the eastern town of Santa Rosa de Lima early Saturday, blowing up power lines and attacking the police station and an army post, authorities said. A police official said seven people died, but the guerrillas claimed 45 soldiers were killed.

In a brief communique, the army press office confirmed the attack took place, but said only two soldiers were wounded. It gave no details.

The police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity for security reasons, said rebels attacked the town, 111 miles northeast of San Salvador, at about 1:45 a.m. and withdrew five hours later after a series of gun battles.

A man, on duty at San Miguel headquarters, 25 miles southeast of Santa Rosa, said in a telephone interview the rebels blew up power lines and set fire to a main transformer station and the military post before leaving.

Two soldiers, one civilian and four guerrillas were killed and two policemen, one soldier and one civilian were wounded in the fighting, he said.

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Honduras reinforces south border

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras (AP) — The army reinforced its patrols along the southern border Saturday following a clash in which three soldiers were wounded and two were taken prisoner by Nicaraguan troops, a Honduran military source said.

The intelligence source said the army sent 1,500 soldiers to the area early Saturday to patrol the border and search for stragglers from the Nicaraguan force that crossed into Honduran territory on Friday.

The additional troops were divided into three combat units, the source told The Associated Press, speaking on condition of anonymity. He refused to elaborate.

Friday night, Honduras said 200 Nicaraguan soldiers entered Honduran territory, allegedly searching for U.S.-supported rebels who operate from bases in southern Honduras. They overran a Honduran border post and a priority village in the village of Las Mielles, about 90 miles southeast of Tegucigalpa.

"The attack came so suddenly and with such numbers that logically it was impossible for the 15 soldiers at the observation post to resist," the source said. "Apparently, the Sandinista troops have already left Honduran territory, but our forces will remain in the area indefinitely."

Honduras protested the attack in a note Friday to Nicaragua.

Nicaragua rejected the accusation as part of a scheme to discredit the leftist Sandinista government. It was the fourth reported incursion into Honduras in seven months, but the first time Nicaraguan troops were reported to have attacked Honduran soldiers.

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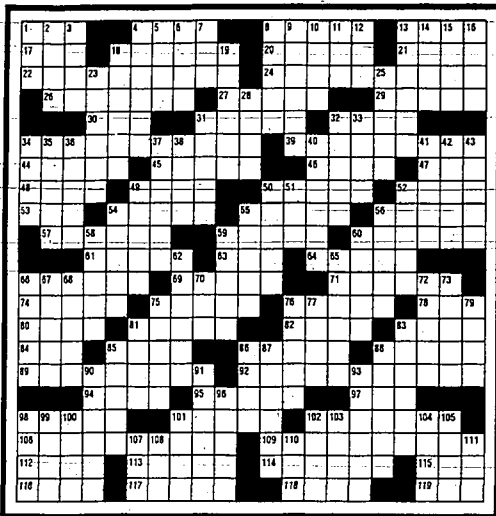
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Teen-ager organizes town parade

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Marching Christmas parade a few weeks ago, bands and floats drew a crowd to he solicited \$25 donations from store owners to pay for prizes for parade entries and the first city decorations on Main Street in years.

"No one else just wanted to take responsibility for it," Jerry said in a telephone interview Friday.

He and his friends spent nine hours Nov. 29 decorating the downtown.

"I got garland tinsel and put it around a bunch of telephone poles downtown," he said. "The fire department put my tree up for me."

The 15-foot tree, donated by a farmer, was strung with \$110 worth of lights, plus ornaments made by elementary school children. "I'm still hanging stuff on it," Jerry said.

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Policeman jailed for shooting hoax

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — A rookie police officer trying to impress his female training officer by firing a pistol into his bulletproof vest and brusing his stomach with a sledgehammer, officials said.

Officer David Jackson, 32, was fired-and-jailed-Friday-after-admitting that a shooting reported Nov. 6 was a hoax, Police Chief Thomas Windham said at a news conference Friday.

"Apparently he attempted to gain some type of recognition by it," police spokesman Doug Clarke said. Windham said Jackson claimed in a report that he was shot when he and his field training officer, Cpl. Rita Davis, stopped to investigate a purse lying along a road.

Jackson "shoved (Ms. Davis) down and she heard just one shot fired," Clarke said. Jackson's bulletproof vest supposedly saved him from injury.

But internal-affairs investigators said the purse belonged to Jackson's wife and the 22-caliber bullet lodged in Jackson's vest was put there 24 hours before the shooting.

Clarke said the shot Ms. Davis heard was fired from Jackson's own revolver.

Jackson had hit himself in the stomach with a sledgehammer before the shooting, creating bruises that might have been created by a bullet hitting the vest, Windham said.

Windham said the fabrication would not have been discovered if Jackson had not started acting strangely.

Soon after the shooting, Jackson was assigned to a different training officer. But while off duty, Jackson followed Ms. Davis and sent her personal messages on her police car computer, Windham said.

Ms. Davis reported the incidents and Jackson was put on detached duty with pay on Nov. 23, Windham said.

Windham said Jackson told investigators that he learned to plant a bullet in his vest as a safeguard against being charged with an unjustified shooting. All vests in the department are being inspected to make sure no bullets are planted in any others, Windham said.

Jackson remained in jail Saturday for investigation of disruption of police service.

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Fugitive in shootings surrenders

NEW YORK (AP) — A fugitive who eluded police for 17 days after he allegedly wounded six officers trying to arrest him in the slayings of five drug suspects surrendered Saturday, freeing a mother and two children he held at gunpoint overnight.

The hunt for Larry Davis covered 48 states and included at least eight unsuccessful police raids involving hundreds of officers before a tipster led police Friday to the fugitive in a building less than two miles from the shootout with police Nov. 19.

Davis, 20, who reportedly had sworn never to be taken alive, kept police at bay in the top-floor apartment of a 14-story Bronx housing project from midnight until 7:15 a.m. Saturday, when negotiators persuaded him to lay down his 45-caliber pistol and hold out his hands to be cuffed.

No one was hurt. "Larry Davis put down his gun, removed his jacket and shirt to prove that he was unarmed" and surrendered, said police Commissioner Benjamin Ward. "He acted and looked exactly like a frightened 20-year-old."

About 30 residents of neighboring buildings leaned out their windows and cheered as police led Davis away.

Police said Davis, a high-school dropout and aspiring rap musician, opened fire with a shotgun and a 45-caliber pistol as police tried to arrest him at a sister's apartment Nov. 19. Six officers were wounded and Davis escaped.

Police said Davis was sought in connection with the killings of four suspected drug dealers in the Bronx on Oct. 30 and a fifth in Manhattan on Sept. 16.

"I think he was tired," said Sgt. Peter Martin, one of two negotiators who talked with Davis through the night. "He wanted to come out."

Police said the net began to close Friday afternoon, when an informer said Davis was at the apartment of another sister. Heavily armed officers arrived minutes later.

As police checked lower floors, Davis burst into a top-floor apartment and took six people hostage — Elroy and Sophia Sewer; their two daughters, age 6 months and 2 years; a friend, Theresa All; and her 2-year-old son, police said.

Charges dropped against woman arrested on TV

CHANNELVIEW, Texas (AP) — Cocaine possession charges were dismissed against a woman who was jailed for two days after her arrest was broadcast live on a national television special anchored by TV reporter Geraldo Rivera.

Terry Rouse, 28, was freed Friday after Judge Don Shipley ruled that there was no probable cause to pursue cocaine possession charges against her.

"It would appear that they'd have more sense than to pull something like this on live TV," Shipley said.

On the syndicated Tribune Entertainment program, "American Vice: The Doping of a Nation," officers in this community about 10 miles east of Houston were shown staging a raid and Rivera said:

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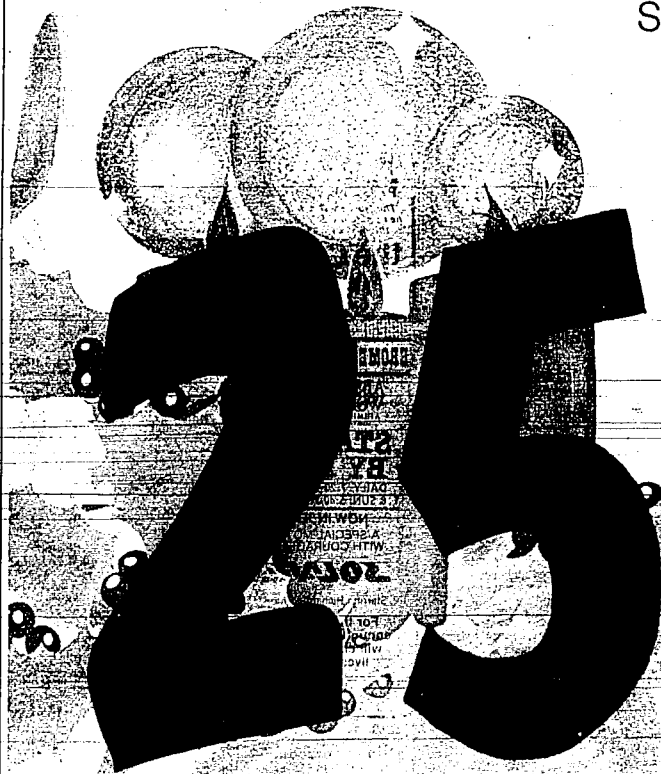
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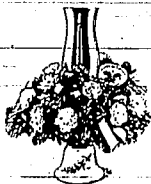
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Victims of murder in Colombia buried

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — A 52-year-old Colombian who killed 28 people in a murderous rampage ignored pleas for mercy and shot some victims repeatedly to make sure they were dead, a newspaper on Saturday quoted a witness as saying.

The man, Campo Elias Delgado, was killed by police Thursday after he stabbed to death a woman and her 14-year-old daughter, fatally shot his mother and five of his neighbors, and then shot and killed 20 people at a restaurant.

Officials said the victims were buried Friday and Saturday, but that Delgado's body was still in a morgue.

Nine wounded people remained hospitalized Saturday.

President Virgilio Barco expressed his sorrow and said the tragedy should prompt Colombians to reflect on the violence that has plagued the country. The government is fighting leftist guerrillas and right-wing death squads reportedly have killed about 300 people over the past year.

Friends of Delgado said he taught English at his apartment and attended French and science classes. They said he returned to Colombia two years ago after living in West Germany, the United States and France, but had planned to go back to West Germany.

One friend said Delgado fought with U.S. forces in the Vietnam War. In Washington, a Pentagon duty officer said Saturday that Delgado had not served with the Marines, the navy or air force. He said he expected word from the army after the weekend.

Police said Delgado began by stabbing to death a 34-year-old neighbor and her daughter. He then returned to the apartment he shared with his mother, killed her and set her body afire.

Delgado knocked on other apartment doors and as people came to the door fired his pistol. Five women attending nearby Javeriana University were killed.

He then visited the home of a former student, but did not harm

her or her family. He appeared calm during the one-hour visit, she said.

Delgado proceeded to a nearby Italian restaurant and ate dinner. Witnesses said he went to the restroom, came out minutes later and walked up to a table where six people were dining.

There was a loud exchange of words. Delgado whipped out a .38 caliber revolver and shot each of the six people in the head, witnesses said.

People began screaming and diving under tables, and some crashed through windows as Delgado calmly reloaded, wandered around the restaurant and shot each of his victims in the head or the neck, witnesses said.

"What are you looking at," Delgado said as he shot one victim, the restaurant's cleaning woman

told the newspaper El Espacio. The woman, who would not give her name, was not hurt.

Some people begged for mercy, but Delgado shot them anyway, the cleaning woman was quoted as saying. Delgado walked up to some shooting victims who were still alive and shot them again and again, she said.

Delgado wore an ammunition belt filled with cartridges and carried about 400 more cartridges in a briefcase he brought with him to the restaurant, police said.

It was five minutes before police arrived. The police killed him during a brief exchange of gunfire.

Student dies in Paris demonstrations

PARIS (AP) — Hundreds of youths fought police in Paris on the third day of violent protests against a university reform bill, and 20,000 students marched to a hospital to mourn a young man who died Saturday after an earlier clash.

The author of the reform bill, Minister for Higher Education Alain Delvaquet, sent a letter of resignation Saturday to Prime Minister Jacques Chirac. There was no indication whether the resignation was accepted.

The student, Malik Oussekinne, 22, died early Saturday at Cochin Hospital.

Witnesses said Oussekinne was severely beaten by police who were trying to break up a student demonstration. The Paris prosecutor's office, however, said an autopsy indicated that Oussekinne probably died of "cardiac arrest caused by the previous kidney problem of the patient."

The examination showed "no cranial bruises, no cerebral lesions and no fracture," the office said in a statement. It said traces of violence on the victim's face, hand and left leg "were not capable of causing the death."

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — A cease-fire disintegrated on Saturday, less than 24 hours after going into effect, when Shiite Muslim militiamen battled anew with Palestinian guerrillas with mortars and rockets in Beirut and south Lebanon.

Iranian mediators had brokered the truce, and they began urgent contacts with representatives of the warring factions to contain the flareup in this capital city and in Sidon, the south's provincial capital.

The Palestine Liberation Organization accused Amal, the dominant Shiite militia of "massacring" seven Palestinians, including four women, in south Lebanon.

The bodies of 14 Palestinian civilians slain by hooded gunmen were recovered Friday from west Beirut neighborhoods. Two children and four women were among the victims.

Police said two people were killed and 24 wounded in Saturday's fighting. The casualties included four civilians wounded when two Soviet-made Grad rockets struck the heart of Sidon, 25 miles south of Beirut.

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Farmer's suicide leaves family torn

Tuckett family struggles with death, bankruptcy and . . . who's to blame

Editor's note: Philadelphia Inquirer writer Hank Klibanoff and photographer John Paul Filo were in Idaho during Thanksgiving week to report on the aftermath of the suicide of Idaho farmer Kenneth Tuckett. Their account is reprinted with permission of the Inquirer.

By HANK KLIBANOFF
 Philadelphia Inquirer writer

MONTEVIEW — Leola Tuckett stood on her front porch, her back to the towering Teton mountains of neighboring Wyoming.

She apologized for the "weed patch" condition of her front yard and pointed to the flatlands that stretched from her door to the sharp ridges of the mountains.

It all looked very different now, on this Thanksgiving without reason to be thankful, except for good memories of the land that once gave them wealth and now caused her heartbreak.

"Only a lone bull and four horses remain in the deteriorating corrals that form a maze, of fencing behind the 'big house.'"

"This year, Thanksgiving was held not at the 'big house,' but in Filer, nearly three hours drive away, where the oldest daughter lives.

"This year, for the first time, farmer Kenneth Tuckett was not there with his family. And in his absence — eight weeks after despair over his failing farm drove him to suicide — lay the heart of their sorrow.

"Until the early 1960s it was all sagebrush desert. That was when she and her husband Kenneth, riding side-by-side on tractors, their children bouncing and laughing in their laps, fashioned it into farmland that produced food and exhilaration.

"Used to be, when we'd have the irrigation system working, the spray from the sprinklers would create a thousand rainbows out there," Leola Tuckett, 57, recalled. "Oh, it was the most beautiful thing you could imagine!"

Those breathtaking rainbows across the brown valley of southeast Idaho once seemed to promise endless prosperity for the proud Tuckett family: Kenneth, Leola, their five children and their grandchildren.

Farming was better to them than they ever believed possible. They had started with nothing and became one of the largest operators in Idaho, managing a farm with a net worth of \$4.5 million.



In Montevieu, Idaho, Leola Tuckett and son Stacy, 16, talk near the corrals where the Tucketts once had 1,357 head of dairy cattle.

Photos by Philadelphia Inquirer/JOHN PAUL FILO

"We made money hand over fist, planted with hay and beer-barley like you wouldn't believe," Leola and potatoes. Tuckett said recently. "We paid them more than 1,300 dairy cash for everything for years and cows, a modern filtration system years and years."

And at this time of year, when the new milking barn and cleanse it holiday season would draw the whole for irrigation. Tuckett said the big house that Kenneth and Leola built here, there seemed to be no limit to the excesses they would choose to celebrate the holiday season.

Thanksgivings were feasts in the big house, with a computer system in the behold, and Christmas produced information every animal, every gifts of registered quarter horses, Cadillac, new trucks, dirt every day on bikes, snowmobiles, electronic gadgetry.

The Tucketts and their five children and grandchildren lived in a mobile home on the premises. The milking

barn, the yard and the shop were buzzing with work, night and day.

The Tucketts, with a top credit rating and a friendly banker in nearby Rigby, were always buying bigger and better equipment, cows and irrigation systems.

IT'S ALL GONE NOW

It's all gone now. In August 1985, after their friendly banker had been replaced, Idaho First National Bank of Rigby, for reasons that remain in dispute, foreclosed on the Tucketts.

Errol Tibbitts, manager of the Rigby branch of the bank, said he could not comment on the details of the case because of "customer confidentiality." He could say, however, that he thought Idaho First "proceeded in a fair and appropriate manner, and we did everything we could do at the time."

Last December, four months after the Tucketts' fight for protection from creditors in federal bankruptcy court, a judge cleared the way for the bank to take possession of the cows, the equipment and the grain.

The milking barn is dark, inhabited by nesting birds. The fields are fallow, eyed by low-flying magpies looking for anything to scavenge.

The farm equipment, enough to fill the infield of a baseball diamond, has been auctioned.

The hired hands, their wives and children — about 40 people in all — have moved away. All but two of the 12 mobile homes still in place have been wrenched loose and hauled off, and so many tumbling weeds now cover the foundations that there is no sign that this was once a bustling village that worked 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

When a Tuckett son-in-law said Thanksgiving grace last week, and thanked the Lord "for the opportunity to gather together as a family," Kenneth Tuckett, the heart and soul of the family, was not there.

On Oct. 1, four months after the power company shut off the electricity to the big house, Kenneth

Tuckett left the mobile home in which he had been forced to take up residence, walked back into the big house, went to the gun closet downstairs, pulled out a .30.06 high-powered rifle and killed himself.

"It's hard handling the first holiday," Karlene Coon, 35, the oldest daughter, said as she muddled biscuits for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Idaho First "proceeded in a fair and appropriate manner, and we did everything we could do at the time."

— Errol Tibbitts, Rigby branch manager

Her five children and the two children of her sister, Cindy Killian of Idaho Falls, scamped underfoot as everyone waited for Leola Tuckett to arrive for dinner.

"I had seen him die a piece at a time every time they took something else away from the farm."

— Karlene Coon, 35, oldest daughter

"He had threatened before," Killian, 29, recalled as she pulled on some dough. "He would say, 'I just feel like ending it all.' We'd say, 'Hey, wait a minute, I want a grandpa for my kids!' He loved the grandkids. He'd always come for his hugs. His walle!" — she held her thumb and forefinger an inch and a half apart — "well, he had more pictures in it than money, that's for sure."

Leola Tuckett arrived with the ham and other fixings, put them near the fire and 15 pies that Coon had prepared, and embraced the younger grandchildren.

The host for so long, she said she wasn't comfortable as a guest for the holiday family gathering.

"As I left home today, I guess I cried about a third of the way," she said.

This is the worst time of year to feel the pain of a lost loved one, Leola Tuckett had said the day before.

She'd been through it before. Her mother, brother and husband all died on Wednesdays in October, just before the first snow.

"When the snow starts coming, knowing that their graves are going to be under the snow," she said, her voice quaking. "It bothers me."

Coon said she had come to believe that her father, with whom she was extremely close, had made the right decision.

"I had seen him die a piece at a time every time they took something else away from the farm," she said. "It took more guts for him to do what he did than to hang around."

His youngest children — boys Stacy, 16, and Terry, 18 — and the oldest grandchildren took Kenneth Tuckett's death the hardest.

"Keenan," said Coon of her oldest son, who is 15, "he won't talk about it, he won't acknowledge it, and he won't admit it."

Minutes later, Keenan sat on a fence in the wintry cold, wearing only a T-shirt, jeans, a knife that hung off his belt, and a look that seemed to blend an adult's sadness and a teen-ager's sullenness.

He stared straight ahead, past the geese and the cows in his back yard, and used a lot of "yeps" and "nopes" to answer questions about the family's experience.

"Try not to think about it," he said when asked how he tries to handle his feelings. He swallowed hard.

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Leola Tuckett, fourth from left, and other family members pray at Thanksgiving dinner

Legal firm drafts alternative legislation on tort reform

By PAT MARCANTONIO
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If Twin Falls attorney John Hepworth had his way, the tort reform legislation proposed by a new coalition would fail.

But if state lawmakers are intent on adopting some tort reform in January, he hopes it will be the alternative bill now being drafted by his firm, Hepworth, Nungesser, Pelton and Lezamis.

"Ours will at least give victims some protection," he says.

The tort system is where people seek compensation for injuries or damages. The firm's bill, authored by attorney John Hohnhorst with help from the other attorneys, also creates more "even-handed" rules when it comes to lawsuits, Hepworth says.

Hepworth, a 30-year veteran of the courts, called the proposed legislation of the Idaho Liability Coalition, a group of Idaho businesses and public entities, poorly written.

"The coalition believes the bill will lead to

a more "reasonable" tort system, says its coordinator, Donna Scott of Twin Falls.

The impetus behind the group was increased insurance rates and unavailability of liability insurance, which companies blamed on increased tort litigation.

The coalition is proposing a cap on non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, via a formula based on age and income; exemption of board members of non-profit groups from liability; and prohibition of an injured person already compensated by a collateral source, such as insurance or other public government programs, to seek compensation through a lawsuit.

Hepworth's firm is addressing several of the same issues, with the exception of a cap on non-economic damages, which he calls "the essence of stupidity."

Cases must be judged on their own merits, Hepworth says. By placing a cap, the coalition is saying it doesn't trust that most basic unit of government — the jury.

On the collateral source issue, the firm's proposed bill would allow some victims

compensation through the courts.

Why should a victim pay — through insurance premiums or taxes — for the benefit of injuries caused by someone else? Hepworth asks. In cases where people may be entitled to treatment through public programs, what guarantee is there that those federal programs will be around the next year?

"We have seen those programs erode to a point where not many exist anymore," he says. If a program ends, an injured person can't return to court and ask for more say.

The coalition is also proposing the elimination of joint-and-several liability. The law allows an injured person, in a multi-defendant lawsuit, to collect the entire award from one defendant, although the defendant was only partly responsible for the injury.

The firm's proposal suggests that the law should lead take a look at the comparative negligence, Hepworth says. That's where juries are asked to compare, by percentages, the fault of

defendants.

Proposing the elimination of joint-and-several liability is contradictory to the comparative negligence concept, he says.

But he would rather not have joint-and-several liability cut, because it protects programs, what guarantee is there that the defendant that pays the entire judgment can collect from the other defendants.

The firm's proposal essentially agrees with the coalition's exemption of board members of non-profit organizations, he can't return to court and ask for more say.

But the firm's proposals go beyond the coalition's recommendations. Taking the scenario of a defendant who makes an offer to settle a case for \$25,000, for example, but is refused by a plaintiff, Hepworth argues that: If the case goes to trial and the jury or judge awards \$25,000 or less to the plaintiff, the plaintiff has to pay — under law — the defendant's attorney fees and cost.

The firm proposes making the rule applicable to a plaintiff's offer to settle with defendants. A defendant will have to pay

attorney fees and costs if an offer to settle is refused, and a jury later awards more than the offer.

"It should work both ways," he says.

Another proposal concerns interest on judgments.

Now, 18-percent interest starts running when an award is made. The interest, running through an appeal process, is part of the total award when the case finally has ended.

