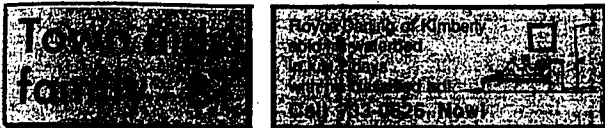


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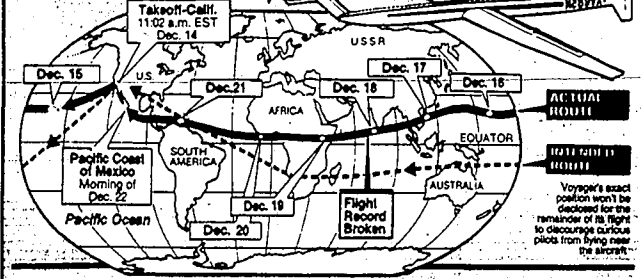
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Craft nears home Landing due at midmorning

By JOHN ANTCZAK The Associated Press

MOJAVE, Calif. — Voyager's bruised pilots neared home assured that they had fuel to spare Monday, flying north along Mexico's Pacific coast toward an early completion of their globe-circling nonstop flight.

VOYAGER UPDATE: The experimental aircraft is near an aviation landmark. The adventure continues as it circles the globe without refueling.



down rather than attempt to land in the dark. Burt Rutan, who designed Voyager, said he was confident it would land with about 6.5 percent of its original fuel load — enough to fly on to New York and 11,000 miles beyond.

things the crew can do if the problem becomes worse, including restarting the front engine, he said. "I don't see this as a serious emergency," he said.

Rutan estimated that counting down the craft will have flown about 26,000 miles by the end of its journey. He said his brother got three hours of rest early Monday after crossing Costa Rica and probably would sleep again in the morning.

Twin Falls could recover \$4 million from Envirotech

By PAT MARCANTONIO Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls could collect as much as \$4 million in damages against a company that supplied equipment to its once-troubled wastewater-treatment plant, as a result of Dec. 15 ruling from the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco.

The Circuit Court remanded the evidence on damages that resulted from the equipment that the city purchased from Envirotech, Hepworth said. Such "consequential damages" include more than \$1 million the city spent hauling sludge, he said.

successful in getting them heard, he said. Envirotech attorney Rob Anderson, of Boise, was on vacation and couldn't be reached for comment Monday.

Andrus doubts prison need

The Associated Press

BOISE — Gov. elect Cecil Andrus said he has yet to be convinced there is a real need for a proposed 500-bed maximum-medium security state prison.

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on the prison's site. "I am sure there will be some meetings, but they haven't had a lot of time," she said. "I'm sure that will happen over the next month or so."

The question of where to build the facility has become a political hot potato since an impasse earlier this month between the state Board of Corrections and Permanent Building Fund Advisory Council.

'Santa's house' dark in wake of slaying

The Associated Press

JAYFES, Miss. — The brightly decorated house that was known to neighborhood children as "Santa Claus' house" is dark and lifeless this year because the couple who handed out Christmas treats were shot to death by a robber.

home and robbed them. Burnett and his 66-year-old wife were forced into their car and their house set afire to destroy any evidence.

Shanghai students worried about jobs

By INA CHANG The Associated Press

SHANGHAI, China — The students demonstrating in Shanghai are strongly pro-West, worried about future jobs and pressing for a range of economic and political reforms under the banner of democracy.

authorized gatherings in Shanghai and issued stern warnings to student demonstrators whose massive marches for a more democratic society waned.



Demanding democracy, these pro-Western students continued demonstrating in China over the weekend

Voyager

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He said he didn't know her condition. "We do know that she has some injuries from being thrown about," he said. After landing, officials planned to help the pilots from their phone-boothed cabin, put them in an ambulance and take them to the Edwards base hospital.

Fleet surgeon Dr. George Jutila said he expected the couple to be "very, very sore." "These people have been jostled and beat up... This is a monumental job," he said. Jolent and Curstens tossed the aircraft as it crossed Africa Thursday and Friday. An unexpected storm that flipped Voyager on its side several times over the Atlantic late Saturday was the "most dangerous" turbulence the airplane had encountered, but Rurtan said. The mission, which has cost in excess of \$1 million, is being financed privately, through small donations from flight buffs and contributions of corporate sponsors.