The firm, as have others in the past, proposes starting the interest running at the time the victim's expenses begin.

Under present law, victims end up paying for the hospital bills, plus any interest, until they are compensated by the wrongdoer. But it's been his experience that defendants delay cases for years, leaving no compensation for the victim during the years it takes for a judgment, Hepworth says.

Both the interest and the offer of judgment proposals would deter delays, he says.

Suspect grabs officers' guns, wounding them, during arrest

TWIN FALLS, N.D. (AP) — Two police officers and a suspect were wounded Saturday when shooting broke out as police were trying to arrest the man wanted in the slaying of two Washington state men.

Rick Melvin Peterson, 31, was charged with attempted murder after the shooting, said Police Chief Doug Franks.

Officers had confronted Peterson at a private home and were in the process of arresting him when he grabbed one of the officers' guns, said Franks.

The wounded officers were identified as David Caulfield, 33, a seven-year veteran of the local force, and 44-year-old Duane Hill, a 13-year veteran.

A Washington state warrant had been issued for Peterson in the deaths of Thomas Mott, 22, of Redmond, and Roger Fox, 34, of Woodinville.

Both men were found dead Nov. 26 near Woodinville, a suburb northeast of Seattle.

Redmond police said Saturday they also wanted to talk with Peterson regarding the death in late July of Charles Wood.

All three deaths were believed to be drug related, and Redmond Sgt. John Miner said there were some similarities in the way the victims died. He said Wood, in his 40s, was gagged and bound at his trailer park home and had been beaten to death.

Peterson was also wanted on arrest warrants issued earlier for two assaults and felony flight.

One case involved a Washington State Patrol trooper, who had stopped Peterson for speeding. Peterson is accused of commandeering the officer's car and driving it at the trooper.

He was arrested after the incident but was freed the weekend of Nov. 22, 20 on \$5,000 bond.

Franks said Caulfield was shot once or twice in the abdomen and Hill was grazed in the forehead by a bullet.

Caulfield was listed in serious but stable condition Saturday night while Hill was treated and released, he said.

Birmingham to get hearing

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News Staff Writer

BOISE — U.S. District Court Judge Harold Ryan of Boise has granted a defense motion for an evidentiary hearing in the case against Twin Falls Police Commander Pat Birmingham, charged with making fraudulent statements on a federal witness-expense voucher.

A clerk in Ryan's office said Friday that the motion has been granted and the hearing set for 1:30 p.m. on Dec. 12.

The court action announced Friday results from a renewed motion for dismissal and for an evidentiary hearing. It will allow the defense and prosecution to present testimony and evidence concerning an agreement between Twin Falls Public Safety Director Tim Qualls and the U.S. Attorney's Office in Boise.

The agreement was made in lieu of prosecution and amounted to several stipulations, called for a 30-day suspension of Birmingham and a two-step reduction in pay.

The U.S. Attorney's Office requested a grand jury investigation that resulted in a felony charge.

The grand jury was convened after Birmingham was called back to work by Qualls, with the approval of Twin Falls City Manager Tom Courtney, although he had completed only two weeks of the required suspension.

The U.S. attorney contends the

agreement was breached, thus the charge was brought.

In the renewed motion for dismissal of the case and evidentiary hearing, the defense contends that Twin Falls officials had no intention of not completing the suspension and carrying out full terms of the agreement, but that injuries to other department personnel made it necessary to prematurely return both Birmingham and Detective Don Walden to work.

Walden was also alleged to have turned in an incorrect expense voucher. However, his expense voucher went to the defense attorney in the same case in which Birmingham filed expenses with the

U.S. government. Because Walden was a defense witness, he returned the alleged overpayment and no charges were brought against him.

In asking for the evidentiary hearing, attorneys for Birmingham argued that while Qualls was invited to explain his reaction to the terms of the agreement in testimony before the grand jury, there was no defense attorney present to ask the necessary questions regarding alleged breach of the agreement.

An initial defense motion for dismissal of the charges and request for the evidentiary hearing was denied by Judge Ryan as being moot, after he denied the request for Birmingham filed expenses with the

Marriages/divorces

TWIN FALLS — The following marriage licenses were issued recently in Twin Falls:

Eric Alan Hall and Patricia Renee Voth of Buhl, Perry Michael Bethke and JoAnn Schelling of Twin Falls, Paul Monsinger and Diane Lynn Fisher of Buhl, James William Poole Sr. and Debra Jean Metcalf of Twin Falls, Henry Russell Denton and Marilyn Kay Valle of Twin Falls and Eric C. Anderson and Maria A. Sanchez of Twin Falls.

The following divorces were filed recently in 5th District Court in

Twin Falls:

Eleanor Denise Bullock vs. Allen Bullock, Diana Kline Hill vs. Alfred Jesse Hill, Geena Rae (Smith) Hill vs. Dennis Diane Hite, Donald Edward Verway vs. Ruth Elaine Carr Verway, Bonnie Jean Haslam vs. Dean Mayo Haslam, Debbie Lee Leonard vs. Harold Michael Leonard, and Sharon Lee Edwards vs. Kent Francis Edwards.

The following divorce was granted recently in Twin Falls: Lori Anne Corder vs. Todd Arthur Corder.

Briefly

Publisher, cable TV in venture

HAILEY — E-DAH-HOE Publishing Co., the parent company of the Wood River Journal, has announced a joint venture agreement with Channel 13 Inc., the parent company of local cable Channel 13.

The joint venture will last one year. E-DAH-HOE retains the option to purchase Channel 13 during the term of the venture.

The joint venture will serve the community better than two individual media outlets. The Channel 13 has untapped capabilities as a source of information for the visitor," said Clint Stennett, according to a press release. Stennett is E-DAH-HOE's president and general manager of the joint venture.

Stennett said programming will remain much the same. The Sun Valley Show and the videotext program will remain as information guides for tourists in the Sun Valley area, he said.

"Something new this year will be frequent updates on weather and ski conditions," Stennett said. "I think, overall, the staff at Channel 13 has done a great job preparing for the winter of 1987, and we see no significant changes in the operation of the station."

Employee robbed of deposit

BURLEY — An employee making a night deposit at a Burley bank was robbed of \$700 in cash and checks Saturday evening, Cassia County Sheriff's office reported.

Charlotte Carlton, an employee of Vista Optical in the Burley Mall, was taking the money to the night depository at First Interstate Bank at Main Street and Overland Avenue when the robbery occurred, according to police reports.

She was accosted by two males as she walked up to the depository. One talked to her and the other came up behind her, pulling the bag with the money from her hand, police said.

There were no weapons involved and Carlton was not injured. Sheriff's police did not have any suspects late Saturday night.

Farm

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turned his head away, and snifled. "I don't want to."

Inside, his younger brother Corey, 13, flicked away tears as he spoke about his grandpa: "He liked running around with us. He didn't mind if we came with him. He enjoyed us."

Korey — wearing a cap that said, "Don't steal from the government, they don't like the competition" — said that when he first heard that the bank had carted off things from the farm, he didn't think they'd lost that much until he went up there.

"It was blank. Nothing was there."

WHO'S TO BLAME? — There is great tension in the Tuckett family, some of it stemming from longtime differences that occur in most families, but much of it sharpened by the pressures of losing the farm.

"Everybody seemed to have a tendency to want to blame one another," Leola Tuckett recalled as she walked around empty corrals the day before the family got together.

"My husband blamed the kids, the kids blamed me. I felt like it was the bank."

try and run it," said Stacy, the youngest child.

The family is in disagreement over many things. They even disagree over whether Kenneth Tuckett actually committed suicide.

Leola Tuckett says she strongly suspects that her husband was murdered.

Irene Hood, who has become a friend of the family in recent months, said she has noticed serious divisions in the family.

Hood, the Idaho Falls agent for the Oregon-based Higgins Co., which provides financial and emotional counseling to troubled farm families, came to know the Tucketts shortly before Kenneth's death.

'SOMETHING MUST HAVE SNAPPED'

Kenneth Tuckett, who would have been 58 this Christmas Eve, was not a formally educated man. He dropped out of high school after learning to read and write very well, and never completely overcame a stuttering problem.

But he was well-known as a tireless worker who always had to be doing something "to improve his farm. Even when he was in the hospital, he always seemed to be getting ready to go out again, a friend, Kenneth Scott, remembered in a eulogy at Tuckett's funeral.

"In all my years of knowing him," Scott said, "I never walked in the farm and saw him with his shoes off."

Tuckett stood about 5-foot-9 and weighed close to 200 pounds. He was strong, quiet and had a quick smile. When he worried, he didn't let on, except to his family.

"In the end, he changed."

"He would sit and stare in space, crying," Leola Tuckett recalled. "One of his sayings was, 'If tears were worth a penny, we would be billionaires.'"

As so often is the case in the plague of foreclosures that has beset the nation's farmers, the circumstances under which the bank moved against the Tucketts are in dispute.

Leola Tuckett is vehement in contending that she can prove that she and her husband, while they owned nearly \$1 million to Idaho First, were never delinquent in their payments.

She said the bank, to foreclose, used a provision the Tucketts didn't have in their copy of the loan agreement. Under that provision, she said, the note could be called in default if any of the cows were stolen.

The Tucketts had reported some cows stolen, she said.

Leola Tuckett is a strong-willed person determined to sue the bank for what she believes were illegal tactics used in foreclosure.

But the children seem to want their mother to be thankful that the still has the house and the land, at least for now, and forget about trying to recapture old glory.

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Obituaries

Martha L. Heck
TWIN FALLS — Martha L. Heck, 71, of Twin Falls, died Thursday at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Born April 6, 1915, at Twin Falls, she attended schools in Twin Falls. She was married to James H. Heck on Sept. 30, 1930, at Burley. He died on April 19, 1968.

She worked at several bean warehouses and cooked at the Rogerson Coffee Shop for several years. She was an active, lifetime member of First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls.

Surviving are: one daughter, Mary Brown; five sons, Richard L. Heck, Larry, Ralph and John Heck, all of Twin Falls; and Lester Heck of Spokane, Wash.; 23 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Lawrence (Lacey) Rozell of Manteca, Calif.

She was preceded in death by her husband, one son, two grandchildren, one great-grandchild, one sister and four brothers.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls, with the Rev. Tom Tucker and the Rev. Greg Lindsay officiating. Burial will follow in Twin Falls Cemetery.

Friends may call at the White Mortuary from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Monday.

The family suggests memorials to the Methodist Church elevator fund.



Dale E. Williams
BURLEY — Dale E. Williams, 53, of Casper, Wyo., formerly of Burley, died Friday in the Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Born June 26, 1933, in Burley, he married Marguerite "Dina" Heibuecher Jan. 5, 1979, in Casper.

Mr. Williams was employed by the A & T Company for more than 30 years, as a communications technician and supervisor.

He was a member of the First Christian Church.

Surviving are: his mother, Ida Nelson Williams of Turricane, Utah; his wife of Casper; two sons, Alan and Fred Williams of Saratoga, Wyo.; and two daughters, Kathy Williams of Laramie and Lancelle Clark of Skokie, Ill.; two stepdaughters, Cathy Heibuecher Homer and Jan Heibuecher Hawks, both of Casper; and two sisters, Matleen Mason and Gloria Hall, both of Burley, and eight grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father.

A graveside service will be held Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. in Gem Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions to the American Heart Association. Friends may call at McCallloch's in Burley Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Dean Bennett
TWIN FALLS — Dean Bennett, 62, of Twin Falls, died Friday in Twin Falls.

Born March 22, 1918, in Malad, he was raised and attended school in Malad. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1941 until 1945. He married Helen Chivers in Malad, and she died in January 1971. He married Grace Hanel in Twin Falls Nov. 3, 1972.

He attended the Southern Branch of the University of Idaho, which now is Idaho State University. He also attended Idaho State Police School. He joined the Idaho State Police on Aug. 5, 1947. He spent 17 years in Boise, and was promoted to sergeant in 1959. He was transferred to Twin Falls and promoted to lieutenant and then to captain in 1970. He returned to Boise in 1972 to become area commander for North Idaho. In 1975, he was named operations officer.

He retired from the Idaho State Police in 1977 after 30 years of service. He was the first officer in state police history to serve that long. He was a life member of the Elks Lodge and a member of the LDS Church.

Surviving are: his wife of Twin Falls; two sisters, Martha Mae Gadd of Ogden, Utah, and Carol Harris of Springfield, Ore.; two daughters, Dixie Anderson and Pam Heith, both of Boise, one stepdaughter, Terry Carlson of Boise; and Phil Hanel of Midland, Mich.; and nine grandchildren.

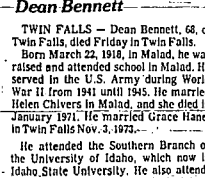
He was preceded in death by his first wife and one brother.

The funeral will be conducted at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the White Mortuary Chapel with Bp. Vern Barnes and the Twin Falls Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. #1183 officiating. Services also will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the LDS Church in Malad. Burial will follow at the Malad City Cemetery.

Friends may call at the White Mortuary from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and Monday and at the mortuary one hour prior to services on Tuesday.

Friends also may call at the LDS Church in Malad from 2 p.m. until the time of services.

The family suggests memorials be given to the physical therapy department at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.



George Wesley Fowler
RUPERT — George Wesley Fowler, 81, of Rupert, died Saturday at his home.

Born July 26, 1902, in Granville, N.D., he moved with his family to Missouri at the age of 4, where he attended schools. He married Mary Ludlow Feb. 28, 1925, in Independence, Mo. They settled in Williston, N.D., where he farmed. His wife died in 1952. He then married Veldeia Ryerson July 15, 1954, at Knot Noster, Mo., and they made their home in Peculiar, Mo. In 1939, he moved to Minidoka County, where he farmed and worked as a meat cutter. He operated Central Meat Market for 16 years until his retirement. He was a former member of the Rupert Chamber of Commerce and Rupert Lions Club. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Surviving are: his wife of Rupert; five daughters, Mrs. Jean Smith, Mrs. Carol Burks and Mrs. Betty Davidson of Rupert; Mrs. Coleman Allen of Richfield and Mrs. Eileen West of Boise; a sister, Mrs. Nannette Belle Bremer of Harrisonville, Mo.; 16 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; and four 4-step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by twin daughters, two sisters, and one great-grandson.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert.

Ella Purvis
GOODING — Ella Purvis, 70, of Gooding, died Saturday in the Gooding Memorial Hospital.

The service arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Aubrey Killinger
BUHL — Aubrey Killinger, 75, of Buhl, died Friday in Magic Valley Regional Medical Center after a sudden illness.

Born Aug. 4, 1911, in Cherry Box, Mo., he married Mary Cox Aug. 12, 1933, in Syracuse, Kan. After living in Colorado, they moved to Twin Falls, where he owned and operated Aubrey's Market. They returned to Colorado, then moved to Buhl in 1982, where he retired.

Mr. Killinger was a member of the First Baptist Church of Rocky Ford, Colo., where he was chairman of the deacons.

Surviving are: four sons, Robert Killinger of Ontario, Calif., Gary Killinger of Pocatello, Tony Killinger of Twin Falls and James Killinger of Buhl; a daughter, Grace Eloyd of La Junta, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a brother, Glen Hickers of Twin Falls. He was preceded in death by a brother.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 2 p.m. in the Farmer Chapel in Buhl, with the Rev. Clarence Kuehn officiating. Burial will be in West-End Cemetery.

Friends may call at the chapel Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. today and Wednesday until the time of the funeral.

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Service
GOODING — The service for Laurence Wesley Renner, 76, of Gooding, who died Wednesday, will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery. Friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel today from 1 to 7 p.m.

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Admitted
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Released
Norma Henz, Mary Behr and baby, Joyce Merrill and baby, Norma Jane Hamblen and Mari Jones and baby, all of Burley; Mary Johnnie Anderson and baby of Hazelton; Anne Blayney of Rupert; and Wallace Braggard of Heyburn.

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Glenns Ferry ambulance catches fire on run

Injured Wendell teen transferred to Twin Falls crew for rest of trip

By CAROLYN DILWORTH
Times-News correspondent

GLENN'S FERRY — Glenns Ferry's Emergency Medical Technicians will be temporarily serving the community with just one small ambulance, after the town's larger ambulance caught fire during a Nov. 26 emergency run.

EMTs were transporting Trevor Pope, a member of the Wendell wrestling team, to the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center when the fire occurred. Pope had received a neck injury during a wrestling match at the

Glenns Ferry B Invitational held at the high school.

According to EMT Sgt. Byrd, driver of the ambulance, Pope was in shock and his blood pressure had been "bouncing up and down," so they made a stop in Bliss to check his vital signs. The stop was necessary because road noises from the vehicle made it difficult to hear and get accurate readings.

"We've had to do it that way before," the ambulance seemed fine at the time, but a short distance from Twin Falls, the engine began overheating. Byrd said they added water to the radiator from a two-

gallon container they always carried with them because of previous problems they had been having with the vehicle.

However, four blocks from the hospital, the engine caught fire.

"At that point, they radioed for help and 'basically abandoned ship' after removing the boy, Byrd said.

Everyone, including the patient, got out safely, she said.

"It would have been easy for me as a parent to have panicked," said Marilyn Pope, the boy's mother, who was riding in the ambulance. "But they were all so cool and calm, they never gave an indication it was a panic situation. Their first concern at all times was my son."

ther away from the vehicle. They may have said that they 'abandoned ship,' but I have no doubts they would have gone down with the ship if necessary to save my son."

Though a fire crew was at the ambulance within five minutes of the call, extensive damage was done to the motor and part of the cab. Meanwhile, the Twin Falls ambulance crew transported the patient to the hospital.

A week earlier, the Glenns Ferry City Council and Elmore County Commissioners had made a decision to purchase a new chassis for the ambulance in question.

According to Mayor Dayle Messerly, the city might need to delay purchase of a new chassis until insurance work is completed. The insurance company has requested that a specialized appraiser check the damaged vehicle because of all the special equipment it contained.

damage in the rear of the vehicle. The engine and cab received the major damage. Until the new chassis arrives, Byrd said, area emergency workers "are praying a lot," since they are left with just the small ambulance and no larger ambulance for backup.

"They really deserve to have the elected officials and community get behind them and see they get a good reliable ambulance," said Marilyn Pope. "When people are that dedicated and willing to help, they deserve full support. I suppose we all worry about where our tax dollars are going, but if you have ever been in a situation as I was, you don't question the worth of those dollars being used for an ambulance for that type of program."

Pope said she had nothing but praise for the ambulance crew. Making the run with Byrd were Lucille Allen, Shirley Beck and Donna McClain.

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Jerome CAA seeks food program aid

By LORAYNE O. SMITH
Times-News writer

JEROME — The Community Action Agency in Jerome has found new office quarters, and has successfully completed a search for a facility to house the food commodity program.

But Mary Lee Pfeifferle, supervisor of the Jerome office and the Twin Falls outreach office, is still looking for a volunteer organization or club to handle the food distribution in Jerome. It is now run by individual volunteers.

Jerome County Commissioners have offered space in the basement of the Courthouse for the CAA offices. But since there is inadequate space there to handle the food distribution, CAA officials have been seeking an additional site.

After some search, Pfeifferle said last week that Joe Rose, an official of the Jerome Masonic Lodge, offered use of the lodge hall, at 225 First Ave. E., for the commodities program.

Agency officials plan to move offices into the Courthouse by the first of the year.

Pfeifferle said the Masonic lodge hall is an ideal site for the commodity food distribution because it is centrally located and only a block away from the current CAA location at 115 First Ave. E.

That location has become too expensive because of cutbacks in federal funding last spring. Community Action, which operates under different names in various states, receives federal money for its basic support, but the program is kept afloat because of local donations and volunteer help, Pfeifferle says.

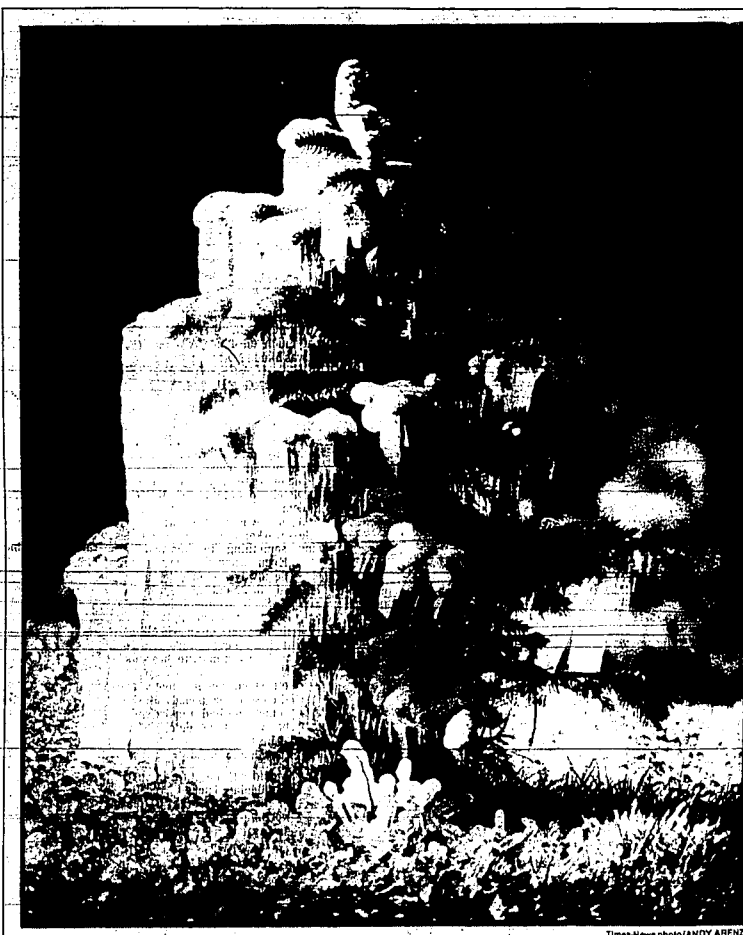
In Magic Valley, the agency, known as South Idaho Community Action Agency, is directed by a local board composed equally of public and private sectors and low-income members.

The Jerome County Commissioners have been very supportive, she says, because they know many people needing emergency food and in temporary crisis come to Community Action.

"If we were not available, the county would have to be a lot more people," Pfeifferle said.

She was concerned that if no Jerome site was found, the food distribution would have to be moved to Twin Falls. This could be a real hardship for the 550 Jerome

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Lawn care overrun

This small evergreen isn't part of the Festival of Trees, although its frigid decoration does seem to reflect the

holiday season. But it wasn't the yuletide spirit that prompted Bill Anderson of Shoshone to leave a

sprinkler on all night, and thus give his lawn and this tree an ice coating. He simply forgot to turn it off.

Times-News photo/ANDY ARENZ

Richfield okays plan for sewage

By CLAUDINE CHAMBERLAIN
Times-News writer

RICHFIELD — Because of an unacceptable amount of suspended solids in the effluent being released into the Little Wood River, the Richfield City Council has adopted a sewage treatment plan to reduce algae.

Over the past four months, J-U-B Engineers of Twin Falls has conducted a facility study of the city's sewage treatment system and has developed five alternate plans for the system.

Of the various plans, a surface drainage system (also called an overland flow) was found to be the least costly, the most effective, and would require the least maintenance. According to project manager Scott Bybee of J-U-B, the system would use a land flood to reduce the amount of solids.

Pipeline would be installed from the current wastewater treatment plant to the area chosen for drainage. Also installed at the site would be pumping stations, an aerator and chlorination equipment.

This system would allow some of the effluent to liquid discharge from the plant — to soak into the ground.