Arms

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formed by these men, he certainly should not have asked the Congress to grant them immunity from prosecution," it said. "If he does know and believes on the basis of that knowledge that they should be given immunity, then he is to be granted it. The Constitution places that power, and that responsibility, in his hands. Meanwhile, Meese missed a deadline for a House Judiciary Committee request for documents, said Justice Department spokesman Terry Eastland. Rep. Peter Rodino, D-N.J., chairman of the committee, had made the request in a letter to Meese. In response, the attorney general said he had already provided documents to respective intelligence committees and the committee should check those documents. The decision was also based on the lack of appropriate security clearance for House Judiciary Committee staff members, Eastland said. Elsewhere, State Department officials said that Iran apparently has decided to continue negotiations for the return of \$500 million owed by the United States, even though the Tehran government now has the right to ask an international tribunal to order an immediate payment.

The officials, declining to be named publicly, also reiterated assertions that the United States is not using the talks, the only known one-on-one contact between the two countries, to make overtures toward improving relations with Tehran. "This is an isolated negotiation that is being kept that way by both sides," said an official who discussed the claims discussions on condition of anonymity. The pace slowed on Capitol Hill Monday, with few lawmakers in town for the Christmas week holiday. The Senate Intelligence Committee concluded its work last week, but the House Intelligence Committee was to resume hearings today. Retired Air Force Maj. Gen. Richard V. Secord was set to appear before a closed hearing of the House panel. Earlier, he refused to answer questions before the Senate panel, invoking his Fifth Amendment rights. Second, a businessman, apparently played a key role in the sale of arms to Iran, and he has been linked by documents to the private supply network for the Nicaraguan rebels, known as Contras. The Justice Department says that Secord, along with North and Secord's business partner, Albert Hakim, are under investigation.

Sakharov back in Moscow

MOSCOW (AP) — Dissident Andrei Sakharov returned Tuesday to Moscow from internal exile and immediately criticized Soviet policies in Afghanistan, speaking out on the same issue for which he was banished nearly seven years ago. The 65-year-old physicist and Nobel Peace Prize winner said he would work on the Soviet Union's program, but did not elaborate. Afghanistan is "the most painful part of our foreign policy," Sakharov told foreign reporters who crowded around him after his train pulled into the capital's Yaroslavsky station at about 7 a.m. Sakharov smiled to reporters and said, "I'm very excited" to be back in Moscow. His wife and fellow activist, Yelena Bonner, 63, sat quietly to one side with a few Soviet friends who had come to greet the couple. Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev told Sakharov in a telephone call last week that he would be allowed to return to Moscow from internal exile in Gorky.

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Today's weather

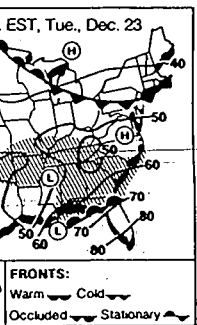
Partly cloudy, chance of rain, snow

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Goddard: Today and tonight, partly cloudy. Highs mid-30s, Lows 15 to 20. Wednesday, increasing clouds with chance of rain or snow by afternoon. Highs mid-30s. Outlook for Christmas day, partly cloudy. Highs mid-30s. Camas Prairie, Halley and Lower Wood River Valley: Today, partly cloudy with a few snow showers. Highs 30 to 35. Tonight, partly cloudy. Lows 2 to 12. Wednesday: Increasing clouds with chance of snow showers by afternoon. Outlook for Christmas day, partly cloudy. Highs 30 to 35.

Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah — Widely scattered snow or rain decreasing during the day today. Partly cloudy later today through Friday but with increase of snow or fog northern valleys. Lows mostly 20s. Highs 30s and 40s. Nevada — Clear and colder tonight snow mostly sunny Wednesday. Highs Tuesday upper 30s to low 40s. Lows tonight 10 to 20 and highs Wednesday in the low to mid-40s.