By the time the water had passed through this system, the suspended solids level would be acceptable to the state, and the remaining water would be clean enough to be deposited into the Little Wood River.

The state puts two restrictions on waste water. Bybee said. The level of bio-chemical oxygen demand, or BOD demand, and the level of suspended solids must both meet state requirements. Bybee said Richfield's BOD level met state restrictions.

He said that Richfield has been operating its current system for about 16 or 18 years and has made no repairs or improvements since the early '70s. "Their system was just out of date," he said.

Currently, Richfield is only out of compliance with state requirements at certain times of the year. The algae grow at a faster rate during sunny weather. Too much algae in what has been causing the city's problems, he said.

Richfield is required to be in compliance with state restrictions by 1988, he said. The surface drainage system will probably be installed sometime in the spring of 1987, he said.

Cost of the project to the city is not yet final, he said, because the engineering firm is still working on ways to get the cost down. However, at this time, the system has been estimated to cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

How the project will be funded will be discussed at a Monday night council meeting.

Suit stops vote on hospital tax

By RUSSELL WHITING
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM — Litigation over a proposed election to form a hospital taxing district ended in a reversal of the election notice this week as it was formally presented to the Ketchum City Council.

The presentation, made by Ketchum attorney Bruce Collier, marked the end of a joint suit filed against Blaine County Commissioners by Sun Valley and Ketchum to stop the election before the results of an independent study on the hospitals was completed.

The study, conducted by Amherst Associates of San Francisco, was initiated to provide recommendations to Moritz Hospital and Blaine County Medical Center in the face of a nationwide trend toward declining use of hospitals.

Collier said the joint appeal, filed in U.S. District Court, was based on the consensus by Ketchum and Sun Valley officials that any decisions made prior to the completion of the study would be too soon.

"It was just a little premature," said Ketchum Mayor

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Jerome eyes proposals on watering, dogs

By TERESA Z. TAYLOR
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Residents of Jerome will have to pay more for water used for sprinkling next summer and will not be walking their dogs in public parks, if two proposed ordinances become law.

Both ordinances were given their first reading at the last Jerome City Council meeting.

The proposed ordinance dealing with sprinkler rates, sponsored by Councilman Gerald Ostler, is needed to help the city

to meet increased operating and maintenance costs, city council members.

The bill would raise the charge from \$2.50 to \$4 for the first 2,000 cubic feet of water used in excess of a residence's average consumption. And it would charge 27 cents — up from 15 cents — for each additional 100 cubic feet of water used.

Lanny Sloan, of the City Water Department, said there is no quotable figure for an average consumption rate because each house has its own average.

"We take" the amount of sprinkling

water used for four months prior to the sprinkling season and average it to obtain a water user's basic average consumption rate," he said.

These additional charges for water used in excess of the average consumption per billing period would be charged for the additional water used primarily for lawn or garden sprinkling, or for other uses characteristically associated with summer.

The second ordinance discussed, which would ban dogs in Jerome's public parks,

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Around the valley

Ketchum reserves limo parking
KETCHUM — In a town with only one spotlight and streets numbered all the way to six, it is nice to know you will always have a place to park your limo.

Ketchum city officials adopted an ordinance last week that allows reserved parking for limousines and taxicabs for the winter season Dec. 15 through April 15.

"It is not really a small town in a traditional sense," said City Administrator Jim Jaquet. "Most small towns don't have a bus system like we have either."

The ordinance allows two 35-foot parking spaces on Main Street for limousines and taxis from 6 p.m. to 2 a.m. The vehicles must be attended while in the space.

Jaquet said the city encourages visitors to use public transportation while in Ketchum and that the media and shop owners showed their support for the space by signing petitions.

"They thought it was a good idea," Jaquet said.

Wendell claims tallest flagpole

WENDELL — Wendell will run a flag up what residents believe is the tallest flagpole in the state today.

A 12-by-18 foot American flag will be hoisted up the new 73-foot flagpole, by members of Wendell American Legion Post 41. The pole and flag will be dedicated at the fire-police station on South Idaho Street during a public ceremony at 1 p.m.

Veteran Ted Taylor said the 85-foot pole, set 12 feet in the ground with a cement base, is the tallest in the state. The giant flag, he said, will be visible from the interstate highway south of Wendell.

The flag will fly all the time, Mason said, with a spotlight on it at night.

"The flag pole will be a war memorial to all the veterans," he said.

432-prefix phones now 1-party

MURTAUGH — Mountain Bell has converted all phone numbers with a 432 prefix for one-party service, the telephone company announced last week.

The change allows all phone customers in the area to obtain a private line. It also gives a phase-out of two- and four-party lines in the area.

Mountain Bell is encouraging party-line customers to switch immediately by waiving the normal \$25.50 service charge until Feb. 1. All party-line customers must change their service within two years; the utility said.

With 305 members, Post 41 in Wendell is the fourth largest American Legion post in Idaho. Mason said the Wendell post will buy a new flag every year.

Veteran Vernon Mason said the flagpole was built by Cecil Lessly and put up in November by the Idaho Power Co. Archie Langdon of Twin Falls donated the pipe for the pole. Jim Eaton drilled the hole and Hilt Brothers of Wendell painted the pole with paint donated by the DuPont company.

The conversion is part of a \$50 million program to install single-party lines statewide.

Glenns Ferry OKs bus bid

GLENN'S FERRY — The Glenns Ferry School Board has accepted a bid from Central States of St. Louis, Mo., for a school bus. The firm had the low bid of \$36,450.

The new bus, a 60-passenger diesel, has a luggage rack that will make transportation of band instruments and other equipment safer. It will be delivered in the spring of 1987.

King Hill irrigation election set

KING HILL — An election will be held in the King Hill Irrigation District Tuesday to choose a director from Division Number 2 and a director from Division Number 5 of the district.

Polling places are: King Hill Irrigation District Office, King Hill; Glenns Ferry City Hall, Glenns Ferry; and Koffee Cup Cafe, Hammett.

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because of the addition to the Jerome Courthouse. Pfeiffer would like to find a church or civic organization in Jerome to assume management of the local commodity distribution. The program is now run by 17 or 18 senior citizens," Pfeiffer says. They are the senior citizens center bus and the present food distribution location and can continue to do so since the Masonic lodge is only a short distance away.

Jerome commissioners previously provided funds for the food pantry and emergency medical needs, but this was discontinued when federal revenue sharing funds were eliminated.

However, county officials have compensated by providing the office space formerly occupied by the Planning and Zoning Commission to compensate, the official says. The basement space became available

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met with resistance from those present for the reading. The ordinance would prohibit people owning, keeping or having charge of any dog from entering a public park, even if the dog is on a leash. Potential fines would be \$15 to \$100 for each offense.

"We have rules already on the books to deal with this problem," said Councilman Nathan Brooks. He also said he believed the proposed ordinance is too strict.

"While I have no reservations about the intent of the bill, I have real reservations about enforcing it," said Councilman H.B. Pharris. The city has a difficult time enforce-

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Gerald Seifert. "It didn't make sense to go to a vote without the study."

The study has since been completed, and Seifert said the next step will be for the hospital boards to discuss the study recommendations.

"We know head-to-head competition is not efficient for the hospitals in the long run," Seifert said. Collier said the litigation had been "devisive" and the absence of litigation had not healed any wounds. "Only time will tell," he said.

Moritz Hospital Administrator Ray Hino said there was no joint meeting of the two hospital boards planned.

"There has been no official statement made regarding the study because we have not had a meeting since it was presented to the board," Hino said.

The next scheduled meeting for the Moritz hospital board is December 15.

BCMC Administrator David Farnes could not be reached for comment.

The study by Amherst Associates was released in late November. It recommended that one governing board be formed for both hospitals

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Early inmate releases unpopular

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Commissioner of Public Safety John T. Nielsen shares Hayward's abhorrence for the early release program, and fears it could undermine "appropriate and essential" sentencing guidelines established by the Legislature.

"We don't have a lot of people out there who don't richly deserve to be," Nielsen said. "But we're reaping the consequences of 20 years of inattention to the prison system."

However, while Nielsen and other state officials sympathize with Hayward's concerns as chief law officer of the county where inmates are being freed, they say there is no alternative and stress that violent inmates are not eligible.

"I would agree with Hayward that the early release program is not good because people who are confin-

ed are returned early to the streets, where they can get involved in criminal activity again," said Corrections Director Gary DeLand. "It became a situation of the lesser of several evils, however."

Dave Franchina, director of the department's institutional operations, said he also has no argument with the sheriff about the "regrettable" situation forced on the prison. "But on the other hand, we are overcrowded."

Budget constraints forced by sharply declining state revenues in recent years have foiled efforts by the Department of Corrections to squeeze more money for prison expansion from the tight-fisted Legislature.

Moreover, 1983 state laws mandating lengthy sentences for some

Montana mining industry seems to be pulling out of slump

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Montana's mining industry may never recapture the glory days when it was the state's primary industry, but it appears to be rebounding from its slump in the early 1980s.

Resumption of copper mining in Butte this summer is just one sign that miners again hope to strike it rich by finding the precious metals that gave Montana its nickname as the "Treasure State."

While coal, oil and natural gas continue to account for most of the wages paid in Montana's mining industry, today's miners once again are digging copper, silver and gold — as well as molybdenum and talc, platinum and palladium, according

to Gary Langley, executive director of the Montana Mining Association.

"When they called this the Treasure State, they knew what they were talking about, because we have such a diversity of minerals," Langley says. "That's why this will never be a one-industry state."

In coming months, the mining industry will pump more than \$100 million into Montana's economy to construct precious metal mines that eventually will employ 600 people, Langley says.

Silver mining remains slow because of low prices, but hard-rock mining for other precious metals has picked up, and a number of major projects have moved from the draw-

ing board to the construction stage.

—Copper and molybdenum mining resumed in Butte this summer after a three-year suspension. Montana Mineral Resources, a subsidiary of Washington Corp., the Missoula construction conglomerate, bought most of Anaconda Minerals Co.'s Butte properties and is mining 40,000 tons of copper and molybdenum a day. The huge Berkeley Pit remains closed, but Montana Mineral Resources is mining from the Continental Pit. Anaconda Co.'s newest surface mine before it suspended operations.

—In Stillwater County of south central Montana, the nation's only under construction by the Stillwater Mining Co., a joint venture of Chevron Resources, Manville Products Corp. and Lac Minerals Ltd. The \$40-million mine will employ about 200 people when it begins production late next year. Initially, it is expected to produce up to 10 percent of the country's needs for platinum and palladium, strategic metals that are now mined mainly in the Soviet Union and South Africa.

—In Jefferson County, Centennial Mining Co. is building the Montana Tunnels Mine, an open pit operation that hopes to extract \$100 million worth of gold, silver and lead left when the area was honeycombed with mines a century ago. The mine

has a construction force of nearly 300 workers and will employ about 200 Whitehall and the Zortman-Kandakusky Mining companies near Malta, with 100,000 ounces of gold a year, and the new Kendall diggings by making it the sixth-largest gold mine in the United States.

—Another gold mine is being built near Jardine, an old gold mining camp near Gardiner and Yellowstone National Park, and Homestake Mining Co. and American Copper and Nickel Co. The Jardine Joint Venture hopes to begin production in 1988 and employ about 100 people.

—Still "another" gold and silver mine went into operation in the Tobacco Root Mountains near Pony in this summer. The mine, operated by a West German firm, Denim Resources Inc., is using a chemical-leaching process to extract gold and silver from about 30 tons of ore a day.

—Earlier this year, Montana Talc Co. opened a \$14 million talc mine near Three Forks with a workforce of 57 people and an annual payroll of \$2 million.

Those new mines will be added to the base already established by Asarco's copper and silver mine near Troy, the W.R. Grace vermiculite mine and mill in Libby and the coal mines of southeastern Montana.

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 Wednesday: "Finger" steaks, roll with butter, corn, jelly with cheese and pineapple, oatmeal cookie and milk.
 Thursday: Spaghetti with meat sauce, sliced bread with garlic butter, green beans, apple crisp with topping, and milk.
 Friday: Burrito, roll with peanut butter/honey, mixed vegetables, sliced pears and milk.

BLISS
 Monday: Burritos, french fries, carrot sticks, peaches and milk.
 Tuesday: Pork gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, rolls and jelly, brownies and milk.
 Wednesday: Sloppy joes, rolls, spinach, pears and milk.
 Thursday: Pancakes, scrambled eggs, Polish sausage, mandarin oranges and milk.
 Friday: Tacos, hamburger and cheese, tossed green salad, corn, spice cake and milk.

FILER ELEMENTARY and JUNIOR HIGH
 Monday: Hamburgers.
 Tuesday: French bread pizza.
 Wednesday: Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, cookie, roll and milk.
 Thursday: Tacos with meat sauce, corn, milk, and cinnamon roll.
 Friday: Crispiitos, macaroni and cheese, fruit cup and milk.

FILER HIGH
 Monday: Hamburgers.
 Tuesday: French bread pizza.
 Wednesday: Lasagne.
 Thursday: Tacos.
 Friday: Crispiitos.

CASTLEFORD
 Monday: Breakfast - Juice, cinnamon rolls and milk; lunch - pizza, vegetable, green salad and milk.
 Tuesday: Breakfast - Juice, pancakes and milk; lunch - hamburgers, french fries, fruit and milk.
 Wednesday: Breakfast - Juice, biscuits, eggs and milk; lunch - deli sandwich, potato salad, vegetable stick, dessert and milk.
 Thursday: Breakfast - Juice, french toast and milk; lunch - beef and cheese tacos, buttered corn, fruit cup, cookie and milk.
 Friday: Breakfast - Juice, cold cereal and milk; lunch - Fish burgers, french fries, vegetable and milk.

GOODING
 Monday: Fligns blanket, green beans, chocolate pudding, cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Turkey gravy, whipped potatoes, cheese sticks, whole wheat rolls and butter, applesauce and milk.
 Wednesday: Chili, coleslaw, peaches, cinnamon roll and milk.
 Thursday: Veal roll-ups, dressing, whipped potatoes and gravy, cherry cobbler, bread and butter and milk.
 Friday: Ham and cheese sandwich, french fries, applesauce cake, pears and milk.

BUIH
 Monday: French dip sandwich with au jus, buttered carrots and fruit roll-up.
 Tuesday: Baked turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, mixed vegetables, and rolls.
 Wednesday: Canadian bacon pizza, french fries and pineapple cups.
 Thursday: Little smokies, crisp cuts, orange slices and blueberry muffins.
 Friday: Seafood platter, french fries, fruit, bread and butter, and chocolate milk.

HAGERMAN
 Monday: Taco, lettuce, cheese, pineapple, blueberry muffin and milk.
 Tuesday: French dip sandwich, au jus, tator tots, orange wedges and milk.
 Wednesday: Turkey pot pie with biscuit top, broccoli, peaches, hot roll, butter and milk.
 Thursday: Spaghetti, green salad, fruit cup, bread sticks and milk.
 Friday: Turkey pot pie with biscuit top, cheese stick, pears and milk.

HANSEN
 Monday: Fligns steaks, potato rounds, buttered corn, hot rolls and honey butter, pudding and milk.
 Tuesday: Lasagna, tossed green salad, hot rolls and butter, peaches and milk.
 Wednesday: Surf burger, french fries, peas, diced pears and milk.
 Thursday: Chicken fried steak, whipped potatoes, gravy, hot rolls and butter, strawberry fluff and milk.
 Friday: Beef stew and crackers, cheese sticks, cookies, fruit and milk.

JEROME ELEMENTARY and SENIOR HIGHS
 Monday: Baked cheese sandwich, potato soup, buttered peas, fruit, peanut butter cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Open menu.
 Wednesday: Tacos, mixed vegetables, fruit, chocolate cake and milk.
 Thursday: Hot ham and cheese sandwich, french fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, chocolate cake and milk.
 Friday: Corn dog, french fries, peaches, oatmeal cookie and milk.

JEROME JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGHS
 Monday: Corn dogs, french fries, peaches, oatmeal cake and milk.
 Tuesday: Soft shell taco, tator tots, fruit, million dollar cookie, and milk.
 Wednesday: Russian hamburger, green salad, fruit, no-bake cookie and milk.
 Thursday: Pita pockets, tator tots, fresh fruit, vegetable dipper, Rice Krispie cookie and milk.
 Friday: Barbecue sandwich, french fries, fruit, apple crisp and milk.

HOLLISTER
 Monday: Tacos.
 Tuesday: Chicken nuggets.
 Wednesday: French dip sandwiches.
 Thursday: Crispiitos.
 Friday: Potato soup.
KIMBERLY
 Monday: Lasagna, peas, french rolls and butter, carrot sticks, pears and milk.
 Tuesday: Macaroni and cheese, whole

wheat rolls and butter, green beans, apple cobbler, milk and salad bar.
WEDNESDAY: Chili and crackers, coleslaw, cinnamon rolls and milk.
Thursday: Creamed chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and honey butter, cheese sticks, mixed vegetables, cherry delight, milk and salad bar.
Friday: Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed green salad, rolls and butter, pineapple slice and milk.

MINIDOKA
 Monday: Beef and cheese taco, french fries, fruitcup, cookie and milk.
 Tuesday: Fish sandwich, buttered corn, peaches and milk.
 Wednesday: Spaghetti, green salad, pears, french rolls and milk.
 Thursday: Roast beef, gravy and whipped potatoes, fresh apple, hot rolls and milk.
 Friday: Chalupa, buttered green beans, pink applesauce, and milk.

MURTAUGH
 Monday: Spaghetti, slice cheese, carrot sticks, green salad, french bread, pears and milk.
 Tuesday: Hot dogs, tator tots, carrot sticks, fruit cup and milk.
 Wednesday: Chili, crackers, celery sticks, cinnamon roll, applesauce and milk.

Thursday: Roast beef, gravy, peanut butter cups, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot roll, pineapple and milk.
Friday: Hamburgers, fries, carrot sticks, orange and milk.

GOODING STATE SCHOOL
 Monday: Beef and cheese, mushrooms, broccoli spears, mixed fruit salad, cherry cupcakes, bread and butter, and milk.
 Tuesday: Tomato soup, grilled cheese sandwich, green pepper and turnip sticks, blueberry cheese cake, and milk.

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Lawsuits filed by timeshare condo company anger buyers

MCCALL, Idaho (AP) — The owner of a number of timeshare condominiums in McCall has filed eight lawsuits in the past six months against buyers he contends have backed out of contracts.

Some of those buyers have been firing back, claiming they were misled by the company's sales pitch. And one unsuccessful suit, filed against Ada County Commissioner Doyle Miner, could result in legal action against the timeshare company by former Garden City mayor Margaret Mockwitz.

The controversy centers around Executive Affiliates, the owner and

marketer of 38 McCall condominiums that are sold as timeshares, which allow people to buy rights to use them for specific periods of time rather than purchasing them outright.

Executive Affiliates owner, Coram "Bill" Geisler has filed eight lawsuits in small claims court since May. Valley County Magistrate Maria Williamson has issued four judgments in favor of Geisler and three cases were settled out of court. Only Miner raised a successful defense.

In each case, Executive Affiliates sought amounts that it said repre-

sented lost profits on the deals. Those amounts ranged from several hundred dollars to \$2,000, the maximum allowed in small claims court.

Mrs. Mockwitz said last week that she was considering filing suit against Geisler for what she said was the use of her name to sell Miner a condominium in the Aspen Village Timeshares near the McCall Golf Course.

"They told me that Margaret Mockwitz had purchased one condo and was interested in buying another," Miner said last week. "She told me that she has not purchased any and has no intention of

doing so. She's very angry."

Mrs. Mockwitz said she "went up (to Aspen Village) and listened to one of their sales approaches," but did not buy anything.

"We don't know how many other people were told this," she said. "Most people wouldn't have any reason to question it, but he (Miner) was close to me."

Geisler said he was surprised by Miner's claim that a salesperson had used Mrs. Mockwitz's name.

"I don't even know who Mockwitz is. I never heard of the guy," he said. Miner argued in court that he and his wife Doris were told they had 30 days to get out of their deal with Executive Affiliates if they could not sell another piece of property to pay for the timeshare contract.

contract.

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Williamson has ruled that there is no automatic "cooling off" period for timeshare buyers.

At least two other buyers sued successfully by Geisler are appealing judgments against them.

William Starkey, Boise, said he will "fight this as far as I have to" to get back the \$2,000 Executive Affiliates said it lost on his \$7,600 timeshare agreement.

"I've spent more in legal fees than if I'd paid the (timeshares) note," he said. "But this is an unfair situation and I'm not going to give up."

Clifford and Margaret Patton, also of Boise, will return to court in Cascade on Dec. 16 to appeal a \$2,000 judgment against them for allegedly backing out of a \$6,800 condominium

contract.

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Thursday: Submarine sandwich, later tots, buttered squash, cake and milk.

Friday: Tuna salad sandwich, potato chips, buttered peas, carrot sticks, strawberry shortcake and milk.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN

Monday: Tacos, tator tots, pineapple tidbits, pineapple surprise cake and milk.

Tuesday: Roast beef, potatoes, gravy, buttered peas, whole wheat rolls, cherries and milk.

Wednesday: Hot dogs, carrot sticks, ranch potatoes, french fries, applesauce and milk.

Thursday: Beef linguine, Mexican rice, fresh fruit, lemon cake and milk.

Friday: Pork gravy over noodles, buttered green beans, sesame bread, ramp-out snack mix, cookie and milk.

RICHFIELD

Monday: Pork noodles, cheese slices, bread, butter, vegetable and milk.

Tuesday: Fish sticks, scalloped potatoes, rolls, butter, fruit and milk.

Wednesday: Spaghetti, garlic bread, vegetable, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Turkey noodle soup, cheese sand, salad, fruit and milk.

Friday: Sweet & sour chicken, fried rice, rolls, butter, pineapple and milk.

TWIN FALLS JUNIOR and SENIOR HIGHS

Monday: Fish fillet sandwich, later sticks, green beans, fruit roll-up and milk.

Tuesday: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, hot buttered roll, banana half and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza barchetta, onion rings, vegetable sticks, blueberry shortcake, and regular or chocolate milk.

Thursday: Chicken fillet sandwich, french fries, diced pears, oatmeal cookie and milk.

Friday: Chef's salad, crackers, mixed fruit cup, spice cake and milk.

TWIN FALLS all schools

Monday: Italian spaghetti, garden salad, green beans, fruit roll-up and milk.

Tuesday: Ham and cheese sandwich, later sticks, buttered peas, banana half and milk.

Wednesday: Sloppy joe pita pocket, onion rings, vegetable sticks, blueberry shortcake, and regular or chocolate

Thursday: Beef taco, diced pears, oatmeal cookie and milk.

Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, celery sticks and peanut butter dip, fruit and milk.

VALLEY

Monday: Corn dogs, french fries, buttered peas, cherry crisp and milk.

Tuesday: Hamburger gravy, mashed potatoes, California mixed vegetables, hot rolls and butter, apple and milk.

Wednesday: Chicken bits, french fries, green beans, fruit jello, bread and butter, and milk.

Thursday: Spaghetti with cheese, green salad, pineapple tidbits, bread sticks

and milk.

Friday: Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, celery sticks and peanut butter dip, fruit and milk.

WENDELL

Monday: Tacos, buttered corn, applesauce, fruit bars, peanuts and milk.

Tuesday: Beef gravy, whipped potatoes, buttered peas, fruit, salad bar, roll and milk.

Wednesday: Wiener wrap-ups, macaroni salad, green beans, fruit and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue beef on bun, oven baked potatoes, carrot and celery sticks, salad bar, pudding and milk.

Friday: Baked cheese sandwich, baked beans, jello, fruit and milk.

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The court does not believe that Executive Affiliates intended to defraud the Miners, Williamson wrote in her decision. "However, the court does believe the Miners were

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MVRMC Restructuring - Physicians Laboratory Position:

This statement of our position is written in response to an inquiry from Mr. Bart Jansen, A Times-News writer.

Our initial and continuing purpose at Physicians Laboratory is to provide quality service to the physician, their patients and the medical community-at-large.

Pursuing this goal, in 1981, we approached MVRMC Laboratory Management with a shared services proposal designed to upgrade the services offered and reduce the number of procedures sent to reference laboratories outside of the Magic Valley. Unfortunately, this effort failed.

In 1983, Mr. Burns, then Administrator at MVRMC, approached us with a joint venture idea. We, of course, agreed to the concept and Mr. Burns subsequently brought in consultants to analyze the idea, review our books, assess our overall operation and to make recommendations. At this time, we made our first proposal for a regional laboratory, which he agreed to, in concept. Apparently, it was after this that MVRMC realized that they could not legally participate in such a venture.

Since then, we again offered to participate in a shared services arrangement with MVRMC until the legal problems surrounding a joint venture could be resolved. Such shared services arrangements are quite common in metropolitan areas and have proven quite cost effective. In fact, many have chosen this approach over joint ventures primarily because it does not require any restructuring of governmental or organizational protocols. The emphasis here is placed on reduced expenditures rather than increased revenues. In today's economic environment, both concepts should be actively pursued!

We remain very positive about some sort of a joint working arrangement with MVRMC and, if at all possible, other area medical institutions. In these times of economic constraints, we feel that economy-of-scale can best be obtained if the entire medical community pulls together rather than each trying to do their own thing.

In our opinion, a regional medical laboratory for south central Idaho would be a definite asset for the residents and the medical community-at-large. Such a laboratory, jointly owned by the various elements of the medical community, should greatly reduce the duplication of testing presently being performed and thus produce substantial personnel, equipment and supplies savings. This, in turn, would allow a reduction of the cost per test charged to the patients and provide them a much better service than they presently obtain. Also, it seems only logical, that such economies-of-scale and improvement in services could be obtained in virtually every other area of ancillary medical services if an honest, positive and unselfish effort was exerted.

Two such regional laboratories exist in Idaho today: the Treasure Valley Laboratory in Boise and Eastern Idaho Clinical Pathology Laboratory in Pocatello/Idaho Falls. Both are privately owned and operated. Neither funnel net revenue back into their supporting medical entities. The regional laboratory which we are proposing for south central Idaho would do just that! The following schematic illustrates our concept:

MVRMC LABORATORY, INC.

- Twin Falls Clinic/Hospital
- Cassia Memorial Hospital
- Minidoka Memorial Hospital
- Mountain Home Hospital
- St. Benedicts Hospital
- Gooding Memorial Hospital
- Blaine County Hospital
- Sun Valley Hospital

Area Physicians

The net revenue from this joint venture would be distributed back to the individual shareholder hospitals and physicians based upon their respective shareholdings. Each hospital administrator should automatically become a board member of the corporation. Area physician shareholders would also elect board members from their ranks.

To answer your question, Mr. Jansen — yes, we do support the restructuring effort at MVRMC. We feel that it is imperative that we retain as many of the medical services, which we presently enjoy, as possible. A good example is the 400-netal-intensive-care-unit — a real money-loser for the hospital. To sacrifice this entity for dollar savings is simply inhumane!

The regional laboratory which we propose should help provide revenue to maintain and expand upon those services rather than detract from them. We invite physicians and medical institutions throughout the area to join us in this endeavor. Apparently, restructuring at MVRMC is going to be necessary for them to participate. If such a complication exists at any of the other medical institutions, listed in the above schematic, we would suggest that they seek restructuring also. If successful, perhaps the laboratory venture could serve as a model for the other ancillary medical services.

John J. Sexton, Manager



Lewistown students at first thought deadly shots a prank

LEWISTOWN, Mont. (AP) — When the sound of gunshots rang through Fergus High School, many thought firecrackers were being set off as a prank by fans at a basketball tournament.

Teacher Ann Rapkoch said she went to the door to investigate, then heard one of her students shout to her: "Those are real gunshots! Get away from the door!"

A substitute teacher was killed Thursday and an assistant principal and two students were wounded. An hour later, a 14-year-old freshman was arrested.

flunking French, and had publicly threatened to kill his French teacher, LaVonne Simony, on Wednesday and Thursday.

They said Mrs. Smith, who was substituting because Mrs. Simony was coaching cheerleaders at the tournament, apparently was shot by mistake.

Shannon Foucher, a freshman who witnessed the shootings, said he walked with Kristofor to Mrs. Simony's room on Thursday.

"He looked at me and said 'I'm going to blow Simony's head off,' I

laughed and said 'Sure you are,'" Foucher said Thursday. "I did not see the gun until he pulled it out of his coat. He just shot once. It was supposed to be Simony, but he shot Miss Smith."

Fergus High Principal Bob Raver called those comments speculation and said the staff was not aware of any threats against Mrs. Simony.

The Class A girls' state basketball tournament continued Saturday, and Raver said students would be allowed to attend a memorial for Mrs. Smith at the school Monday.

Kristofor Hans entered pleas of "not true" in a youth court hearing Friday in Billings. Fergus County authorities had not yet decided whether to charge him as an adult.

Police said Saturday they had not determined a motive. Friends said Kristofor had threatened to kill his French teacher, for whom the substitute teacher was filling in, because she gave him an "F."

Most of the 500 students at Fergus High were back in school Friday, but the normal levity in the halls was replaced by silence and occasional tears.

"When I see the hall, I freak out," said Sheri Preheim, 18, who moved to this central Montana farm and ranch town of 7,000 people from California four weeks ago. "That kind of thing goes on in California all the time. You don't expect it here."

School officials brought in extra counselors as well as psychologists and clergy to help students cope.

"I think most of the kids are just going to mope along and not get too bogged down," said the Rev. Ron Youde of Emmanuel Baptist Church. But he said those directly involved might have a tougher time.

Four police officers assigned to the investigation have been working 12 hours a day.

"We're continuing to work on establishing a motive," Assistant Police Chief Tom Killham said Saturday. "We've put nothing together yet to say 'This is why he did it.' At this point, we really don't know much about the boy."

Killham said officers had not been able to interview Kristofor at the Montana Youth Treatment Center in Billings, where he was taken the night of the shootings. He said the youth's lawyer had advised him not to talk to police.

Police Chief Russell Dunnington said substitute teacher Bennett Smith was shot first, at the door of the language classroom. Assistant Principal John Moffatt was shot when he rushed into the hall, and bullet fragments hit two students in the feet.

Kristofor was arrested about an hour later when officers surrounded his home about a mile away. He lived with his mother, Terri Hardy, and stepfather A.J. Hardy, who works for a heating and plumbing firm. His natural father, a psychologist, is believed to be living in Wyoming, police said.

Friends said Kristofor wanted to be an exchange student and had a glowing recommendation from his paper route supervisor. But he also was remembered as being quiet and having few friends in school.

Courney Anderson, 16, said Kristofor used to write murder stories, "like stories people write for TV," and others said he played the fantasy game "Dungeons and Dragons."

While police said they had not determined a motive, students have told reporters that Kristofor was

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A killing 12 years ago: Is injustice over or just beginning?

By LISA LEVITT RYCKMAN
The Associated Press

YAKIMA, Wash. — The coroner concluded that doe-eyed Donna Howard, former rodeo trick rider and one-time best-dressed junior cowgirl, died after a horse's kick shattered her skull 19 pieces.

That's what Donna's husband, Noyes Russell Howard, said he believed that bloody, icy January day in 1975, and that's the explanation accepted by the Yakima County sheriff and prosecutor.

But Donna's family, particularly her devoted younger sister, Bobbi Bennett, did not believe it. And nearly 12 years after a death twice ruled accidental, in a case twice declined for prosecution, a Yakima County Superior Court jury said it didn't believe it either.

The panel decided it wasn't a hoof that cracked her skull, but a hammer. It wasn't one of her beloved horses that killed 42-year-old Donna Howard. It was her husband.

"It's a miracle," Ms. Bennett said. "The reason there's justice today is because Christ cared about Donna."

"I'm outraged," said Howard, 56, who was sentenced Dec. 4 to life in prison. "We've tried to pin down where we thought this went wrong."

The verdict raised a haunting question: Is the agonizing wait for justice finally over — or just beginning?

Was a guilty man free while his murdered wife's family spent years of heartache and thousands of dollars persuading authorities to listen to their suspicions? Or has an innocent man been wrongly convicted of first-degree murder?

"It really says something about the system," said Greg Canova, the senior assistant state attorney general who prosecuted the case. "It shouldn't have taken this long to find the truth."

The system failed in a couple of ways, said public defender Susan Hahn. "It failed because I can't see how there was enough evidence to convince 12 people Russ Howard was guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. And it failed because I don't think he's guilty."

The story really begins in the middle of the Depression along the upper edge of the fertile Yakima Valley, renowned for its Washington state apples. Three-year-old Donna Bennett has a newborn sister, Blodwyn, nicknamed "Bobbi." They grow up close, sharing a love of horses, cowboys and rodeos. Donna is a natural equestrian—sliding fearlessly on horseback at age 3, winning the "best-dressed junior cowgirl" title in the Ellensburg Rodeo parade at 5.

After high school, the sisters work as trick riders at eastern Washington rodeos, thrilling audiences with their act. Friends remember them as visions on horseback, a couple of real knockouts in cowboy hats and satiny shirts. Especially Donna, with her easy smile and enormous brown eyes, eyes picked by the local newspaper as the prettiest pair in the Ellensburg High School class of 1950.

That's the way she looked when she met Russ Howard, not the cowboy her sister wanted for her, but a maverick of another sort, fun-loving and hard-drinking.

"He was fun, and he was crazy," said Fay Moss, a friend of Donna's since the fifth grade. "I could see how she could be attracted to him."

Still, his drinking bothered the teetotaling Donna. Her friends say that's why she delayed her wedding to the state agriculture worker and waited until her 30s to have their daughters, Lisa and Marilyn.

"I think she really cared, and really wanted this marriage to go," Mrs. Moss said. "But she wanted things to be right, to raise a family in the right atmosphere."

By 1974, however, that atmosphere was so heavy with tension that the very proud, very private Donna began revealing bits of her burden to her family and friends.

"Donna was always the kind that never complained," Mrs. Moss said. "But this one time in late December (of 1974) I said to her, 'Donna, how are you, really?' She just broke down and cried and said, 'Not good. Just not good.'"

Howard would later say frustration over his wife's changing sexual needs led him to have affairs with at least eight other women in their 15-year marriage. No one is sure whether Donna knew or simply suspected, but she did consult a divorce lawyer. She changed her mind, apparently worried about supporting her young daughters alone, but friends and family speculate she was about to change her mind again.

"In mid-December, Donna called me and told me Russ had struck her in the head and practically knocked her unconscious, and she had called the sheriff's office," Ms. Bennett said. "I was positive in my

heart that she was going to go ahead and get the divorce."

She never got the chance. Less than a month later, Donna Howard was lying dead on the frozen ground in a horse shed on the couple's property. The Bennetts were stunned, disbelieving. Her husband was devastated.


"I don't know how you describe something like that," Howard said. "(I felt) a combination of grief and rage, not knowing where to vent the rage."

Lisa Howard Rupp, 10 at the time of her mother's death, remembers what it was like. "Probably the hardest part, aside from adjusting to the fact we didn't have a mom anymore, was seeing my Dad go through that. We'd never ever seen him cry before, and he just cried and cried. He was torn apart."

The county coroner, Richard Muzzall, a local surgeon who had gone to school with the Bennett sisters, performed a partial autopsy on Donna. The main injury was consistent with a horse kick, he decided. A second wound, a smaller, more symmetrical

injury to the top of the skull, at first puzzled Muzzall, but a visit to the scene solved the mystery. The kick, the coroner determined, had propelled Donna onto the jagged end of a railroad tie lying in the shed.

Case closed — for everyone except Ms. Bennett and her parents.



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Mercy killing of whales stirs emotional debate

EASTHAM, Mass. (AP) — Volunteers banded together to push Bianca, one of 57 pilot whales that beached themselves on Cape Cod, back into the ocean before experts could inject a chemical that would have put her out of her misery.

But the incident Thursday may have prolonged the whale's agony, and it revived the debate between those who believed mercy killing was the only answer to a hopeless situation and those who wanted first to give the stricken

mammals every possible chance to survive.

After the mass beachings Wednesday, at least 26 whales died over three days, including nine that were given lethal injections to put them out of their misery.

The use of euthanasia on stranded pilot whales is almost universally accepted, but scientists differ on when it is warranted. And the conflict can be compounded by the passions of volunteers who grow attached to the animals.

The result last week on Cape Cod was that what started as an arm-in-arm effort to help beleaguered beasts turned into a debate of "biopolitics."

Volunteers who bathed the whale tagged with number 0054 around-the-clock with salt water Wednesday and Thursday nicknamed her for jet-setter Bianca Jagger because her number evoked the nightclub Studio 54 and celebrities it attracted.

But experts from the New

England Aquarium in Boston, led by veterinarian Joseph Geraci, decided Thursday afternoon that Bianca and most of the other beached whales should be put to death.


"At this point it is the most humane solution," Geraci said. "When they are on the beach their muscles become damaged, their circulation becomes impaired, their livers and kidneys no longer function properly."

That was not acceptable to the veterinarians and several biologists think.

from the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, who decided to act before Geraci could administer the injection.

Geraci claims to have the background to make the decision by just looking at them," said center biologist Jeff Goodyear. "Perhaps he can, but I prefer to give them the benefit of the doubt as to their recuperative abilities. ... Sometimes the animals are tougher than people think."

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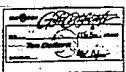
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Strong second half lets Minico cruise past Highland, 66-48

By BRAD BRELAND
Times-News writer

POCATELLO — The Minico Spartans outscored fourth-ranked Highland 38-24 in the second half Saturday night and cruised to a 66-48 victory in the season boys' basketball opener for both teams.

The victory in the Gem State Conference and Region III contest was the first by the Spartans over the Rams in Pocatello since Jan. 10, 1983.

Highland, the defending Region III champion, was picked by the Gem State Conference coaches in a

preseason poll to win the league title this year. "We didn't talk about it today," said Dexter of the significance of Saturday's game, which counts toward determining which team hosts the postseason regional tournament. "But we talked about the will to win, and that's what we talked more about."

The Spartans put four players in double figures, led by sophomore Dan Poulton with 20 points and junior Robert Greener with 17.

"I knew we had the ability to put four people in double figures," said Dexter. "We still have a young team

— a team that scored 1,233 points last year. We're bringing back 99." In the first 14 minutes of the game, neither team was ever ahead by more than two points. Then with just under two minutes remaining in the half, a pair of free throws by Minico junior Jack Bagley and a jump shot by teammate David Duff put the Spartans ahead by six. The third quarter was much the same, but the Spartans started pulling away five minutes into the period. Minico led 32-29 when Greener drove the ball, scored and was fouled, converting the three-point play and putting Minico up by six again.

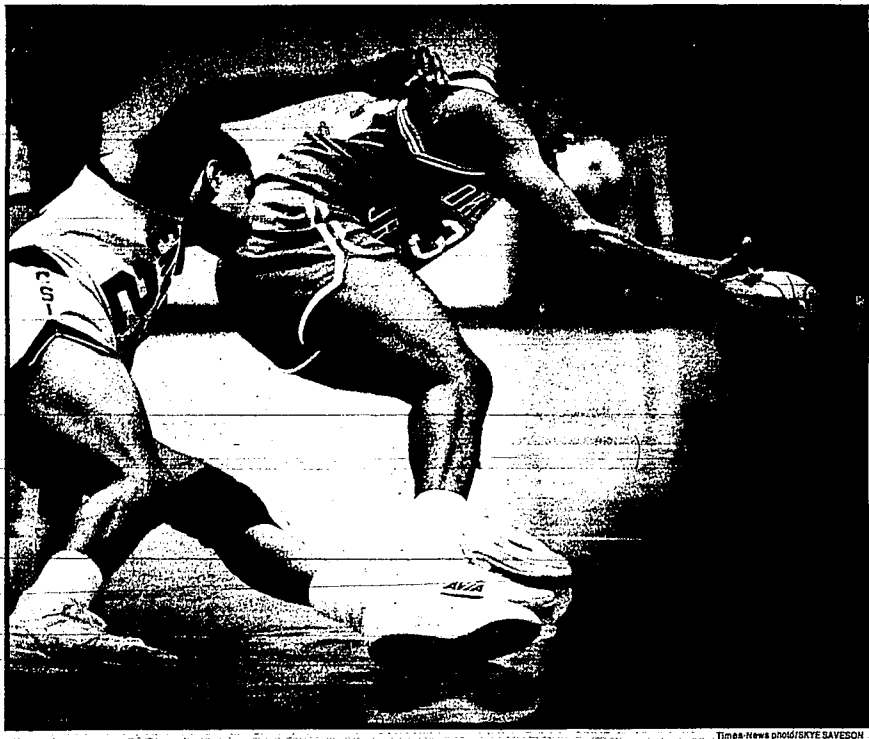
One minute later, the Spartans increased their margin to eight points off a three-on-one break with a Poulton basket. Minico continued its rampage with just under a minute remaining in the period when senior Greg Edgar went coast-to-coast, missed the layup but grabbed his own rebound and put it back to give the Spartans a 10-point lead. On the next trip down the floor, Duff went in the back door, made the basket and converted the free throw after he was fouled, increasing Minico's advantage to 13. The Spartans started pulling away for good two minutes into the fourth quarter. When senior Tom Jones and

Poulton two hit back-to-back buckets, the Spartans led 56-40. Two minutes later, the back door was open again and this time Bagley scored and converted the free throw after being fouled, giving Minico a 15-point cushion. The Spartans' biggest margin came with two minutes left when Bagley took in a crumple to increase the lead to 63-44. For the first game, Dexter was especially pleased with Poulton's performance. "The kid started as a freshman and scored 208 points," Dexter said. "Now he's playing on a good team with other good players. He's just a sophomore and he's probably got the

third- or fourth-best defender off the other team." Despite outscoring the Rams by 17 points in the second half, Dexter said the Spartans won the game before intermission. "The first half is important because it proves that you can play here and we won because of that," he said. "If we had the second half wouldn't be important at all."

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Bert McDonald, right, of Oklahoma Junior College, and Gerald Collins of CSI attempt to control a loose ball. Times-News photo/STAYE SAVESON

Eagles repeat as K&T titlists

Beat Oklahoma Jr., 115-89

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For a few minutes it was a heckuva game — and then a free-throw shooting contest broke out. But at the end of it, College of Southern Idaho had repeated as the K and T Steel Tournament champions, beating Oklahoma Junior College of Tulsa 115-89. Just before that, Walla Walla Community College stunned defending national champion Southern Alberta Institute of Technology 88-74 for consolation honors.

But not before a lot of records — if another field goal each to turn it in they were being kept — were established in the 10-year tournament. First, Oklahoma was whistled for 44 fouls and CSI shot 61 charities — making 39. Second, CSI placed four of its men on the all-tournament team — travels with a 16-man squad. Foul another record — when Eduardo Drowniak, Joey Johnson and Erick Newman joined MVP Mauro Gomes and still maintaining a high offensive pace. By game's end, Oklahoma-Oklahoma contributed Henry Logan had six players disqualified for fouls, and Ted Leslie represented Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. In the half when Gerald Collins hit a For the first four minutes of the fast-break bucket to make it 54-35 finals, things were at a mach with Oklahoma cutting back to 11 pace and Oklahoma was riding a within 15 by intermission. 9-5 lead. From the outset, Oklahoma CSI also enjoyed a scoring surplus appeared looking for 64 swingsman early in the second half as Drowniak Logan inside and he responded with some "total" of 26 points. But until the sharpshooting. The "fates" smiled final four or five minutes of the

game, no one joined him in double figures. But at that 9-5 mark — about two minutes into the contest — CSI began turning things around rather quickly with a 15-0 scoring burst that left the Oklahomaans behind by double digits the rest of the night. Johnson started that with five points and Drowniak followed with four more. Keith Jackson, Johnson, and Keith Reynolds clipped in turn it in they were being kept — were established in the 10-year tournament. First, Oklahoma was whistled for 44 fouls and CSI shot 61 charities — making 39. Second, CSI placed four of its men on the all-tournament team — travels with a 16-man squad. Foul another record — when Eduardo Drowniak, Joey Johnson and Erick Newman joined MVP Mauro Gomes and still maintaining a high offensive pace. By game's end, Oklahoma-Oklahoma contributed Henry Logan had six players disqualified for fouls, and Ted Leslie represented Southern Alberta Institute of Technology. In the half when Gerald Collins hit a For the first four minutes of the fast-break bucket to make it 54-35 finals, things were at a mach with Oklahoma cutting back to 11 pace and Oklahoma was riding a within 15 by intermission. 9-5 lead. From the outset, Oklahoma CSI also enjoyed a scoring surplus appeared looking for 64 swingsman early in the second half as Drowniak Logan inside and he responded with some "total" of 26 points. But until the sharpshooting. The "fates" smiled final four or five minutes of the



NFL playoffs ...

Ex-winners face postseason blues

By BARRY WILNER
The Associated Press

The NFL playoffs without the Dallas Cowboys, Miami Dolphins and Pittsburgh Steelers might seem like a game without an officials' huddle. Those things just don't happen. This season they probably will. And the Los Angeles Raiders and San Francisco 49ers, who have com-

bined for three Super Bowl titles in this decade, also might be watching the playoffs on television this time. The balance of power in the NFL has shifted to places like Chicago, Washington, Foxboro, Mass., and East Rutherford, N.J. The teams with the best regular season and postseason records since the 1970 merger, former powerhouses like the Dolphins, Cowboys and Steelers, are

either out of contention or on the verge of it. "We're working hard and playing hard but we're just not getting results," Dallas Coach Tom Landry said. The 7-6 Cowboys would earn a wild-card berth if they win all three of their remaining games, but two of those contests are against the Rams and Bears. See PLAYOFFS on Page C2

Vinny's No. 1!

Hurricane quarterback claims 1986 Heisman

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Vinny Testaverde won the Heisman Trophy Saturday night the way No. 1-ranked University of Miami won most of its games — in a runaway. The 6-foot-5 senior quarterback, who led the nation in passing efficiency, won the 52nd Heisman Trophy, presented annually to the nation's outstanding college football player by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York, by 1,541 points over Temple running back Paul Palmer, the country's top rusher.

The only greater margin was the 1,750 points by which Southern Cal tailback O.J. Simpson defeated Purdue halfback Leroy Keyes in 1988. Testaverde's landslide victory capped a family dream that began when his father, Al, a construction worker from nearby Elmont, N.Y., put a miniature football in a bassinette alongside his son's pillow when Vinny was 5 days old. "Words can't describe the way I feel right now," Vinny said after he was announced as the Heisman winner on a nationwide television show. "My father had a dream before I was born that he'd have a son and his son would win the Heisman Trophy. When I was a kid I used to dream about winning the Heisman Trophy." In voting by members of the media across the country, Testaverde received 678 of 790 first-place votes — 1,050 ballots were sent out — and 2,213 points, counted on a 3-2-1 basis.