Synopsis: Late afternoon skies Monday were mostly cloudy across Idaho. Some fog persisted in the north and southeast. Scattered light precipitation was occurring in the north and the southwest. Most reported winds were light. By 3 p.m. Monday, temperatures were mostly in the 40s and 40s. The highest temperature in the state Monday was 46 degrees at Three Creek, while the low of 7 degrees below zero was reported at Deadwood. The extended outlook for Southern Idaho — Thursday through Saturday, chance of rain or snow valleys and snow mountains Thursday. Dry Friday and Saturday. Highs 30s except locally into the low 40s west. Lows teens to low 20s east and 20s west. Elsewhere in the nation, Monday's high temperature was 32 degrees in Miami, Fla., and the low was 3 degrees below zero at Houlton, Maine.

Idaho road report
BOISE (AP) — Road conditions Monday evening, reported by the Idaho Transportation Department: U.S. 95 — Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, wet, snowing; Coeur d'Alene-Sandpoint, wet; Sandpoint-Canadian border, wet; Riggs-Whitebird Hill, dry, snowing; high winds; Grangeville-Winchester, wet, high winds; Winchester-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Moscow, wet to icy spots, snowing; Welter-New Meadows, dry to icy spots, snowing; Marsing-Oregon border, dry to icy spots. Interstate 4 — Fourth of July Canyon, icy spots, snowing; Lookout Pass, broken snow floor, chains advised for towing rigs. U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Orfino, wet, snowing; Orfino-Kossika, wet, snowing; Kossika-Lowell, icy spots; Lowell-Lolo Pass, icy spots. Interstate 84 — Caldwell area, dry; Boise area, wet; Boise-City, dry; Twin Falls-Burley, dry; Burley-Utah border, dry. Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, icy, snowing; Donnelly-McCall-New Meadows, snow floor, snowing. Idaho 21 — Boise-Idaho City, icy spots, snowing; Idaho City-Lowman, icy spots, broken snow floor, snowing;



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Grandjean-Stanley, icy spots to broken snow floor, snowing. U.S. 20 — Mountain Home-Fairfield, dry; Fairfield-Carey, dry; Carey-Arco, dry; Arco-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Ashton, dry; Ashton-Montana border, dry to icy spots. U.S. 26 — Idaho Falls-Wyoming border, dry to icy spots. Idaho 51 — Mountain Home-Nevada border, dry to icy spots. U.S. 33 — Nevada border-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Carey, dry; Carey-Arco, dry; Arco-Salmon, dry; Lost Trail Pass, dry. Idaho 75 — Shoshone-Retchum, dry; Galena-Summit, broken snow floor. Interstate 86 — Ratt River-American Falls, dry; American Falls-Pocatello, dry. Interstate 15 — Utah border-Pocatello, dry; Pocatello-Idaho Falls, dry; Idaho Falls-Dubois, dry; Monida Pass, icy spots. U.S. 30 — McCammon-Soda Springs, dry; Soda Springs-Montpelier, icy spots; Montpelier-Wyoming border, dry. U.S. 91 — Downey-Preston-Utah border, dry.

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Damages

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wastewater-treatment plant begun 1974-75. The other defendants paid the judgments against them, Heworth said. Only Envirotech appealed. What initiated the city's lawsuit in U.S. District Court in Boise against the companies was a lawsuit against the city filed by the federal government over the city's failure to meet environmental standards, Heworth said. Several issues from the lower court action were appealed to the Circuit Court by both the city and Envirotech. Several questions revolved around the contract between the parties. Under the contract with the city, Envirotech was supposed to repair the equipment or refund the money and remove the equipment if it failed to meet the city's specifications. This was called "exclusive remedy." The \$1.2 million judgment to the city was just for the equipment re-