Testaverde displays his Heisman Trophy. AP Laserphoto

Pomerelle reports one inch of new snow

Pomerelle — Pomerelle received an inch of new snow Friday, and the resort says the bulk of its runs are snow-covered with some bare spots and obstacles. There isn't yet enough snow to take an average measurement. Temperatures have been reaching the upper 20s in the afternoon. Hours today: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bus service from Twin Falls, Jerome, Burley, Rupert and Declo will run today. The schedule begins at 7:10 a.m. at the South Lincoln shopping center in Jerome; steps

at K-mart in Twin Falls at 7:30 a.m.; the Burley Inn at 8:30 a.m.; Rupert B&B Service at 8:45 a.m.; and Declo Service Station at 9 a.m. Sun Valley — Sun Valley picked up two inches of new snow Friday,

still not enough to open any of its runs except Lower Warm Springs, which is operating with 16 inches of machine-packed, man-made snow. The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy skies and temperatures in the upper 20s. Hours today: 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Soldier Mountain — Closed. Magic Mountain — Closed. Ski conditions Saturday at other major southern Idaho ski areas: Grand Targhee — 49 total, 6 new. Lookout Pass — 41 total, 4 new.

Three BYU players in drug case were treated for dependency

By The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Three of the four Brigham Young athletes charged with prescription drug violations were being treated for dependency on painkillers before they were arrested, a Salt Lake newspaper says. The Deseret News, in its Saturday edition, said football players J.C. VonColln, Trevor Molini and Steve Sanders have been involved in therapy at Utah Valley Hospital about two weeks for dependency on painkillers Percodan and Percocet. "We did it on our own," one of the players said. The sources said a fourth player, Ladd Akeo, did not take the painkillers and was not involved in the rehabilitation.

VonColln and Molini were charged Tuesday with altering a prescription for a controlled substance. Akeo and Sanders were charged with obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or misrepresentation. All charges are third-degree felonies punishable by prison terms of 0-5 years. Sanders, who started much of last season at inside linebacker, was expelled from BYU after being charged with a similar incident this fall. He had been redshirting this season. Two of the four players, who asked not to be named because of their scheduled hearings, said threehems became addicted while taking Percodan and Percocet for football-related injuries. VonColln, an inside linebacker and



J.C. VONCOLLIN. Suffered back problems



TREVOR MOLINI. Underwent foot surgery



STEVE SANDERS. Has had knee operations



LADD AKEO. Didn't take painkillers

BYU barges into Freedom Bowl, 23-3

By JOHN MOSSMAN
The Associated Press

AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. — Brigham Young overcame the loss of a familiar friend — the Western Athletic Conference title it had won or shared the previous 10 years — and the absence of three starters to



BOB JENSEN
Sophomore QB

College football

beat Air Force 23-3 Saturday and salvage a bowl berth.

Immediately after the game, the Cougars accepted a bid to play UCLA in the Freedom Bowl on Dec. 20 in Anaheim, Calif. It was the last of 36 bowl spots up for grabs, and it marks the ninth consecutive year BYU will have appeared in a post-season bowl.

"Playing UCLA will be a real challenge for us," said Coach LeVell Edwards, "and we're looking forward to the trip to Anaheim."
Sophomore quarterback Bob Jensen, making his first collegiate start in an effort to inject some spark into the sluggish BYU attack, ran and passed BYU to 20 unanswered second-quarter points as the Cougars rolled up 55 total yards compared to Air Force's 159.
BYU finished the regular season at 3-4 overall and 6-2 in the WAC, good enough for second place in a league

it used to consider its private domain. San Diego State captured the WAC title last week, beating BYU 10-3.
Air Force, losing four of its last five games, wound up at 6-5 overall and 5-2 in the WAC.
"It was a blow to our team — losing to San Diego State and then losing some friends on the team," said BYU defensive tackle Jason Buck, the Outland Trophy winner. Three starters — tight end Trevor Molini and linebackers J.C. VonColln and

Ladd Akeo — were suspended on Wednesday after being charged with using altered prescriptions to obtain pain-killing drugs.
"We haven't made any determination yet" on the future status of those players, Edwards said.
Edwards said he was "very pleased" with the way his team responded to the events of the past week but added, "I would have been very surprised if we hadn't come back."

Jensen completed 11 of 20 passes for 258 yards and also ran 12 times for 87 yards.
"Bob made some big plays," said Edwards. "I thought he played very well — for a sophomore starting his first game. He'll be very successful, if he keeps working and keeps improving."

"Overall, we played a good game. Our defense was outstanding all day long — and the two fumbles back by Air Force proved to be very costly for them."
Air Force Coach Fisher DeBerry said his defense "gave up the big play too many times today. You had to give BYU credit. They had some adverse things happen to them this week, but they rallied and played a fine football game."

The Falcons lost more than the game and the bowl berth. They also lost the Commander in Chief's Trophy, emblematic of football supremacy among the service academies. Army claimed it with a

27-7 victory over Navy on Saturday. Had Army lost, the trophy would have remained in AF's possession.
Air Force scored on its first possession, marching 51 yards for a Chris Blasy field goal, but the Falcon's wishbone didn't even threaten to score again, crossing midfield just once more in the game.
Leonard kicked a 43-yard field goal to tie the score midway through the opening period, and BYU then scored on four straight possessions in the second period.

Both BYU touchdowns in the quarter were set up by Falcon turnovers. Freshman quarterback Dee Dowlak erred — punted — was recovered by Regan Hansen at the AFA 16, and fullback Lake Helmlu scored from the 1 yard play later.
AFA promptly turned the ball over again on the ensuing kickoff, and Scott Peterson pounced on Tom Rotello's fumble at the AFA 30.

Jensen, replacing the ineffective Steve Lindley, ran for a 10-yard gain, and later hit Helmlu on an 18-yard pass play for the TD.
Chilly added two field goals in the period for a 23-3 advantage.

Neither team scored in the second half, although BYU had two chances. Chilly's 25-yard field goal try was blocked by Kevin Martin, and the Cougars had a first-and-goal at the AFA 2 midway through the final period but failed to get across on four running plays.

Midshipmen choke on Army's wishbone

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Army Coach Jim Young thinks he has the perfect wishbone quarterback in Tony Crawford.

with 317 yards. The loss was the seventh straight for the Midshipmen, who finished the season 9-9.

The junior ran the ball 22 times for 94 yards and one touchdown, while completing three of four passes to lead the Cadets to a 27-7 victory over Navy Saturday in the 87th football meeting between the two military academies.

"Crawford has really developed as a quarterback," Young said. "He runs for the tough yards and he's able to throw the ball. He's the ideal wishbone quarterback."
Crawford's 94 yards on the ground gave him 1,078, only the sixth player in Army history to reach that plateau in a single season.

The victory marked the first time Army, 6-5, has won this year when Crawford has rushed for less than 100 yards.
"The 100 yards really don't mean anything to me because we know the Commander in Chief Trophy and beat Navy," Crawford said. "When you beat Navy you really get an emotional high."
The trophy is awarded to the team with the best record in round-robin competition among Army, Navy and Air Force. It was the first time Army has had three consecutive winning seasons since 1966-68.

The series record stands at 41 wins for Navy, 39 for Army with seven ties.
With a 6-0 lead on Walker's two field goals, Army took the opening kickoff of the second half and drove 41 yards on six plays, with Peterson going up the middle for a 1-yard scoring run.
But Navy came back behind the inspired running of junior tailback Don Holl.

Holl ran the ball 11 times in the 14-play drive and picked up 55 of the Midshipmen's 71 yards. He went off-guard for a 3-yard touchdown run to cut the Army lead to 13-7 with the extra point.

A 1-yard touchdown run by Crawford gave the Cadets some breathing room as Army drove 79 yards on 17 plays, all on the ground.
The Army march consumed more than seven minutes on the clock and gave the Cadets a 20-7 lead.
Army drove 48 yards on their next possession, with Jones scoring from five yards out for the final Army touchdown.

Walker put the Cadets on the scoreboard when he kicked the first of his 24-yard field goals after Navy turned the ball over on the first play from scrimmage.
Army defensive back Bill Sanders stripped the ball from Navy tailback Tony Hollinger when he slashed off tackle and the Cadets' Bill Horton recovered on the Navy 44.

Division I-AA playoffs

No. 1 Wolf Pack devours Tennessee St., 33-6

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Fullback Charvez Foger ran for a 41-yard touchdown, Marty Zendejas kicked four long field goals and Nevada-Reno's defense shut down Tennessee State in a 33-6 victory Saturday that moved the undefeated Wolf Pack into the semifinals of the NCAA football Division I-AA playoffs.

Nevada-Reno, the division's top-ranked team with the No. 1 offense, turned the tables on Tennessee State, the No. 1 defensive team, and now plays defending champion Georgia Southern in Reno next Saturday.
The Wolf Pack scored 24 points more than Tennessee State's defense allowed on average during the regular season.

UNR quarterback Eric Beavers backed for 231 yards and one touchdown on 38-yard into running back Lucius Floyd 2 1/2 minutes into the game.
Zendejas' field goals all came from long range — 49, 37, 44 and 41 yards — without a miss. He also was perfect with three extra points.

Nevada opened a 14-0 lead in the first quarter when Foger's 41-yard run capped a 10-play, 97-yard drive.
Tennessee State scored its only TD following a 38-yard punt return by Ben Robinson to the Nevada 26 yard line early in the second quarter. TSU quarterback Stacy Grear scored the touchdown on a 14-yard pass. The extra point attempt failed.

UNR, 13-0, can become the first collegiate football team this century to win 15 games if they continue to the national title. TSU ended its season at 10-1.

Arkansas St. 55 Delaware 14

NEWARK, Del. (AP) — Fullback Rickey Jemison rushed for 159 yards and two touchdowns to give second-ranked Arkansas State a 55-14 victory over University of Delaware in NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinal tournament play Saturday.
The Indians (11-1-1) will host the winner of the Eastern Kentucky-Eastern Illinois quarterfinal game. Thirteenth-ranked Delaware finishes its season at 9-4.
Delaware's Fred Singleton fumbled on the ASU seven yard line on Delaware's first possession, setting

up a 7-yard run by Jemison. The turnover was one of four for the afternoon, all of which led to Arkansas State scores.
Jemison upped the margin to 14-0 with 5:58 left in the first quarter with a 72-yard punt return, the longest run of his career.

The Hens got on the board two minutes later on a Bob Norris 28-yard run, but Arkansas State answered immediately with Dwane Brown hitting Fred Barnett on a 52-yard pass to end the first period with Arkansas State up 21-7.
Delaware fullback Gregg Panasuk hauled in a 10-yard Rich Gannon pass in the second quarter, but Arkansas State held off the comeback by scoring on six of eight remaining game possessions.

Arkansas State finished with 518 yards rushing and 546 yards in total offense and yielded just 193 yards on the ground to Delaware and 421 overall.
Georgia S. 55 Nicholls St. 31
STATESBORO, Ga. (AP) — Quarterback Tracy Ham ran for two touchdowns and threw for a third as Georgia Southern outgained Nicholls State 55-31 Saturday in a quarterfinal game of the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs.

The defending national champion Indians advanced to a semifinal game against the winner of the Nevada-Reno-Tennessee State quarterfinal.
Ham opened the scoring with a 55-yard bootleg on a fourth-and-2 play. Fullback Gerald Harris added TD runs for 1 and 4 yards in the first quarter and Ham hit Tom Belsar with an 11-yard TD pass early in the second quarter to give the defending national champion Eagles a 28-0 lead.
Nicholls State drew as close as 31-17 when Doug Hudson found Mark Carrier with a 17-yard touchdown pass with 9:20 remaining in the third quarter, but Ham ran 2 yards for a touchdown and Tim Foley kicked a 21-yard field goal to stretch the lead to 41-17 entering the fourth quarter.

Ham finished with 191 yards on 18 carries and hit 11 of 19 passes for 167 yards. Harris, who gained 74 yards on 24 carries, added a 2-yard TD run

in the fourth quarter, giving him eight touchdowns in Southern's two playoff games.
Southern, 11-2, also got a 22-yard TD run from Rodney Harris in the fourth quarter and a 24-yard field goal from Foley in the second quarter.

For Nicholls St., 10-3, Brian Stropoul caught 10 passes for 153 yards and ran for a 10-yard touchdown. Carrier caught 9 passes for 165 yards, including a 32-yard touchdown from Bobby McDonald and a 2-point conversion toss from Stropoul.
Hudson, who hit 18 of 28 passes for 298 yards with three interceptions, added a 1-yard TD run.

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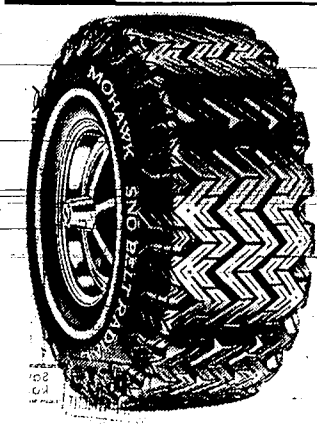
CHARLESTON, Ill. (AP) — Junior tailback James Crawford ran for 122 yards and a touchdown to spark Eastern Kentucky to a 24-22 football victory over Eastern Illinois in the NCAA Division I-AA quarterfinals Saturday.
The Colonels, 10-2-1 and ranked 10th in the latest I-AA poll, will play at Arkansas State this Saturday in the semifinals. The No. 3 Panthers had their 11-game winning streak snapped and finished 11-2.
Eastern Kentucky trailed 3-0 but rallied with a pair of touchdowns for a 14-3 halftime advantage.

Rich Ehmk kicked a 20-yard field goal for the Panthers, but Crawford put the Colonels ahead 7-3 on a 2-yard run and Alvin Blunt caught a 7-yard pass from Mike Whitaker with 11 seconds remaining before permission to give the Colonels a 14-3 halftime edge.
Dale Dawson kicked a 27-yard field goal to increase the margin to 17-3 early in the third quarter.
Eastern Illinois, held to its smallest number of points since a 23-20 loss at Illinois State the season opener, narrowed the margin to 17-10 as quarterback Sean Payton, who has passed for more than 10,000 yards in his college career, fired an 11-yard pass to Derrick Wilhelm.

But Whitaker hit Mike Cadore with an 11-yard pass for a 24-10 lead with 3:51 left in the third quarter.
Senior Roy Banks caught

touchdown passes of 24 and 9 yards from Payton, the second coming with only 27 remaining in the contest. The Panthers then attempted a 2-point conversion pass that sailed out of the end zone.

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Ricks prevails in Kansas bowl at gun

COFFEYVILLE, Kan. (AP) — Scott Gropp caught a 29-yard pass from Dan English in the end zone with no time left to give Ricks College a 26-24 comeback victory over Coffeyville Saturday in the Kansas Jayhawk Bowl Classic.

Ricks, which trailed 17-0 in the second period, began the game-winning play with four seconds remaining. A Coffeyville player tipped the ball before Gropp grabbed it deep in the end zone.
A 38-yard run by Putzer Dayton and a 33-yard burst by Don Sweeney backed Coffeyville to a 14-0 lead after the opening period. A 39-yard field goal by Mike Robertson then made it 17-0.
Ricks ended the year 10-1-1.

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Cooper captures bulldogging round at NFR

LAS VEGAS, Nev. (AP) — Kent Cooper of Albion won the saddle bronc riding competition in the afternoon session of the second round of the National Finals Rodeo here Saturday afternoon.



Cooper, who went into the NFR ranked fifth in the Professional Rodeo Cowboys' Association standings—in his specialty, recording a score of 7.8, finishing ahead of Rick Smith of Laramie, Wyo., who had a 7.5; Bud Munroe of Valley Mills, Texas, was third with 7.4.

Smith remained in first place in the second go-round with 148 points.

The evening session of the second round was still in progress at press time.

Buhl's Rob Jucker moved into a sixth place tie in the second go-round with a 9.6-second performance in steer wrestling. That tied him with Steve Dehoun of Opelousas, La., the regular-season PRCA champion.

Lewis, field of Elk Ridge, Utah, won the bareback riding competition to finish a spill in saddle bronc riding and keep his all-around cowboy lead Saturday after two sessions.

Feld, hoping to repeat his all-around cowboy winning performance of last year, won \$8,400 in the bareback riding to push his season winnings to \$127,822.

Feld scored a 7.5 in the bareback riding to edge Steve Duhanon of Turner Valley, Alberta, and Jim Dunn of Balzac, Alberta, who scored 7.4 to share second place money of \$5,250. He wasn't as successful in the saddle bronc event, however, getting thrown off his horse only seconds into the ride.

The Cooper of Monument, N.M., who moved into second place in the all-around chase with a win in calf roping in Friday's opening session, strengthened his grip on the position with a tie for second in team roping with teammate Allen Bach of Amar, Ariz.

Jimmie Cooper pushed his earnings to \$110,577 by picking up \$3,300 in the team roping. He failed to place in his other specialty, the calf roping competition.

In bull riding, rookie-of-the-year Jim Sharp of Kermit, Texas, captured first place with a score of 83. Charles Sampson of Los Angeles was second at 89.1, while Chuck Simonson of Epping, N.D., was third at 79 points.

Suzanne Faussett of Fort Duchesne, Utah, scored an upset-in-second place to edge Janet Powell of Athens, Texas, who was clocked at 13.85. Faussett, who had earnings of \$23,612 going into the finals, picked up top money of \$5,280. Charmayne James, the dominant racer among the women in this year's \$100,145, did not place in the afternoon session.

The top cowboys from the rodeo circuit are competing in seven events in this year's finals, held in the 18,000-seat arena where the Rummel Rebels of Nevada-Las Vegas play basketball.

Clint Corey of Silverdale, Wash., advanced his lead in the bareback riding competition by tying Friday night's event with Marvin Garrett of Aladdin, Wyo. Jim Dunn of Balzac, Alberta, finished second in the bareback riding. He had returned for a second ride after injuring his leg when he was thrown from the horse on the first try.

Tyng for third with Feld were Dave Appleton of Arlington, Texas; Danny Grady of Henderson, Nev.; and C.R. Kemple of Durango, Colo.

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In team roping, Dee Pickett of Caldwell and Mike Beers of Rutus, Ore., tied for first place with Jake Milton of Torrington, Wyo., and Ricky Green of Chowchilla, Calif.

Finishing second was the team of Tee Wollman of Plano, Texas, and Bob Harris of Gillette, Wyo. Brothers Paul and Monty Joe Petska of Carlsbad, N.M., finished third.



KENT COOPER Saturday afternoon winner

Rod Lyman of Great Falls, Mont., captured the steer wrestling with a time of 3.5 seconds, edging Roy Duval of Checotah, Okla., who was timed in 3.8 seconds. Finishing third was Ole Terry of Gordon, Neb., at 3.9 seconds.

In team roping, Tee Wollman of Llanos, Texas, and Bob Harris of Gillette, Wyo., moved into first place overall by winning the afternoon session with a clocking of 5.5 seconds. Clay O'Brien, Cooper of Gilbert, Ariz., and Jake Barnes of Bloomfield, N.M., tied for second with Bach and Jimmie Cooper to remain in second place overall.

The afternoon calf roping was won by D.R. Daniel of Okeechobee, Fla., with a clocking of 6.3 seconds. Babe Rabon of Doole, Texas, was second at 8.9 seconds and Cliff Williamson of Madden, Alberta, was third at 9.1 seconds.

Sampson flashed his old form Friday night as he won his event in the opening round.

World champion bull rider in 1982, the 29-year-old Sampson of Los Angeles was knocked out of last year's finals with a spate of injuries.

Feld retained the lead in his quest for a second-straight title as all-around cowboy, lying for third in the bareback riding competition.

The 30-year-old Feld won last year's title and entered this year's finals as the sport's leading money winner, with \$119,422.

The 5-foot-4, 128-pound Sampson was a crowd favorite. He has earned more than \$70,000 in a career that began in the Watts section of Los Angeles, but admits being a cowboy is a tough way to make a living.

"When you've got a little guy like me matched against a 1,900-pound bull, the bull has the definite advantage," he said.

Las Vegas event, which runs through Dec. 13, has been dubbed the "Super Bowl of Rodeos," with 100 cowboys scheduled to share in a record purse of nearly \$2 million. That's a far cry from the \$50,000 in prize money at the first National Finals Rodeo in Dallas in 1959.

The two-year-old event in Las Vegas has moved to Las Vegas last year, when promoters in the gambling mecca doubled the prize money.

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Steeplechase, 1. Terry Lee Thompson, Wichita Falls, Texas, 27.2 seconds; 2. Terry Lee Thompson, Wichita Falls, Texas, 27.2 seconds; 3. Terry Lee Thompson, Wichita Falls, Texas, 27.2 seconds.

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Trading at baseball's winter meetings may not match '85

HOLLYWOOD, Fla. (AP) — Everyone wants Kevin McReynolds. Lots of teams like Tim Lincecum, and others want those young Kansas City players. Any free agent club plans to chase Tim Lincecum, Jack Morris or other big-name free agents, it's not saying.

Baseball's annual winter meetings begin Sunday at this oceanic resort and, as usual, the tradewinds were swirling.

Bret Butler for Zane Smith? Wallach for John Tudor? Vince Coleman, Terry Pendleton, and Ricky Horton for McReynolds and Dave Dravecky?

"The atmosphere at the meetings is more conducive to making deals because you bring all your staff people, the manager and the scouts," Baltimore General Manager Hank Peters said. "At least, you can lay the groundwork and finish it off later on."

"I'd like to think we're going to make some deals," Baltimore General Manager Dick Balderson said. "It may be two. It may be more than that."

Yet there is often a lot more talk than trading.

At last year's weeklong gathering in San Diego, there were 13 deals involving 29 players, on whom Joe Judge, John Denny and Britt Burns. But two of the hottest proposals — Don Baylor of the New York Yankees for Carlton Fisk of the Chicago White Sox and San Francisco's Chili Davis for Kansas City's Mark Gubicza — fell through.

At news conferences about how much activity will be at the meetings because of the lack of a trade deadline, California General Manager Mike Port said.

No deadline, trouble in dealing players with long-term contracts also may reduce activity. The only sure things are Commissioner Peter Ueberroth's "State of the Game" address and discussion on the sale of the Cleveland Indians and New York Mets.

Baseball

Still, some trading is likely.

San Diego General Manager Jack McKeon was shut out at the 1985 meetings in his own city. He got an early start last month by sending catcher Terry Kennedy to Baltimore for pitcher Storm Davis (after the Orioles were rejected in a bid to send Davis and outfielder Mike Tony to Pittsburgh for catcher Tony Pena) and "Trader Jack" figures to keep going.

McKeon may now ship Davis to Philadelphia for outfielder Gary Redus and pitcher Charles Hudson, but most of the San Diego trade talk centers on McReynolds, the Padres' all-around outfielder.

Cardinals Manager-General Manager Whitey Herzog especially covets McReynolds. McKeon wanted Willie McGee until knee surgery put him out for part of next season, and now may be after Coleman as part of a package.

There have been reports that the World Series champion Mets would like to send starting pitcher outfielder Len Dykstra and pitcher Rick Aguiar to San Diego for McReynolds.

The Montreal Expos could also be involved in big trades, depending on what happens with their two free agents, star outfielders Andre Dawson and Raines. The Expos have already signed Dave Collins as insurance.

Last year, top free agents like Kirk Gibson and Donnie Moore found that in signing they were not interested in being traded to a Players Association charge of collusion. Yet indications are that the pattern will not change this time for the bulk of the record 82 free agents, and count on many of them to resign with their 1986 teams at considerable pay cuts.

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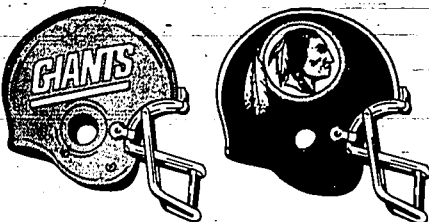
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Giants, Redskins to decide East today

By DAVE GOLDBERG
The Associated Press

Who can describe today's Giants-Redskins encounter better than the voice of Washington, Dexter Manley. To wit:

"Everyone talks about the Cowboys and Redskins being a rivalry but THIS is the real rivalry now. I wouldn't miss this for anything. If I won the \$4 million lot-



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tery and I had to pick it up on Sunday I wouldn't do. No sir, I'd be right there in RPK Stadium. I can't think of any other place I'd rather be."

Neither could a lot of people.

In what may be the NFL's biggest game since the last Super Bowl, two of the league's three best teams get together to decide the NFC East title and probable home-field advantage in the playoffs all the way to Pasadena.

Both clinched at least home wild-card berths last week — but that's just the consolation prize for the division loser. The Giants won their game in particularly eye-catching fashion — by rallying from a 17-0 deficit in San Francisco Monday night to beat the 49ers 21-17 for their sixth straight victory.

New York, whose six straight wins have been a total of 22 points, has a couple of advantages.

The Giants beat the Redskins 27-20 in the first game, a Monday night contest ignored by all but football fanatics who preferred it to the seventh game of the World Series. That means that if the Giants win, they actually are two games ahead and would need only a win or Redskins loss in the final two games to clinch the title.

But if they lose, the Giants still have a decent shot at the division title. They have by far the easier closing schedule — at home in St. Louis and Green Bay while the Redskins finish on the road at Denver and Philadelphia. If they finish in a tie, the tie-breaker will likely be point differential within the division, where the Giants now have a 16-point edge.

On the other hand, there's RPK Stadium.

In five games among New York, Washington and Dallas, the home team has won each time and New York hasn't won in Washington since 1981. Washington Coach Joe Gibbs suggests crowd noise was a factor in the loss at Giants Stadium and urges more of the same Sunday.

But that's the least of the problems for Coach Bill Parcells.

"RFK tough? You sure it's not the Redskins?" he asks. "In a game like this it wouldn't matter if you played

in a parking lot."

In other games Sunday, Cincinnati is at New England; Cleveland at Detroit; Denver at Kansas City; Philadelphia at Pittsburgh; Indianapolis at Atlanta; Miami at New Orleans; Minnesota at Green Bay; St. Louis at Philadelphia; Tampa Bay at Chicago; Houston at San Diego; the New York Jets at San Francisco; and Dallas at Los Angeles Rams in a nationally televised night game.

The Los Angeles Raiders are at Seattle Monday night.

New York Jets (10-3)
at San Francisco (7-6)

Dallas (7-6)
at Los Angeles Rams (9-4)

The Jets and 49ers meet at a common home point.

Bill Walsh called San Francisco's defeat by the Giants "the toughest loss we've had since I've been here" and his players suggested it would take a few days for the shock to wear off. The Jets, meanwhile, have been held to two field goals in two straight losses and are trying to find out what happened to the league's best offense.

Both had better wake up quickly, as must the Cowboys, who have lost two straight to the Redskins and Seahawks and are in danger of missing the playoffs for just the third time in 18 years.

The Jets' loss dropped them into a tie with the Patriots in the AFC East and although one more win should clinch a playoff berth, they're blowing the extra week off that goes with a division title and the home-field advantage they should have locked up. Joe Klecko may be a defense but who's going to shore up quarterback Ken O'Brien and the offense.

The 49ers now trail Los Angeles by 1 1/2 games and need to get a game back to be in position to overtake the Rams on the season's final Friday night. In fact, if they lose to the Jets and the Rams beat the Cowboys, Los Angeles clinches the division title.

The Rams, who have added another offensive dimension with the installation of Jim Everett at quarterback, face a Dallas team that has surrendered 72 points in its

two straight losses. The Cowboys can make the playoffs if they win their final three games, but the schedule is against them — pesky Philadelphia and 11-2 Chicago after the Rams.

Cincinnati (6-5) at New England (10-3)

Cleveland (9-4) at Buffalo (4-8)

This is the kind of late-season schedule Cleveland coach Sam Wyche was complaining about when he griped that someone up there wanted Cleveland to win the AFC Central title.

But don't sneer at Buffalo, 2-2 under Marv Levy and in most of its games all year — particularly when this one could be played in a blitzard. Cleveland, with overtime wins over Pittsburgh and Houston the past two weeks, hasn't been blowing past out and it would be no shock if the Browns stumbled here.

New England needs only a win to wrap up an AFC wild-card spot but would prefer to forget this season. It would-card route they took to the Super Bowl last year. The way the Jets have been playing, that looks likely.

Denver (10-3) at Kansas City (7-6)

Los Angeles Raiders (8-5)
at Seattle (7-6) (Monday night)

If Denver wins, the AFC West race is over, but everyone else here is fighting for survival.

The Broncos are the guys who did in Kansas City — just as the Chiefs were dreaming of their first playoff berth in 15 years, Denver smote them 37-7 three weeks ago and they haven't recovered — losing to St. Louis and Buffalo since. This would be the final nail.

The Raiders had people talking Super Bowl until they blew one to the Eagles in overtime last week in a game of which linebacker Matt Milen said: "We tried our best." If they can win — which they haven't done in Seattle since 1981 — they're in good shape for a wild card; if they lose, they go down to the final week with the enigmatic Seahawks and the AFC Central winner.

Minnesota (7-6) at Green Bay (3-10)

The Vikings have to do no more than beat the Packers, Oilers and Saints — combined record 12-27 — to

have a good shot at the playoffs.

But that may not be as easy as it sounds. They aren't the same Packers the Vikings blew out 42-7 the fourth week of the season and they've had 10 days off since their 44-40 Thanksgiving Day win over the Lions.

Another possible factor is weather. The Vikings used to love to lure warm-weather teams into the snow and wind but since they now play inside, the tables have turned.

Tampa Bay (3-11) at Chicago (11-2)

Finally, a chance for the Bears to score more than 18 points against a defense that's given up 44 more than any other team in the league. Having clinched the NFC Central title, the Bears are playing for home-field advantage but with quarterback Jim McMahon out, will it matter?

Maybe that's why Coach Mike Ditka says Doug Flutie will get some playing time.

Miami (6-7) at New Orleans (6-7)

Two teams hanging by a thread in the playoff chase.

But a disastrous season for the Dolphins, who probably will be home in possession for the first time since 1980, is nirvana in New Orleans, where the Saints still have a shot at their first plus-500 season ever. It's also an interesting matchup of coaches — it's the Saints' Jim Mora the next Don Shula?

Indianapolis (6-13) at Atlanta (6-6-1)

Rod Meyer, who took over for Rod Dowhower at Indianapolis this week, may insert a rookie in Gary Hogeboom at quarterback as the Colts try to avoid becoming the first 0-16 team ever. Atlanta, with marginal playoff hopes, would like a plus-500 season.

St. Louis (3-10) at Philadelphia (4-9)

While the Giants and Redskins brawl in the penhouse, this one's for the NFC East basement — it would prefer to forget this season. It would-card route they took to the Super Bowl last year. The way the Jets have been playing, that looks likely.

Detroit (5-8) at Pittsburgh (4-9)

Other than demonstrating they could entertain the nation on Thanksgiving, the Lions proved in their 44-0 loss to the Packers that for every step to two forward they're bound to take one back.

Does it mean much that Pittsburgh played the Bears tough? Everyone seems to disagree.

Houston (3-10) at San Diego (3-10)

Two teams whose records should be better. The Chargers suffered a major blow to their future last week when Leslie O'Neal, who had turned around their defense — work — down with a knee injury that will cost him at least a year.

CBS earns NCAA rights with \$50 million offer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — CBS won its battle to retain sole television rights to the NCAA's basketball tournament Saturday, outbidding two other networks on a three-year contract under which it will pay more than \$50 million a year.

That's all I'm going to tell you as to the money," Dick Schultz, chairman of a special television negotiating committee, said at a news conference.

The NCAA currently is in the final year of a three-year CBS contract for \$32 million per year. The NCAA derives more than 50 percent of its annual operating budget from the tournament and the huge jump in revenue will make it one of the country's healthiest sports organizations.

Still to be determined is how the new television rights will be distributed among tournament teams. Reaching the Final Four last spring netted each school more than

College basketball

\$800,000.

Thrown into the deal were rights to the college baseball championship game of the College World Series and four other NCAA championships — men's and women's gymnastics, men's volleyball and outdoor track and field. CBS also will continue to televise the championship basketball game in the NCAA Women's Tournament.

The NCAA Executive Committee will have final authority on revenue distribution, but CBS also must approve the CBS contract.

"We are confident they will do so," said Schultz, athletic director at the University of Virginia.

ABC and NBC also made bids for the tournament during a 45-day negotiating period, which eventually officials expected to end with a

two-network arrangement. CBS has owned exclusive rights to the NCAA tournament the past six years.

Schultz said CBS agreed to an amount greater than anything offered in a two-network contract.

"We explored in detail the two-network arrangement, and were delighted that we did," Schultz said. "We couldn't be more delighted."

Said Peter Lund, president of CBS Sports, "We've had the NCAA tournament for six years, and we feel we know what we're doing. We looked at the revenue and at the event, and we decided on the value of retaining our exclusive rights."

CBS Sports and the NCAA have enjoyed a longstanding relationship since 1982 when we began our current basketball broadcasts. "We are delighted that relationship will continue through the 1990 tournament."

Although Schultz refused to give the contract amount, it will eventually appear in a NCAA budget

reports that are made public. A spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the amount was "between 50 and 60 million a year," indicating that the higher figure may be closer.

The tournament will remain at 64 teams, Schultz said, but more will be shown in prime time.

"Each regional semifinal will have a prime-time doubleheader," said Dave Coward, an NCAA official and member of the six-man negotiating committee. "Every team's game will be shown in its region of natural interest."

The NCAA Presidents Commission is considering legislation next year to cut about a month off the basketball season and reduce coaching staff and possibly scholarship limits. Lund said he did not believe those actions would undercut the tournament's television value.

"We don't think that would be a factor at all," he said.

Briefly in Sports

Outlaw tourney slated

TWIN FALLS — Entries currently are being accepted for the annual Twin Falls Christmas outlaw basketball tournament.

The event is slated for Dec. 20, 21 and 23 at O'Leary Junior High School and will offer competition in an open classification and slowbreak.

Tournament chairman Clarence Phillips said it will be single elimination with consolation games.

Teams or coaches interested should contact Phillips at 733-1701 evenings or 733-2155 daytime.

Cutter fires ace

TWIN FALLS — Chic Cutter of Twin Falls shot a hole-in-one Saturday at Blue Lakes Country Club.

Cutter's ace came on the par-3, 185-yard fifth hole, using a six-iron.

Becker, Lendl win big

NEW YORK (AP) — Boris Becker of West Germany, big power game in full-gear, bested Sweden's Mats Wilander 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 Saturday to wrap up the final round-robbin portion of the \$500,000 Masters Tennis Tournament.

Earlier, top-seeded Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia defeated France's Yannick Noah 6-4, 6-4 and Sweden's Joakim Nyström stopped Henri Leconte of France 6-4, 6-4.

Both Becker and Lendl completed the round-robbin portion of the six-day tournament with perfect 3-0 records. After Becker's victory, a coin flip determined their opponents in

Sunday's semifinals.

Lendl, the world's No. 1-ranked player, will play Wilander, and Becker will face Sweden's Mats Wilander, both of whom finished with 2-1 records.

Dykes in line for Tech job

DALLAS (AP) — Spike Dykes, considered one of the sharpest defensive masterminds in Southwest Conference football, will be named the new head coach at Texas Tech, The Associated Press learned Saturday.

Dykes, 48, who has served for three years as the Red Raiders' defensive coordinator, will replace David McWilliams, who resigned Friday to accept the head coaching job at the University of Texas, sources said.

Inkster, Purizer lead

LARGO, Fla. (AP) — Jill Inkster and Tom Purizer led a 6-under-par 66 Saturday to open a four-shot lead over Lori Garback and Craig Stadler after three rounds of the \$60,000 J.C. Patan Classic at Bardmoor Country Club.

Inkster and Purizer, who won 108 after the first and second rounds, finished the day with a 54-hole total of 20-under 196 and will chase the tournament record of 24-under in Sunday's final round.

Johnson gets Camp award

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — University of Miami football coach Jimmy Johnson, whose No. 1 Hurricanes will face Penn State for the national championship in the Fiesta Bowl, was

named Saturday as the Walter Camp Football Foundation's coach of the year.

Johnson, 43, joins his quarterback, Vinny Testaverde, who last week was awarded the Walter Camp Trophy as the nation's most outstanding college football player.

Johnson has compiled a 29-7 record in three seasons as head-coach at Miami, going undefeated this year with an 11-0 record. He coached at Oklahoma State for five years before succeeding Howard Schnellenberger at Miami prior to the Hurricanes' 1984 season. Overall, Johnson is 59-31-2.

Houser cancer still growing

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas City Royals Manager Dick Houser was expected to return to Kansas City by the middle of next week after undergoing an innovative operation for brain cancer in California, Royals officials said Saturday.

Renewed tumor growth was found in Houser's brain during the 3-hour operation Friday, but surgeons removed parts of the growth and treated the remainder with an injected form of cancer cells.

"I talked with the doctor immediately after the surgery, and he felt very good, he was positive," Royals spokesman Dean Vogelgar said. Vogelgar said there have been no changes in plans to have Houser continue as manager of the team.

Doctors said it might not be known for several weeks whether the "killer cells," transformed white blood cells called lymphocytes that attack malignancies, will be able to completely destroy the tumor.

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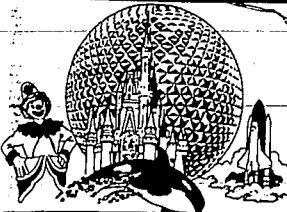
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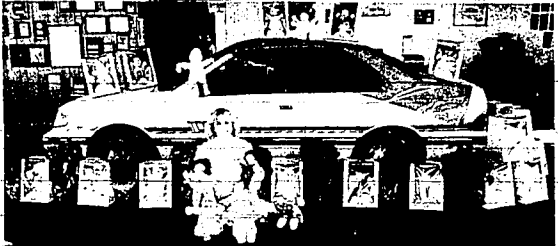
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Filling Santa's Bag

Put on the dog with these purr-fect pet gifts

By JOAN BEAN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Wondering what to buy for the dog or cat who has everything? This Christmas it should not be too difficult to buy the perfect gift for the discriminating pet.

Magic Valley variety and pet stores are chock-full of all sorts of wonderful things a furry friend would be proud to own. Whether it be the latest squeaky toy or a custom-made sweater, there is something for every dog or cat on the list.

Fur the fashion-conscious pet there is a wonderful assortment of sweaters to choose from, ranging in price from about \$5 to \$40. There is a wide choice of colors and patterns and many are hand-knit.

Some of these may be personalized by adding a monogram or an entire name. Sweaters can be custom-made, with fringe or other decorative touches.

There are a good supply of the ever-popular ski sweaters, and some have a dog motif. For formal occasions, a tuxedo is a must, and for the dog who dreams of going to sea, there is a sailor suit. Miss Poochie will be in style wearing a soft fuzzy pink or white sweater. These range in price from about \$12 to \$30, according to size, and can be worn by cats as well.

If another new sweater would bring just a "ho-hum" from your pet, why not invest in an imitation-fleece lined coat for about \$16, or a quilted nylon jacket. But, then again, maybe he is secretly wishing for a Sherlock-Holmes style trench coat.

Some of the jackets have little hats — felt-covered cardboard disks that fit on the head and are held on by ribbons that lie under the chin.

If Rover is in the habit of raiding neighborhood trash cans, perhaps he would like to be a little less conspicuous. One solution is a camouflage coat — they sell for \$5 to \$40. Sequin, pearl or rhinestone collars,

costing from about \$5 to \$15, will look lovely around Little Poochie's neck. But, to look her loveliest, she will want to be shampooed with Beauty Black, Brown or White, to enhance the color of her fur. It has a coconut scent, costs only about \$5 and only her hairdresser will know for sure.

A hunting dog might appreciate leather boots to wear while doing his work. They fit any large dog after being laced up. Thirty dollars for four paws seems reasonable.

For the dog who hates to get his or her feet wet, there are rubber boots for about \$25. Or, to keep the legs warm, there is a suspender-contraption which attaches to four legwarmers, permanently set into dooskin boots. The set sells for \$16.95.

On the more practical side, there are lovely matching ceramic dish and placement sets. One has the words "Good Dog" inside and has blue plaid around the outside.

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A bright red felt jacket with matching knitted leg warmers could be your cat's meow



If Santa Claus brings your dog a red argyle sweater and rubber boots for Christmas he could be the envy of all his canine friends during those cold winter months

Hollywood peoples Christmas stockings with video tapes

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What's that? "Psycho" in a Christmas stocking? Indiana Jones under the tree? Surprise Christmas visitors who aren't Zarovs, but the Three Stooges? Is this holiday madness? Is this "Santa goes to Hollywood?"

No, this is video movies for Christmas. Video movies are popular stocking stuffers and gifts, according to Twin-Falls merchants. This year's variety and availability is more than enough to satisfy any movie

lover or harried shopper. One of the hottest sellers this year, says Video West co-owner Bob Watts, is the Walt Disney classic, "Sleeping Beauty," the love- and graceful animated film telling the immortal fairy tale.

Watts summed up the magic of Disney films: "They don't get old. They were good when I saw them (as a child) and they are good now. They are timeless."

Besides Sleeping Beauty, there's also "Dumbo," "Alice in Wonderland," "Old Yeller," and the whole gallery of Disney characters to give through videos. If action is your cup of eggnog,

Irrepressible adventurer Indiana Jones from the Irrepressible moviemaker Steven Spielberg. Both "Raiders of the Lost Ark" Disney classic, "Sleeping Beauty," the love- and graceful animated film telling the Temple of Doom" are on video for armchair archaeologists.

No... Sylvester Stallone is in the video version of "Cobra," an action police yarn featuring Mrs. Stallone, which will be released in time for Christmas, Watt says.

The filmed voyages of the U.S.S. Enterprise, "Old Alfred Hitchcock's frightening, "Psycho," "Poltergeist II,"

Trekies in the household. The first three "Star Trek" feature films, plus several of the television episodes are on video cassette.

Fans of the old classics will appreciate the presence on store shelves of such films as "It's a Wonderful Life," the Frank Capra tale capturing not only the spirit of Christmas, but of life. There's also "White Christmas," "Sound of Music," "Gone with the Wind," "Singing in the Rain" and "An American in Paris."

In the recent-blockbuster category, there's "Beverly Hills Cop" with Eddie Murphy, "Starman" with Jeff Bridges,

"Ghostbusters" with Bill Murray, and the original "Karate Kid," says Studio 2001 manager Dottie Mahan of Twin Falls.

If you still can't find what you want, Walden's Books manager Pam French says videos may be ordered from a list of more than 500 titles.

So, when wondering what to buy junior or stuff into dad's stocking, a video movie is one more item to consider.

After all, it's not everyone who can spend the holidays with Sly Stallone. Yo and Merry Christmas.

Compost tumbler, not sugarplums, whirs in wishful gardener's head

By ANNE RAVER
Newsday

How can I live without a Kemp Compost Tumbler? For days now, I've been looking at the little black and white advertisement in the back of this month's Horticulture magazine. It promises 100 pounds of "garden gold" FREE in just 14 days! The photo of this marvelous machine shows a robust gardener digging his hands into the black humus he's just emptied from this Compost Tumbler, which stands behind him with its mouth open. It has a user-friendly, slightly futuristic sort of a combination of Ha! In the movie, "2001" and Woody Allen's organatron in "Sleeper."

Commentary

see, in case my billionaire boyfriend shows up. (The Compost Tumbler is on sale for only \$29.) Every time another fancy catalogue arrives, I stare gloomily out the window at my slovenly compost pile. There's such a painful chasm between reality and Williams-Sonoma.

For instance, it's perfectly obvious that one can't make perfect compost without a shredder. Those cornstarch and pea vines won't do a thing if you just toss them on the pile. And running your lawn mower over the stuff — though I've told you in the past that this is fine — isn't the same at all. Especially if you don't have a lawn mower. What are you supposed to use, pruning shears? Your teeth?

Anyone who's stared at the full-

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Magazine picks best gifts for kids

By BART ZIEGLER
The Associated Press

BOSTON — An album by rock singer Cyndi Lauper, a videotape about "The Ugly Duckling" and Penny Power magazine are among the holiday gifts for youngsters recommended this year by Parents' Choice, a magazine that reviews children's toys and media.

The purpose of Parents' Choice is to bring children of all backgrounds and skills together

with material that will help them grow mentally, emotionally and as human beings," said Diana Green, editor of Parents' Choice.

Green said the non-profit magazine, based in suburban Newton, culled entries for the awards from publishers, toy companies, critics and parents. Then experts in each area, aided by groups of children, selected a dozen or more winners in each category.

This is the sixth year Parents' Choice, which claims a circulation of 90,000, has given the

awards. Green said the judging process was handled differently than in the past.

"In other years, nominations had come from parents and children," she said. "It just was becoming unwieldy."

Groups of children in Atlanta, guided by a teacher and book reviewer, along with illustrators of children's books helped choose the prize-winners in the book category.

The winners, said Green, are those that are one more item to consider.

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ABC software to Cyndi Lauper makes list

BOSTON (AP) — Here is a partial list of the 1988 awards by Parents' Choice, a non-profit guide to children's toys and media:

Picture Books
"Molly's New Washing Machine" by Petra Halbers, Harper and Row.
"The Baron On The Island Of Cheese" by Patrick Benson, Philomel Books.
"When Sheep Can't Sleep" by Satoshi Kitamura, Farrar, Straus and Giroux.
Story Books
"Not So Fast Songalo" by Niki Daly, McGraw-Hill.
"Yellow Bird And Me" by Joyce Hansen, Clarion Books.
"The Dallas Titans Get Ready For Bed" by

Karla Kuskin, Harper and Row.
Videos
"Tales Of Beatrix Potter" by Children's Video Library, Prosecol, ages 5-6.
"Ugly Duckling and Other Classic Fairy Tales" by CC Studios, Ages 5-8.
"Morning Owl" by VidAmerica, Ages 12-up.
Recordings
"Good Morning Sunshine" by Golden Glow Records, Ages 2-5.
"Take Me With You" by Moose School Records, Ages 5-11.
"Spectacles" by Caedmon, Ages 8-11.
Toys
"Baby's First Train" by T.C. Timber, Ages 1-4.
"Radio Flyer" Row "Cart" by Radio Shack

Manufacturing Co. Ages 4-6.
Aurora Corsette Classic by Tomy, Ages 8-up.
Computer Programs
"Easy As ABC" by Springboard Software, Ages 3-5.
"The Great Gonzo In Wordzler" by Simon and Schuster, Ages 6-up.
"Robomath" by Mindplay, Ages 8-up.
Magazines
Your Big Backyard by the National Wildlife Federation, Ages 3-5.
Rock 'n' Roll
"The Burns Sisters Band" by The Burns Sisters Band, Columbia.
"True Colors" by Cyndi Lauper, Partrall.
"Control" by Janet Jackson, A&M

Garden

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page advertisement on page of Horticulture knows the answer. (I'm thinking of giving these people a call. Instead of encouraging us to pursue the simple joys of horticulture, they're leading us down the garden path.)