fund, per the language of the "exclusive remedy" section. But the city appealed, seeking more damages on the grounds the remedy wasn't exclusive. On this issue the Circuit Court sided with the city and remanded the case to lower court to establish damages, Heworth said. Envirotech questioned the jurisdiction of the federal court to hear the case. It argued that the federal case against the city over the environmental standards had been settled. But the Circuit Court sided again with the city and its claims that its action against Envirotech grew out of the federal case against the city. The Circuit Court did favor Envirotech on the lower court's denial of the city's request to seek punitive damages. Heworth said the city proved that Envirotech officials knew the equipment wouldn't work when they sold it to the city, but the lower court wouldn't allow the ques-

tion to go to the jury. Envirotech also prevailed on the question of collateral source. "The lower court ruled that federal and state grants — which amounted to a large part of the costs for the replacement treatment-plant equipment — were a "collateral source." And under the state's rule, Envirotech couldn't offset its liability to the city. As a result, the company had to pay damages regardless of the source of the funds used for repairs. The Circuit Court, however, stated that the collateral-source rule was a principle in tort law, not contract law. If the Idaho Supreme Court heard the issue, it would agree, stated the Circuit Court. Heworth said the Circuit Court had only made a "guess" about how the Idaho Supreme Court would rule on the issue. As a result, the city will petition the Circuit Court to reconsider or give the question to the Idaho Supreme Court to decide. Heworth said Envirotech shouldn't be allowed to profit from the grants to the city.

China

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that right" of freedom to choose one's own job, he said. The students criticized the slow pace of democratic reform but stressed they were not anti-government. They said they wanted to show positive support for political reforms which the government advocates and were worried the rallies would take a negative turn. Some students voiced concern that people who cared little about the principles in question were getting carried away by the desire to join in the action. The demonstrators appeared to be strongly pro-West.

Western reporters from Peking who traveled to Shanghai to cover the rare protests were besieged by enthusiastic crowds. A reporter for Voice of America, a primary source of news for many Chinese, was surrounded by students yelling "America, America." The street to the American Consulate was barricaded by police after demonstrators sought to march there to make their demands known to the world. Although the students' reasons for taking to the streets were varied, the series of student protests in several other Chinese cities this month was certainly a factor. Students at Jiaotong University, where the protests apparently started, also were angered when Mayor Jiang Zemin went to the university Thursday to "discuss" some pro-democracy posters that had been put up. However, students said they were interested when Jiang gave a speech about the current five-year economic plan instead of democracy. The most unlikely spark for the demonstrations was a rock concert by the American singing duo Jan and Dean. One or two Jiaotong University students who climbed on the stage and began dancing reportedly

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Mountain Bell criticized for request



BOISE (AP) — A spokesman for a consumer group accused Mountain Bell of holding its customers hostage Monday by threatening to hike rates for a \$65 million upgrade of its system unless investigation into its earnings is postponed.

"We find this manner of holding the community hostage offensive," Al Fogherill of the Idaho Citizens Commission, contending the company should return excess revenues to customers in the form of a rate decrease.

"The company has found another way to skin its customers," he said. But company officials say they won't have the resources to go through with the project next year if it has to divert manpower to a rate case, which would the first rate change for the company since 1982.

The commission is considering a motion by Mountain Bell to delay an investigation into the company's excess earnings, which PUC staff have estimated to be almost \$20 million.

Mountain Bell Chief Executive Officer C.E. "Gene" Hill said the company will abandon plans to begin

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upgrading Idaho's telephone system next year unless Mountain Bell delays its investigation through the end of 1987. The company says the project would make Idaho's telephone system one of the best in the nation, and would attract new industry and help the state's sagging economy.

The investigation was triggered by complaints from Idaho Fair Share, the U.S. Department of Defense, the General Services Administration and other federal agencies. Those groups also argue that excess earnings should be returned to ratepayers in the form of a rate decrease.

"All evidence points to significant overearnings by the company," the federal agencies said in a written statement, that estimated the excess earnings will total at least \$95 million over five years. "The real question before this commission then becomes what to do with the

\$95 million that rightfully belongs to the ratepayers."

"It's asking to spend \$65 million of the customer's money in a way it will make more money," Fogherill said.

But Mountain Bell spokesman Steve Guerber said the estimates on excess earnings are greatly exaggerated, and said the company has found no evidence to indicate they would exceed \$19 million.