Anyway, the ad features an elegant sketch of the Lescha Chip-Schredder, sold by Smith and Hawken. This thing looks like some invention of Leonardo da Vinci's, a whimsical machine that might almost be persuaded to serve lunch. And get this: The Lescha's "revolutionary design" has not one blade, but two. One blade rotates, one remains fixed, "acting as a shear."

You don't even have to take the legs and leaves of branches for this. It devours everything.

To hear Smith and Hawken go on, the only thing the Lescha Chip-Schredder doesn't know how to do is jam.

Williams-Sonoma also sells the Lescha shearer, but its photo in the "Gardener's Eden" catalogue makes the machine look kind of ordinary. And a bit loud for the garden. The intake shaft is an unfortunate fire-engine red, attached to a motor that is an unhappy shade of blue. The contention might appeal to the macho-chainsaw types, but I'm hoping it comes in different colors. For \$229, it should. Smith and Hawken's model is \$10 more, but maybe we're paying for the drawing.

There are a couple of other little items from Williams-Sonoma that make me pray for the billionaire. One is the automatic cold frame my neighbor happens to be using this winter. Just as my own hardy bok choy and Chinese greens are turning to icy rags, she invites me over for a salad of tender radicchio and but-

tercrunch lettuce.

"Oh, this is all from the cold frame," she says offhandedly. The automatic cold frame, that is, solar-powered to vent at 72 degrees and to close at 62 degrees. It's basically an acrylic bubble with a redwood frame: It's 48 inches by 36 inches and stands 15 inches high, covering 12 square feet of ground.

That's a lot of salad. Salad grows chemicals and pesticides, salad that isn't shipped from California. Salad that's plucked a few minutes before dinner, bursting with vitamins. What's a mere \$89 in the face of all that? The kids can wait on those shoes. This is their health we're talking about.

Speaking of shoes, Hammacher Schlemmer has the answer for gardeners who don't like to wear them in the garden. They're necessary in the spring, I suppose, when it's chilly and you have to do all that digging, but come June, you want to feel that proverbial old dirt between their toes.

The only problem is, as soon as you settle down in the vegetable patch, the UPS truck arrives and you have to sprint—barefoot!—across the gravel drive. Unless you have the leathery soles of a turtle, this is no joy.

But Hammacher Schlemmer has the solution: "the original massaging sandals," imported from Australia. I figure that that Newsday reporter probably went after Crocodile Dundee in a pair of these. Anyway, the catalogue says that "these washable sandals use 20 contoured, firm nodules per square inch to massage your footsoles, stimulate blood circulation and let air circulate freely to keep feet dry."

Now you don't have to worry about

getting your shoes wet while turning on the hose. With washable sandals, you're just keeping clean. In fact, the cooling factor—combined with the improved blood circulation from these contoured nodules—makes these simple sandals a kind of heat stroke preventative. So for \$29.95, you're treading on a medical bargain.

The greedy hearts of gardeners make life simpler for gift-givers. They don't have to wander aimlessly about huge department stores wandering bleakly in a plaid shirt, or some boring sweater will do. All they have to do is find the page in the catalogue soaked in potato-chip grease and fill out the order form. I haven't even mentioned the four-foot-square rubber lower "another little Williams-Sonoma luxury that moves around on ball bearing casters and has enough growing space for an empire of strawberries or any number of shallow-rooted vegetables and herbs for the apartment dweller.

The tiered wooden structure is four-feet-square at the base, and narrows gradually like a pyramid. The vegetables drape gracefully over the tiers like so many opera singers looking down to see who is in the next balcony, and some sort of "internal reservoir" allows you to water the whole shebang from above. This creation would be too neatly for words, had I not gone over to my neighbor's to ogie the movable feast growing on her terrace porch.

Same neighbor as in automatic cold frame. You should see her stack of catalogues. But she keeps cancelling her dental appointments. Goes around dressed in rags. Never shops. Except in catalogues. Garden catalogues.

Pets

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Another has a picture of a mull, with the word "Wool." A medium-size bowl set sells for about \$7, and these are also available for cats.

Not to forget the rugged outdoor types, there are insulated dog

houses which run from \$50 to \$150. And to make them toasty warm, there is a heating pad which costs only pennies a day to operate. It is virtually indestructible, and the cord is protected by a wire wrap. These range in price from \$43 to \$65.

There are all sorts of beds for dogs or cats to fit in the budget, from about \$20 to \$70. Some are fleece-lined, and many are machine washable. There are also polyfill and cedar-filled mats, in sizes up to golden retriever or St. Bernard.

But, when all is said and done, what our four-legged friends are really looking for are toys and goodies, and there are plenty to choose from. Red and white Snoopy toys and little blue Smurfs cost less than \$4.

Stockings contain chew bones, toys and treats for the dogs and catnip kitty salad bowls for growing greens for feline friends. They range from 89 cents to \$10.

Instead of the real thing, Rover can chew on a rubber shoe or rolled-up newspaper, and there is every dog's dream—a hunk of rawhide more than a foot long. It sells for about \$26, but should last a while.

Kitty will love a Cat Bat—a carpet covered square holding a spring with a catnip mat attached— for about \$150. Catnip mice are always fun, as are fuzzy spiders which hang by a length of elastic. These are supposed to keep the cat happy for hours. They sell for only \$2, and the mice are \$2 to \$3.

But, all things considered, a gift of safety will be in order this year. For about \$20, Rover can have his very own seat belt—not mandatory yet, but it will offer peace of mind. He will not be jumping from the back to front seat or sitting on your lap with his head out the window.

And to the feline masses, "Is everybody buckled up?" will come a resounding "Wool."

Picks

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remarkable in art and stories and that are "by children." I avoid what I call the for-kids-with-coffee-table books.

The recordings were selected with the aid of a children's librarian in Washington, D.C., she said, and final selection was made by Mopsy Strange Kennedy, a critic for The Boston Globe.

The toys were reviewed by a toy consultant in New Jersey with the aid of children.

The movies were chosen by William A. Henry III, a critic for Time magazine. Television shows were judged by David Blanculli, a television writer for The Philadelphia Inquirer, while radio shows were reviewed by Peggy Charen, founder of Action for Children's Television. Videotapes were judged by Joel Siegel of ABC-TV.

Green said the magazine gave awards in rock music because "kids want it and parents... want some kind of guidelines."

Boston Globe music critic Susan Wilson said she chose Lauper's "True Colors" because "her messages and image are a lot healthier than Madonna's. The little song implores listeners to have faith in themselves, while concepts like stand by your pals and true-blue friendships pop up everywhere."

Green said she has been encouraged by improvement in one type of children's media, video.

"There are many choices for parents. It may take a little more effort.

Can your child be left alone?

Newsday

Is a 7-year-old too young to be a latchkey child? Is a 12-year-old too old for a baby-sitter? There are no hard and fast rules, but here are some tips from the experts on assessing your child's readiness for self-care and guidelines for keeping him safe when he's alone.

— Age. With children 5 to 7 years old, the first concern is physical safety; they can cut themselves or burn down the house, for youngsters 12 to 14 years old, the issue is whether they might experiment with drugs, alcohol or sex.

— Maturity and self-confidence. Though some 12-year-olds are responsible enough to be baby-sitters, others are terrified to be alone.

— Relationship between parents and children. Professor Laurence Steinberg of the University of Wisconsin notes that how parents treat their children when they're with them determines how they manage when they're on their own.

— The time a child spends alone. The younger the child, the less time he or she should be left alone. Start by leaving the child for a brief time when you go to the supermarket, then gradually increase the amount of time alone.

— Accessibility. Are you reachable by phone? Are you—or a friend or neighbor—available to run home in an emergency?

— Neighborhood. Assess the general safety of your neighborhood.

— Fears. Discuss your child's fears about being left alone—everything from the fear of noises in the house to his fear that his social life might evaporate. Discuss your own fears and guilt.

— Home rules. Establish what your child must do when he or she comes home—such things as lock the door, check in with you or a neighbor, get a snack, do homework, watch TV, start dinner, and when to go out to play.

Engagement

Depew-Baumeister

TWIN FALLS — Barbara Sears, Hazelton, and Jay Depew, Denver, formerly of Twin Falls, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Lynn Depew, to Frank Thomas Baumeister, son of Frank and Barbara Baumeister, Union City, Calif.

Depew, a 1980 graduate of Twin Falls High School, graduated from the University of Idaho in 1984 and is now a medical student in the WAMI program at the University of Idaho.

Baumeister, a 1978 graduate of the Winnemucca, Nev., high school, attended the University of Idaho. He is employed in Moscow.

The wedding is planned for New Year's Eve at St. Edward's Catholic Church in Twin Falls.



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Valley happenings

Blood drawings scheduled

TWIN FALLS — The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Twin Falls Presbyterian Church from 2 to 6 p.m. Monday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday. Quota is 120 pints for each day. Char Clemens and Mary Lee Roberts, co-chairmen of blood services for the Sawtooth Red Cross chapter, say individuals with either O-negative or O-positive blood types are especially urged to donate.

LPNs hold Christmas party

TWIN FALLS — District No. 2, Licensed Practical Nurses, will hold its annual Christmas party at 7 p.m. Monday at the Prime Cut Restaurant. All LPN's and students are welcome.

Consumer co-op potluck set

BUHL — Magic Valley Consumer Co-op will have a potluck supper and membership meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday at the First Baptist Church in Buhl. Anyone interested is invited. Those attending should bring a covered dish.

DAV plans Christmas dinner

TWIN FALLS — Disabled American Veterans and auxiliary will hold their annual Christmas dinner at 7 p.m. Monday at the DAV hall for members and family. Bring two covered dishes, table service and a can of food for Christmas baskets. Gifts should be brought for children attending.

Free talk on horse first aid

TWIN FALLS — "Practical First Aid for the Horse" will be the subject of a free lecture at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Stafford Equine Medical Center, East Kimberly Road. The public is invited.

Tucker will speak to club

TWIN FALLS — The Rev. R. Tom Tucker, United Methodist Church pastor, will be guest speaker at the Twentieth Century Club Christmas luncheon Tuesday noon at the Turf Club. Clarence Dudley will sing. Members are asked to bring canned foods for holiday basket donations.

Tips on entertaining slated

TWIN FALLS — "Techniques on Entertaining" will be given by Marsha Howell, Twin Falls county extension home economist, at the Magic Valley Christian Women's Club luncheon at 11:45 a.m. Tuesday at the Holiday Inn. Donna Thomason, Hazelton, will provide music and Crystal McCormick, Idaho Falls, will speak. Call Leslie Leebetter, 733-7995, or Fern Crisp, 543-5662, for reservations.

Methodist women set lunch

FILER — United Methodist Women in Filer will serve a soup, sandwich, pie and beverage luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday in the social hall of the church, Fifth and Union Streets. Holiday cookies and candy will be sold, and the public is invited.

Steward to address Network

TWIN FALLS — Ruby (Bee) Steward, former Headstart director in Pocatello, and now manager of Jud's Bookstore in Twin Falls, will speak at the Network luncheon meeting Wednesday noon at the Canyon Springs Inn.

Historical society to meet

JEROME — Jerome County Historical Society meets at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Jerome Senior Citizens Center. Oldtime fiddlers will play. For more information call Norene Andrus, 3234-5177, home, or 324-1236.

Christmas Art Fair slated

KETCHUM — A Christmas Art Fair is scheduled from noon to 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Dec. 14 at the old Ketchum city hall. There will be pottery, wreaths, jewelry and many other craft items from local artists, vocal music by school students, a visit from Santa, gift wrapping and hot beverages. Admission is free.

Buhl band to stage show

BUHL — The Buhl High School Band of Indians and Tuxedo Ensembles will present the second annual Concierto Fiesta show Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Poppewell Elementary School. Cowboy poet Waddle Mitchell, of Elko, Nev., and Buhl barber shop quartet, "The Common Taters," will be guest headliners. Band director Wayne Skeem will conduct. Tickets are \$2 and may be purchased at the door.

Doctors put end to woman's 300-times-an-hour sneezing

BOSTON (AP) — A squirt of anesthetic can cure continual sneezing, even for a young woman who went "achoo!" 300 times an hour, a doctor says.

The odd case was recounted by Dr. James T. Sturm of the St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center in Minnesota in a letter in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

A 23-year-old woman went out to dinner with a group of people. During dessert, a drunk pushed ice cream covered with chocolate sauce into her mouth and nose. Unfortunately, the woman was allergic to chocolate.

Immediately she wiped away the chocolate, but to no avail. She couldn't stop sneezing.

By the time doctors saw her, she had been sneezing 300 times an hour for two hours. Sturm reasoned that the sneezing was caused by irritation of the nasal lining and the transmission of nervous signals over the trigeminal nerve to the brain.

His solution: a squirt of cocaine hydrochloride, a topical anesthetic, it worked.

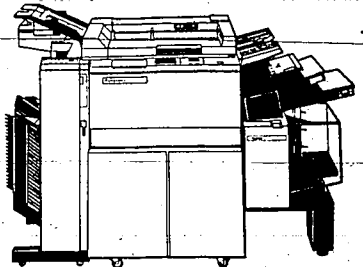
"The sneezing began to abate three minutes after the nasal epithelium was anesthetized and came to a complete stop five minutes later," Sturm wrote.

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Beech-Nut Cereal Corp., of Fort Washington, Pa., is voluntarily recalling some 851 cases of Beech-Nut Stages 2 Mixed Cereal for infants 6 to 9 months old because it may contain paint chips. The Food and Drug Administration said Wednesday.

An FDA statement said the presence of the paint chips "is not considered to be an immediate hazard. However, the recall is being undertaken as a precautionary measure because ingestion of paint chips by infants over a prolonged period of time could produce slightly elevated levels of heavy metals in the blood."

The agency said the contamination apparently occurred when discarded paint chips were accidentally dropped into a filler hopper of cereal in the Pennsylvania manufacturing plant.

Plant officials immediately quarantined and destroyed the portion of the cereal thought to have been contaminated, the FDA said.

"However, subsequent consumer complaints of paint chips were received by the company, leading to the recall of additional cases."

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The Medical Center Auxiliary, the South Central Medical Auxiliary and the Twin Falls County Junior Club will assist the Foundation in presenting this event.

Festival open to the public on:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 12:00 Noon-6:00 P.M.

Admission to the event will be \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children. Money raised from the event will be used to support the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Lunch will also be available each day.



HOLIDAY INN - Twin Falls

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

- 10:00-10:30 First Baptist Christian Preschool
- 10:30-11:00 The "Star Gazers," Nielson School of Dance
- 11:00-11:30 Presbyterian Junior Choir
- 11:30-12:00 Amy Stukenholtz, Fiddler
- 12:00-12:30 Junior Musical Playhouse Company
- 12:30- 1:00 Mauldin's Dance Studio, Sheryl Mauldin, Director
- 1:00- 1:30 Sawtooth Country Cloggers
- 1:30- 2:00 Derald Glenn Family
- 2:00- 2:30 Beverly Hackney Ballet School
- 2:30- 3:00 St. Edward's Children's Choir, Dennis McCracken, Director
- 3:00- 3:30 Morningside Elementary School, Sylvia Osterman, Director
- 3:30- 4:00 The Gillenwater Quarternotes
- 4:00- 4:30 Beverly Hackney Ballet School
- 4:30- 5:00 Church of the Nazarene Puppets
- 5:00- 5:30 Douglas Wright, Pianist
- 5:30- 6:00 Jerome High School Challengers, Sharon Warner, Director
- 6:00- 6:30 Shim Sham Tappers
- 6:30- 7:00 Mauldin's Dance Studio, Kelli Turner, Director

7:00- 7:30 Ho-Tep-To Mld-East "Belly" Dancers

- 7:30- 8:00 Dilettantes of Magic Valley
- 8:00- 8:30 Bill and Karen Sweet, accompanied by Donna Murphy Singers; Richard Smack, Director
- 8:30- 9:00 Twin Falls High School Chamber Singers; Richard Smack, Director

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

- 12:00-12:30 The Pedestrians
- 12:30- 1:00 Twin Falls Music Club, Brad Stanerson, Andy Durham and Willetta Warberg
- 1:00- 1:30 Ruth Stutzman and Harold Shelter
- 1:30- 2:00 Jodie Silvers
- 2:00- 2:30 Jan Olsen, Pianist
- 2:30- 3:00 SOS Quartet (Share our Savior)
- 3:00- 3:30 Buttons 'n Bows Square Dance of Jerome
- 3:30- 4:00 Snake River Brass
- 4:00- 4:30 Jason Hauser
- 4:30- 5:00 Sage Gymnastics
- 5:00- 5:30 Alphabet Animals, Pam Shropshire

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Tuesday - Blood pressure checks 9 a.m. to noon; bingo 1-p.m.; board meeting 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday - Crafts and quilting 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; grocery orders must be called in to Williams IGA for Thursday delivery; exercise 11 a.m.; Jackpot trip leaves Center at 4 p.m.
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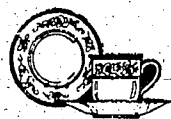
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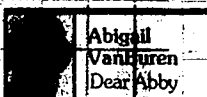


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Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

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Richard B. Call, drama coach, says his student actors earned the state champion title by receiving the most superior ratings on their individual categories.

Winning presentations were a one-act play with Joe Olson and Jennifer King in major roles, Ian Robertson, Kyle Maschek and Derrick Hanson in supporting roles, and Stacy Brunyer, Dennis Nelson and Kyle Leuze as technical crew. Robert Henderson and Jenna Gline, ensemble serious scene; Bobbie Vinyard, Becki Bird and Jenny Tucker, and Karen King and Kristi Wayment, all humorous ensemble scenes.

Stacey Burks, Derrick Hansen and John Hurley, solo serious acting; Jenny Tucker, Katrina Olsen, solo humorous acting; Jenna Gline, original scene; Cindy Ross, solo pantomime; and Keith Walker, display of scenery paintings.



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If you have a spare greeting card and would like to brighten a lonely person's holiday, send for a name immediately to allow time for delivery before Christmas.

Among the many local community organizations helping to make Christmas brighter for others this season are 38 boys ages 8 to 10, members of Cub Scout Pack 74, sponsored by the LDS Sixth Ward in Twin Falls. Their cubmaster is Dick Peggler.

Using money they earned selling pine-sellings, the boys purchased Christmas trees which they decorated and gave to Heritage and Woodstock Retirement Centers this week.

In addition to providing the trees, the boys also presented a program for appreciative residents at each retirement facility in which they re-created the nativity scene and each den also put on a skit. Den leaders are Kathy Brown, Verlie Stanger and Scott Stonely.

Dr. Ronald D. Barry and his wife, Margaret, Portland, former Magic Valley residents, are in Paris, France, this week where he participated in the Second International Symposium on Unconventional Viral Diseases of the Central Nervous

System. Barry, son of David and Emma Barry, Jerome, was invited to present his immunological research on a neurological disease called "scrapie," which he conducted the past three years at the University of California, San Francisco. Scrapie is a fatal, degenerative neurological disease first described by Scottish sheepherders in the late 1800s.

Current interest is focused on scrapie research because of the similarity of this disease to Alzheimer's disease, a common human dementia also characterized by degeneration of neural tissue.

Barry, a graduate of Burley High School, earned his doctorate at Washington State University, Pullman. He is employed at the VA Medical Center in Portland. His wife is the daughter of Henry "Duge" and Grace Pharris, also Jerome.

Laura Mae Easton Arthur, Paul, has been recognized by both state and Mini-Cassia retired teachers. She was honored at the local Retired

Teachers monthly meeting with Wilma Ribbert, vice president, presenting her a Hall of Fame award.

Earlier this fall, Arthur, who was first president of the Mini-Cassia group, received the Hall of Fame award from Idaho Retired Teachers Association at the state convention in Idaho Falls. A native of Cambridge, Neb., she came to Magic Valley in 1912, settling in Paul where she graduated from high school. She attended Greeley Teacher's College in Colorado and Albion Normal and taught for six years in Paul, American Falls and Twin Falls.

In 1939 she married Reed Arthur. After raising her family she taught for 18 years in Paul; retiring in 1975. She earned a bachelor's degree in 1964 from Idaho State University, Pocatello. She has traveled extensively since retiring.

Don Harold, Burley, Idaho's winner in the 4-H photography awards program, will be honored by Eastman Kodak Co., for outstanding

achievement, at the annual 4-H Congress in Chicago this week at the Chicago Hilton Hotel.

Phyllis Montgomery, a secondary business education major from Twin Falls, is one of eight students at Rick's College, Rexburg, to be awarded full-tuition scholarships from the Laura Moore Cunningham Foundation.

Gina Walters, Jerome, a word/information processing student at the College of Southern Idaho vocational school, has been awarded a \$500 scholarship. The funds were

contributed to the Idaho Foundation for Vocational-Technical Education by the now disbanded Boise chapter of the Association of Information Systems Professionals.

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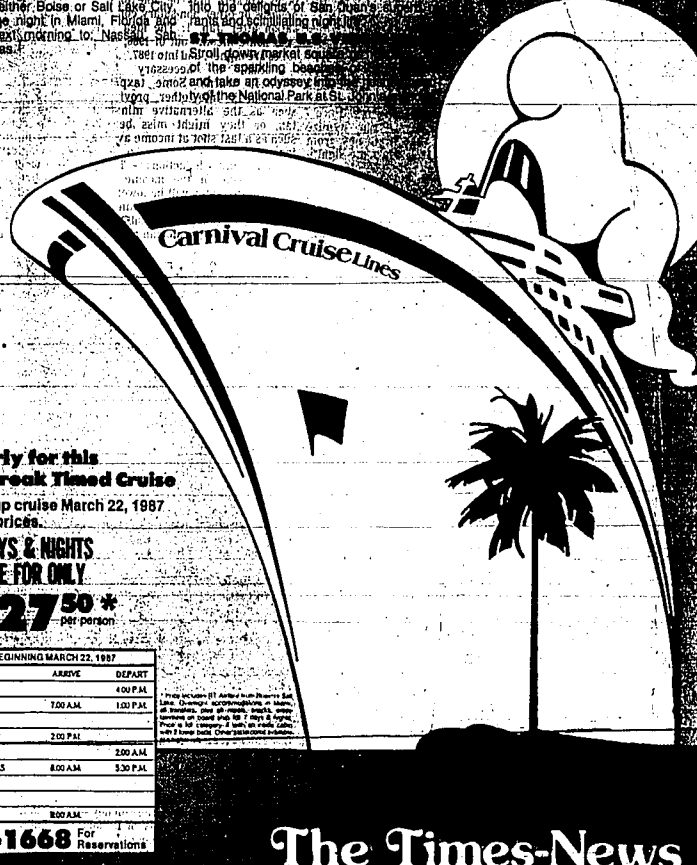
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The Times-News

Improving global economy helping U.S. farm exports

By DON KENDALL
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An improved global economy is helping restore some of the bounce lost by U.S. farm exports in recent years and may show some modest gains in the next few years, according to a senior Agriculture Department official.

Robert L. Thompson, assistant secretary for economics, said foreign economic growth has moved into the 5 to 6 percent range where it is likely to remain for several years. This is about half the rate of the 1970s but well-above the early 1980s.

Consequently, he said, the volume of U.S. farm exports could rise 4 percent to 5 percent a year during the late 1980s, compared to the declines of recent years.

But Thompson said in a paper presented at USDA's third annual outlook conference that moves in Congress to boost the incomes of farmers by using mandatory production controls to shrink supplies could mean trouble.

"The resulting price increases would reverse the progress made in the 1985 farm bill and set in motion a permanent downsizing of our farm sector as we forfeited the export market to less efficient competitors and likely sent our livestock and poultry

sectors overseas, too," he said in prepared remarks.