Guerber said the company hasn't calculated the exact amount of excess earnings.

He also countered claims that the company is holding ratepayers hostage, saying that Mountain Bell is asking the PUC to delay the investigation rather than abandon it.

Hill said the company is in a unique position to upgrade its services now because of the extra capital, brought about by lower federal income tax, depreciation rates and lower cost of capital, coupled with work crews already in place.

Guerber said the company just finished a project in which lines were converted to one-party, and has crews in place ready to begin the

upgrading project.

But the PUC staff contends that a rate decrease would better benefit customers, and said a delay would ensure the company would not be stuck with current technology if a better and less expensive technology becomes available in the next few years.

The PUC staff is recommending that utility regulators continue the investigation, contending it is not directly related to the upgrading project.

As an alternative to upgrading, the staff is recommending that Mountain Bell reduce the basic single-line rate from \$12 to \$7 a month, which they said could bring up to 5,000 new customers on line.

The staff also recommends eliminating long-distance rates between communities within 30 miles of each other and reducing by 80 percent all in-state long-distance rates between communities within 40 miles of each other.

Andrus fills three more positions

BOISE (AP) — Three more positions have been filled in the administration of Gov.-elect Cecil Andrus, including two by women who currently are private-sector executives in Boise.

At a Monday morning press conference in the Statehouse, the Democrat set to take office for a third term as governor on Jan. 5 named Julie M. Kilgour as director of the state Department of Employment and Colleen Grant to head the Division of Purchasing in the state Department of Administration.

He also announced that Martin Peterson would stay on as administrator of the governor's Division of Financial Management, a position he has held for the past three years under outgoing Democratic Gov. John Evans.

Kilgour, 45, has been vice president of marketing for First Security Bank since 1982 and previously was financial development director for the Boise YWCA and has been president of the United Way of Ada County.

She will replace Scott McDonald, who was notified last week that he would not be asked to stay on at the Department of Employment.

Grant, 38, currently is senior purchasing agent for Micron Technology Inc. in Boise, and previously was chief assistant state treasurer. She will work for Loren Nelson, who Andrus appointed earlier to head the

Department of Administration.

Her experience with the computer microchip manufacturer, including contacts throughout the West, should help cut the cost of providing materials for state government, Andrus said.

The reappointment of Peterson, 43, as the governor's budget chief adds some "continuity" to the new administration, Andrus said.

"Marty Peterson knows the ins and outs of the state budget better than anyone I could have found for the job," he said.

The governor-elect said he had no

set timetable for filling the remaining slots in his administration, and some appointments might not be made until after his inauguration Jan. 5.

One position not directly under his control, director of the Idaho Human Rights Commission, will be unchanged in the Andrus administration. Marilyn Shuler, who serves as the pleasure of the commission, has agreed to stay on, and Andrus said he has written to commission members urging them to retain her.

Pocatello man arrested on warrant

POCATELLO (AP) — A Pocatello Benton County, Washington, Dep. County Prosecutor Bob Ingvalson said Harold Roy Fisher, 54, faces a warrant from Washington state charge of solicitation to commit first-degree murder.

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Med center opens

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The Riverview and Parkview facilities were closed Monday, with 96 patients moved from the two hospitals to the new 246-bed, \$41 million medical center.

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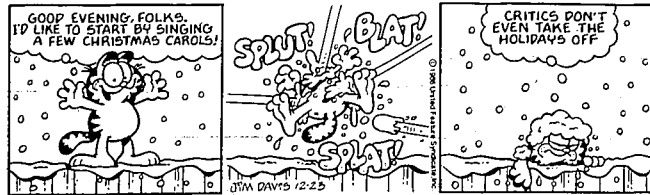
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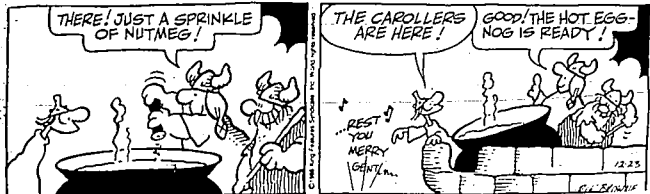
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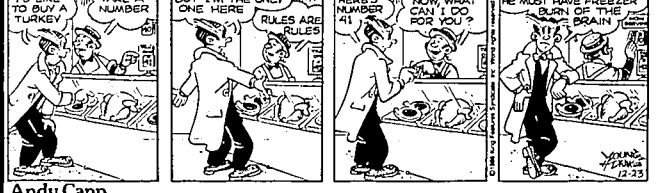
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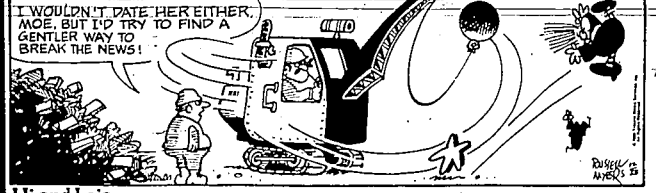
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L.M. Boyd
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House of hair

Q. In Hong Kong, what are "hairhouses"?

A. Craft shops where women make wigs out of human hair. Hong Kong has a lot of them.

Q. Are birds left-winged and right-winged the way people are left-handed and right-handed?

A. Yes, but they control it early. If they didn't, they'd fly in circles.

LOTTERIES

History shows lotteries started centuries ago - and have grown popular, then fallen out of favor, then risen and repeatedly, ever since. Why do they fail? That's what a scholar wanted to know. Almost invariably, clever crooks got control.

Q. Scotland's King James II outlawed golf in 1457, claiming it weakened national defense by interfering with the archery practice. But were you aware England's King Edward III in 1366 banned bowling for the same reason?

Q. Can foreigners buy land in India?

A. No, sir, never could. Even at the peak of the British Empire's power there, the colonials couldn't own India real estate.

Holland outlaws racist jokes. Those who deliver same in public can be fined. And are.

Am told an ordinary cantaloupe costs \$65 in Tokyo.

There's not much left to be revealed about how heavy drinkers hide their liquor supply. But this one's new: In the Soviet Union's crackdown on alcoholics, Moscow police turned up an office nipper who wore a rubber tie filled with vodka.

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The day requires that you give more than usual thought to specific plans you have. Errors or mistakes could easily creep into various matters that need attention.

LIBRA (March 21 to April 19): It is important that you are most careful in handling your responsibilities. Make preparations for the holidays.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Count - cost - well - for holiday preparations and don't go overboard with them. Think logically.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Home situations could upset you, if you allow this, so keep the holiday spirit alive and well.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Take care you do not lose anything while out shopping. Listen carefully to a friend's complaint.

LEO (July 22 to August 21): Use care in handling finances or property today and avoid losses that could be big. Measure you drive with care.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21): Although a good friend may not agree with a personal matter you are handling, listen carefully.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21): Not a good day to make any changes in your activities. Handle some civic affair carefully.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22): You could be highly January 20: Study further into that discontented with some personal enterprise that interests you before mistake you have made, but it is you put it in operation, easily rectifiable.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): You had better postpone any situation or subject and study all the details connected with it so that right action can be taken later. Give a good education that will improve both mental and physical abilities. Give valuable guidance and musical training to your child.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20): All kinds of conditions arise now that can depress you if you jump to hasty conclusions. Listen to others.

Task force proposes a halt to fuel economy standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — A task force on governmental regulations chaired by Vice President George Bush on Monday proposed abolishing U.S. fuel economy standards, saying they are crippling the ability of domestic automakers to respond to market demands.

The Presidential Task Force on Regulatory Relief, re-established by President Reagan on Dec. 15 to review federal regulatory programs, also recommended shutting down the Interstate Commerce Commission and presented a formal list of regulatory changes for the banking industry.

The task force reviewed existing regulations for two years after Reagan was elected in 1980, said Wendy Gramm, the panel's executive director.

"Our focus will be a little different this time. It will be focused on legislative changes that are called for to further promote competition domestically and internationally," she said.