Under Reagan administration policies and new authority granted by Congress in the Food Security Act of 1985, the USDA has lowered the price support levels of many crops in an effort to make wheat, corn and other commodities more attractive to foreign buyers.

Critics say farmers should be given the chance to approve tough, mandatory production controls so harvest would be reduced, thereby driving up commodity prices. The administration is opposed to that concept.

Thompson said a sharp drop in the net grain imports of centrally planned countries, including the Soviet Union and China, were a major factor in the decline of world agricultural trade during the last two years.

"Although weather could cause the U.S.S.R. to import large volumes of grain in selected years, the underlying trends suggest the centrally planned countries as a group will not be a source of growth in world trade in the late 1980s," he said.

Thompson added, "The Soviet Union has greatly reduced wheat use and is promoting more intensive production prac-

tices. It seems likely to move toward greater self-sufficiency in wheat as have China and Eastern Europe."

Soviet production of coarse grains, including corn and barley, has expanded slightly faster than consumption, he said. But "aggressive meat production goals" suggest a modest increase in imports of coarse grains.

In China, however, rising production has turned that country into a net exporter of grain. Greater livestock production could eventually change China back to being an importer but that may be a few years away, Thompson said.

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Maneuvering time is here for taxpayers

Revamped income tax code goes into effect on Jan. 1

By BOB FREUND
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In one of his writings, former Internal Revenue Service Commissioner Roscoe L. Egger describes the Tax Reform Act of 1986 as "the most significant and comprehensive tax legislation since the beginning of World War II."

Some publishers for the accounting industry also have re-nicknamed the country's tax code for the first time in 32 years. Where they once cited the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, they now are quoting the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

Born as a move towards tax simplification, the law reached far beyond eliminating forms and losing out on complexities. When it passed on Jan. 1, 1987, it instead had shifted tax burdens, closed loopholes and, many would say, tackled the fairness of the system itself.

Amidst all the trade-offs, simplicity may have been left behind. "Some have called it the 'Accountants Relief Act' and, in many ways, it is," Twin Falls accountant Robert Thurston joked last week.

The new income tax code is on the horizon. It looms just over the next tip of the calendar. Most provisions take effect on Jan. 1, 1987.

But taxpayers don't have to go limp and submit to the ravages or rewards of tax reform on their 1987 returns. In many cases, they can maneuver into position when they file their 1986 tax reports, experts say.

A blitz of tax preparation books have hit the market to aid people who figure their own taxes. Many taxpayers also have been phoning their accountants, financial planners, lawyers or tax preparers in hunt of tax savings.

"We've just been really busy the past two weeks with just that kind of thing, with 'What if' questions

from our clients," said Thelma Birch, assistant manager for H & R Block Income Tax Service at Twin Falls.

"I don't know anybody that wants to pay one dime more than the law says they have to," she said.

The financial art of protecting income from federal taxes is highly individual. What works for one tax filer can fall for others. State tax systems can complicate the picture significantly, as they may in Idaho.

Nevertheless, the sweeping nature of tax reform gives almost every taxpayer a "last chance" this month to get ready.

The Times-News sought some practical tips from Thurston, a certified public accountant and partner in the accounting firm of Seamon, Bancroft, Smith & Newstadt, and two other experts.

Edward C. Smith is a certified financial planner and president of Guardian Asset Management, based in Twin Falls. C. Wilson Gray is agricultural economist for the University of Idaho's Cooperative Extension Service at Twin Falls.

There are some general strategies that individual taxpayers, investors and business people, including farmers and ranchers, should consider, they agreed. For specific circumstances, though, they recommend a trip to a professional tax advisor.

INDIVIDUAL TAXPAYER

In 1987, the individual taxpayer will be smiling because tax brackets are fewer, standard deductions rise and tax rates generally fall. Here's the trade. Taxpayers who itemize deductions or take in money from capital gains are losing some significant write-offs.

Here are some ways to cope: Timing of income — The prospect of lower tax rates in 1987 can help taxpayers able to collect wages or benefits on a flexible schedule. For



Times-News photo/ANDY ARENZ

Almost every taxpayer has a 'last chance' this month to get ready for the changes of the Tax Reform Act of 1986

instance, self-employed people can control end-of-the-year billings—other workers may be able to take bonuses or other non-salary compensation after Jan. 1. The idea is to shift some income out of 1986, when taxes are higher, and into 1987.

Caution is necessary here, Thurston warns. Some taxpayers can sneak into other provisions, such as the alternate minimum tax, or they might miss benefits such as a last shot at income averaging.

"Bunching" deductions — This is the flip side of the income shift. Because tax rates will be lower next year, one strategy is to lump as many deductions as possible into this year. Some people can pay med-

ical bills promptly or accelerate payments of income taxes. Some miscellaneous deductions can be prepaid, such as multi-year subscriptions to professional journals or long-range purchases of work uniforms. There's an extra incentive with the miscellaneous deductions. Beginning in 1987, they will only be allowed if larger than 2 percent of adjusted gross income.

Big consumer purchases — If already in the market for a new auto or spa or other pricey item, a taxpayer would be wise to buy in 1986. That's because the current deduction for sales tax — which can mount into thousands of dollars on a big buy — disappears next year. However, buying only for the tax break most

likely is not a good idea, Thurston says. "Something else is happening to financing for personal items. Tax reform phases out deductions for interest paid on such loans. The deduction drops from 100 percent in 1986 to 65 percent in 1987. In 1991 there's no break left."

That provision has spawned a new device, home equity loans. Home mortgages remain fully deductible, so banks and other lenders have started lending against them. Depending on the size of consumer bills (there are some limits), a taxpayer might want to swap a consumer loan for a home equity loan. Charity giving — These donations now are one of the few breaks

for people who don't itemize on-tax returns. Donations in 1986 are fully deductible, a direct subtraction from income. Not so in 1987. They will be available only to taxpayers who itemize.

INVESTORS

Capital gains — The big item for taxpayers with investments, whether individuals or businesses, is revision of taxes on capital gains. Money made on sales of properties, stocks, equipment and a host of other assets is affected.

Long-term capital gains — those for assets held more than six months — are taxed at 40 percent of their value. See TAXES on Page D8

Residential building plunges in October

The Associated Press

BOISE — With Idaho's economy still struggling, new residential construction activity in Idaho during October was off more than 30 percent compared with October 1985, according to the Idaho Construction Report.

The report, which surveys 56 major locations in the state, said 387 permits for new dwelling units were issued in October, a 31.0 percent decline from last year.

Values of the residential construction was \$17.02 million, down 16.8 percent from October 1985.

In the first ten months of this year, 3,590 permits were issued, an 11.3 percent drop from the same period of 1985. The construction was valued at \$178.14 million, or 1.3 percent below the same period a year ago, according to the report produced by San Lake city-based First Security Corp.

"It would seem pretty clear there are a lot of people moving into Idaho," said Kelly Matthews, First Security's chief economist and author of the report.

During the last six months, Idaho's work force has shrunk 13.9 percent smaller than it was last year at this time, Matthews said. With fewer people in the market and a large supply of unsold

homes already for sale, builders have become more cautious, he said.

According to the report, eastern Idaho was the only part of the state where permits increased during the ten-month period over last year.

Most of the activity was centered in Idaho Falls; the number of permits in that area rose 15 percent. Northern Idaho showed the steepest decline — 23 percent — while Southwest and Southeast Idaho were down 13 and 11 percent, respectively.

Matthews said better prices for potatoes and lumber this year, coupled with interest mortgage rates that continue to improve, could improve new home sales by the end of the first quarter of 1987.

"It won't be a turnaround or a major surge in Idaho, but it would make the numbers look better than they have in the last couple of months," he said.

Meanwhile, non-residential construction, valued at \$15.73 million, was down 41 percent from last year. Alterations and repairs totaled \$12.20 million, down 2 percent.

First Security Corp. is the parent company of First Security Bank of Idaho, which is based in Boise.

Tighter credit appears in store for '87

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nationally, farmers are whitening away some of their huge debt but will find additional credit still tighter next year as bankers and other lenders continue to pull in their belts.

An Agriculture Department outlook conference was held by an Oklahoma banker. "Risk management will surely be the name of the game in 1987."

And the Farmers Home Administration, burdened by thousands of overdue loans, will begin "significant write-offs" next year, 1987 of the agency told the conference.

Vance L. Clark said, "We'll begin in earnest in 1987" to write off loans that have been overdue for years. He said the losses could go as high as \$2 billion.

An agency spokesman, Marilyn Ayocek, said FmHA had about \$2.95 billion in farm loans outstanding as of Sept. 30. Of the agency's 270,000

farm borrowers, about 79,000 were delinquent.

They owed about \$5.5 billion. Of the delinquencies, nearly \$4.8 billion owed by almost 50,000 borrowers has been overdue for three years or more, he said.

In other farm financial reports, USDA officials said: Farm assets, including land and other property except dwellings, are expected to decline to \$707 billion at the end of this year, down from \$714 billion at the end of 1985. By Dec. 31, 1987, asset values could drop to \$669 billion, the sixth consecutive annual decline.

Real estate values, which declined nearly 13 percent in 1985, are expected to drop another 9 percent this year. Another 7 percent decline could occur in 1987, which would put total U.S. farm real estate values at their lowest level in a decade.

Total farm debt, at \$192.1 billion last Dec. 31, is expected to decline to \$186 billion at the end of 1986 and drop further to \$174 billion by Dec. 31, 1987.

Computers help pick best equipment for farm

The Associated Press

URBANA III — An agricultural engineer has developed a computer program that takes a little of the risk out of farming by choosing which equipment is best for a particular set-up.

"Then the farmer does not have the risk of buying equipment that is too big and too expensive for the job, equipment that is too small and costs him time and money," said John Siemens of the University of Illinois. "He knows this is the optimum equipment."

Siemens said it would take days to analyze all the data and pick the best equipment for a particular farm without the computer, which accomplishes the task in seconds.

"We didn't want it to be a tedious task to use the program so we limited the inputs for the farmer," said Siemens.

The farmer tells the computer what field operation he wants to perform, such as plowing, cultivating or harvesting; the number of acres, and the type of crop. Starting and finishing dates also are considered, along with information about likely weather.

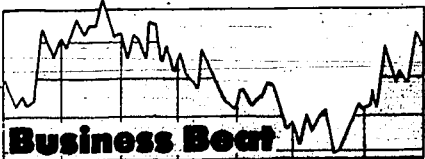
"The computer works its way down from the largest equipment available to the smallest machinery that will do the job in a timely manner.

The cost includes fuel consumption, repairs, depreciation, interest charges, insurance and storage."

The decision the farmer makes about equipment is especially important now, said Siemens, because the farm economy has been depressed and machinery is expensive. For example, the largest combine in Siemens' program costs \$142,000 and the biggest tractor costs \$97,000.

"There was a time when some farmers might have bought equipment with more productivity than they really needed," said Siemens. "But they have not bought much in recent years. Now, they want to re-adjust their thinking and see just what equipment they really can justify."

The program also could be used to evaluate the machinery a farmer already owns, or to compare the cost of different tillage systems.



Marketing comments sought

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce will begin planning its 1987 marketing program by inviting community residents to comment on how to promote the resort area.

A town meeting is scheduled at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Old Hall in Ketchum.

Representatives from the Elgin-Syferd Agency of Seattle, which conducts the Chamber's marketing, are recommending that the new campaign be targeted at ski resort market leaders Vail and Aspen, both in Colorado.

A recent Elgin-Syferd study showed Sun Valley "in the second tier of resorts, both in terms of perceptions and in terms of market share," the Chamber said in an announcement.

Dick Fenton, marketing committee chairman, also said residents will be asked if a travel show reimbursement program should be continued. A large, direct-mail campaign and purchase of advertisements in cross-country skiing magazines also will be considered, Fenton said.

The committee will propose a program to the Idaho Travel Council, which gives tourism grants, in February.

Health care law to be outlined

TWIN FALLS — Employers can learn the effects of a recent federal law requiring health-care coverage for former employees at a seminar scheduled for Tuesday in Twin Falls.

Bob Williams, assistant staff attorney for Blue Cross of Idaho, will discuss provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act. The law requires employers to purchase coverage for their health-care coverage to former employees, their spouses and dependents for as long as three years.

The seminar is scheduled at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the meeting room of Gem State Paper and Supply Co., 1801 Highland Ave. in Twin Falls. Admission is free.

More information is available from Jim Ingalls, 733-4880. The seminar is sponsored by the Twin Falls Job Service, Employer Committee and the Snake River Chapter of the American Society of Personnel Administration.

Communication session set

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce will hold a workshop on effective communication and listening Saturday at Elkhorn Resort in Sun Valley.

Gary D'Angelo, a communications expert who consults with Fortune 500 companies, will conduct the seminar.

The workshop is scheduled for 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The cost is \$30 a person. Reservations are requested by phoning the Chamber at 733-3423.

The seminar is the third in a series of educational workshops.

SCORE explanation Dec. 18

BURLEY — A representative from the Service Corps of Retirees and Executives will be available Dec. 18 at City Hall in Burley to advise area business people on programs offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Appointments are requested in advance by phoning the Burley Chamber of Commerce at 678-7230.

The SBA guarantees loans to profit-making enterprises for a number of purposes and uses. The agency can provide as much as \$50,000 guarantee for a loan obtained through a lending institution.

Doubletree now managing Inn

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Doubletree Inc., a Phoenix-based hotel chain, has taken over management of the Holiday Inn at the Salt Palace after purchasing a minority interest in the hotel from California's Great Western Savings.

Tim Dubois, regional vice president for Doubletree and acting general manager of the 338-room hotel, said Doubletree took over the facility at midnight Tuesday. It will be managing the property under a long-term management agreement with the California savings and loan.

Dubois said the hotel will now be known as the Doubletree Hotel at the Salt Palace.

Lumber production, orders off

PORTLAND (AP) — Lumber production, orders and shipments fell in 12 Western states during the holiday-shortened work week that ended Nov. 29, a trade association reports.

Production declined 162 million board feet from the previous week to 265 million feet while orders were down 125 million board feet to 261 million feet, according to the Western Wood Products Association.

Shipments decreased 152 million board feet to 276 million feet, the association said.

Figures for the same week one year ago show production at 193 million board feet, orders at 225 million feet and shipments at 237 million feet.

Hercules gains support unit

MAGNA, Utah (AP) — Hercules Aerospace Co. will acquire the Sperry microwave and support systems operation of Unisys for \$42 million, officials said.

The agreement, subject to approval of the boards of directors of both companies, is expected to be completed by year's end.

The Sperry operation, located in Clearwater, Fla., designs and produces advanced radar frequency technology sensing systems used in radar, electronic warfare, communications and guidance and navigation applications.

The facility also produces a range of automatic test equipment and logistics support systems used by the military, Hercules officials said in a news release.

Albertson's opening new store

BOISE (AP) — Albertson's Inc. has ended more than two months of mystery with plans to open a new prototype discount drug and food store under the name Maxx in the former D'Alessandro's building.

Boise-based Albertson's announced in September it had leased the huge building, vacated earlier this year when D'Alessandro's went out of business, and would open a significantly different store. At the time, the company said it would spend several hundred thousand dollars to renovate the site.

Earlier this week, the company began to air teaser television ads that told viewers to watch for the Maxx grand opening Dec. 10, which is Wednesday.

The 58,000-square-foot building is to be a discount drug and food store with more than 100 full- and part-time employees.

At least 45 percent of the floor space will be devoted to a full-line drug store and pharmacy. The rest will have groceries.

Taxes

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value. The government simply forgives the rest. In effect, the gain costs a taxpayer in the highest bracket only 20 percent when tax is figured.

The situation changes drastically next year. Long-term gains join short-term ones at the same value — 100 percent. Even though tax rates will fall, the taxpayer in the highest bracket still will be paying 28 percent. And, for most taxpayers, the difference could be far more. Unisys' Missouri economist Stephen Buckles says a typical middle-class taxpayer might absorb as much as a 17-percent tax increase.

Smith said the impact could be felt for stock and bond holders. "As a generalization, it is advantageous to take profits on your securities in 1986 rather than to wait to 1987," he said. However, there's a lot more involved in selling an investment than taxes, he cautions. A few other considerations — transaction costs, investment goals, possibilities of price appreciation — also must be taken into account.

With other assets, a decision on taking capital gains might be cleaner. Some changes also have been made on the loss side, but they do not have as much effect for 1986.

Depreciation — Basically, that they (farmers) can prove that depreciation schedules will get longer in 1987. By buying equipment or other assets before the end of the year, they can be depreciated more quickly and enjoy better tax benefits. Again the key advice is to "accelerate," into 1986, not "create" purchases for tax benefits, Thurston says.

Preproduction expenses — Live-stock farmers especially are affected. This is the last year to deduct these expenses. If the animal is entering production after two years, Gray said. If it is coming in before or at two years, the expenses still will be allowed. "It's going to make record-keeping much more important, particularly on cattle, so

Income averaging — This applies to both individuals and businesses, especially farmers. Taxpayers with up-and-down incomes have been able to smooth out tax liability over several years. However, that "income averaging" disappears on Jan. 1, making 1986 the last chance.

Corporations — In the past, a standard corporation has enjoyed advantages of lower tax rates. But in 1987 individual rates will have an advantage. Some small companies — those under 35 employees — might benefit by switching to S corporations, Thurston said.

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IFA buys 2 stores in region

SALT LAKE CITY — Intermountain Farmers Association, an 8,500-member cooperative, has acquired five farm supply centers in Southern Idaho and Oregon, including retail stores at Hansen and Paul.

The centers had been built and operated by the agricultural division of U.S. Steel, now USX Corp., before being sold to Atlanta-based LaRoche Industries in May. IFA bought the centers from LaRoche in a cash deal for \$22 million.

The five farm centers are located at Paul, Hansen, Rexburg, Nampa and Ontario, Ore. IFA also operates another Idaho store at Preston and one in northern Nevada at Elko. The 62-year-old cooperative also runs stores in Utah, western Nevada and Colorado.

In an announcement, IFA President Robert Turley said the plants will continue business as usual with the same employees and product lines. The stores sell seed, fertilizers, agricultural chemicals and farm services, as well as most cooperatives, farmers become IFA members when they become customers.

IFA has been expanding to gain more sales volume, Ronna said. With its newest stores, the Salt Lake City cooperative will open a new store in outlets, up from 20 in 1981. In 1985 the association booked sales of \$41 million.

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Q: I have finally retired and my wife and I are about to make the arrangements for the expenses of our vacation. We have been promising ourselves for years. But, we are somewhat skeptical, however, because we have heard that you don't always receive what some of these special travel packages promise. Is there any way to better assure what we would be getting before we pay out the money?

A: It seems you can't open a newspaper or magazine these days without coming across advertised travel packages to many popular destinations, offered at unheard of prices. If it seems too good to be true, chances are, it is. The Better Business Bureau cautions consumers to obtain and review all the details of a vacation before paying for it.

The BBB recommends that when you read travel advertisements and brochures, you should pay particular attention to the following:

- Small print or asterisks — Make sure they are not used as a means of altering the meaning of any advertised statement. Asterisks are often used to indicate restrictions — such as length of stay, additional charges, and the like.

- Availability — Make sure the travel services are currently available at the advertised prices.
- Extra charges — Extras such as port charges, service charges or single supplements should be clearly disclosed.

- Features — If the brochure/advertisement states, for example, you can play golf or will be able to visit an amusement park, it does not necessarily mean these attractions will be included in the package cost. Find out, in writing, specifically what is to be included, and get a copy of the actual itinerary. Also,



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get the name and location of the hotel.

- Conditions — Pay special attention to the contents of the "conditions" clause, usually found in fine print on the bottom of the ad, or on the last page of a brochure. Look to see that the quoted price is firm, what cancellation penalties may be, what are considered major changes under which a tour operator will give you a full refund.

Q: What is a Ponzi scheme and exactly how does it operate?

A: The Ponzi scheme is another fraudulent investment tactic that robs many Americans of their hard earned savings.

The Better Business Bureau warns that the Ponzi is a house-of-cards structure in which thousands of investors are promised, and sometimes paid to the initial investors, who end up losing all or most of their money to the promoter when the scheme collapses.

The schemes are often disguised as transactions in new, but hard-to-explain investment instruments. In reality, no investment exists. Ponzi schemes can involve almost anything: foreign currency transactions, precious metals, commodities, high-tech stocks, speculative real estate, generic drugs, clothing brokerages, hydroponics, or anything else.

In any case, investors are attracted by claims of massive profits. As the first few investors are handsomely paid off, word spreads of the

lucrative investment opportunity. The promoters rely almost completely on word-of-mouth referrals to line up new investors. Therefore, they often focus their attention on members of family, social group, business, or other close knit group. Often, even as the swindle starts to collapse, investors are slow to admit that they've been taken. They have been known to cling to even the faintest of hopes that everything

will somehow work out for the best. Some even invest more funds. Detecting a Ponzi scheme usually takes just a little bit of investigation and perseverance. The BBB recommends that potential investors follow these basic guidelines:

1. Beware of promised high, guaranteed profits.
2. Avoid promoters who fail to provide clear, detailed explanations

3. Check out the promoter's background.
4. Get information on the offering from your state securities division and local BBB.
5. Ask for detailed information in writing.
6. Verify the promoter's claims.
7. Be skeptical of deals that can't be checked out in person.
8. Be suspicious of promoters who

are extremely reluctant to let you cash in your gains.

9. Look out for un-businesslike conduct or disruption of services.

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Wheat use off despite lower price

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite lower wheat prices in world trade, there is little indication yet that more wheat is being planted, according to two Agriculture Department marketing specialists.

"Much of the growth in world wheat utilization in 1988-89 is due to higher domestic production," said Frank R. Gomme and Bruce R. Weber. "Unfortunately, in a number of countries, consumers are unable to realize the benefits of lower wheat prices because of import barriers. If lower wheat prices are to work, we must work to eliminate these barriers, so wheat users everywhere can benefit from the reduced cost of wheat."

Their comments were in a paper presented today at the USDA's annual outlook conference. Gomme and Weber said the world's total wheat area is estimated to be the smallest in nine years but that this apparently will have little impact on the oversupply situation because the 1986 global harvest is the second largest on record.

But last year's farm legislation which provided for lower supports on U.S. crops has already started to have an impact in countries that compete for the international wheat market. Mostly, they said, the impact has been the lower prices received for wheat.

"Lower prices should go far in stimulating export demand," they said. "With the new price levels now in place, utilization should start to accelerate. It stands to reason that with world wheat prices down 20-30 percent, a buyer's dollar goes further."

Minister says Europe plans to buy corn

WASHINGTON (AP) — French Agriculture Minister Francois Guillaume says 12 European countries will keep their promise to buy 1 million tons of U.S. corn in the last half of 1988.

But U.S. producers say only 200,000 tons have been ordered.

Guillaume lunched with Agriculture Secretary Richard Lyng this past Wednesday and told reporters that he was asked if the Europeans would fulfill their obligations.

"My response was yes," he said.

Representatives of U.S. farm interests were still skeptical. Darwin Stolte, president of the U.S. Feed Grains Council, said the European Commission's joint executive for the 12 countries in the European Community — has repeatedly turned down offers of additional corn recently.

He and other representatives of farm interests held a news conference after talks with Clayton K. Frazier, the U.S. trade representative, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige and Daniel Amstutz, undersecretary of agriculture for international affairs. The farm representatives said they were more optimistic after their talks but still skeptical.

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