The group's recommendations include Attorney General Edwin Meese III, Commerce Secretary Malcolm Baldrige, Labor Secretary William E. Brock, Office of Management and Budget Director James C. Miller III and Beryl W. Sprinkel, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisors.

The group quickly took aim at the Corporate Average Fuel Economy standards, passed during the oil crisis of the 1970s when gas prices were being regulated by the government. The law requires automakers to meet rigid fuel efficiency standards or face fines.

But since the price of oil is no longer being regulated in the United States, the strict fuel economy standards are squeezing domestic manufacturers out of the "muscle car" market, which has surged as oil prices have fallen, said the vice president's counsel, C. Boyden Gray.

"Automobile companies cannot produce the kinds of cars that a portion of the public wants — big station wagons, for instance," without facing fines.

If the government standards are not met,

automakers must pay \$5 per car for each one-tenth of a mile over the limit. Cars manufactured 25 percent or more out of the country, however, are not required to meet the rigid standards, Gray said.

"The result of the constraints is that automobile companies are going abroad causing the loss of tens of thousands of jobs," Gray said. Ford Motor Co. has already moved some of its parts manufacturing to Mexico, he said.

"Because the Japanese are so much more flexible, they are sending cars into the United States that are the same classification as those produced domestically but that are less fuel efficient — have more muscle — which is what some consumers are looking for now," Gray said.

He predicted the president would act on the task force recommendation for the abolition of the fuel economy statute sometime early next year.

"The big advances in technology in the auto industry are there and will remain there," Gray said. "We are just going to propose to Congress that these rigid standards be repealed."

However, the standards have enjoyed strong support in Congress, dampening chances of repeal.

The Reagan administration twice has eased the fuel economy standard, first rolling back manufacturers from having to pay million dollars in penalties. A number of consumer groups as well as the Chrysler Corp., which has met the federal standards and faced no penalties, sharply criticized the easing of the standard.

"Throwing out fuel-economy standards just a day after OPEC unilaterally raised the world price of oil means we can't read history. We are setting ourselves up a third oil shock. It also means the end of America's energy policy."

American arrested in Nicaragua says he spied on military bases

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — An American said Monday he was spying on military installations for three men codenamed "Tinker," "Evers" and "Chance" when he was arrested by the leftist Nicaraguan government.

Stasley Hall, of Dayton, Ohio, said he did not know the actual identities of three men other than that "Tinker" was based in Washington; "Evers" was based in England; and "Chance" was based in Miami.

Tinker, Evers and Chance were a famous double-play combination for the Chicago Cubs baseball team during the early 1930s.

Hall, the brother of U.S. Rep. Tony P. Hall, D-Ohio, was arrested by security agents Dec. 12 in a restricted area near Punta Huete air force base, 10 miles northeast of Managua.

"There was information that needed confirmation, that on one of the large bases here there were Cuban crews assembling Soviet helicopters" the 49-year-old Hall said.

Hall, wearing gold-rimmed

glasses, was dressed in a blue polo shirt, beige slacks and brown loafers. He spoke calmly during the news conference arranged by the Nicaraguan Interior Ministry.

"I was also to see what new construction was under way, such as fuel storage tanks," he said.

Asked who he was gathering the information for and for what purpose, Hall replied, "I have no idea."

Twenty-five minutes into the press conference, two state security officers behind Hall abruptly yanked him from his chair when he began describing his activities the night before his arrest.

"I understand if I do not say anything about the first night it would be better for me," Hall said.

"The first night I penetrated two bases..." but then he was silenced when the security men hustled him away.

Capt. Nelba Blandon, an Interior Ministry spokeswoman, refused to say why Hall was kept from talking further.

She said Hall said nothing new about his penetration of the second base and that it had been mentioned in an Interior Ministry statement.

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The savings on the Merchmate and Colormate Sheets on page 2 of the Sears December 21st circular applies to twin flat or fitted sheets. Prices quoted are for individual pieces not sets. The lanterns on page 3 are not Craftsman as stated. We regret any inconvenience this may have caused our valued customers.

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Coalition announces welfare plan

WASHINGTON (AP) — Welfare reform goals that stress programs to end dependency while guaranteeing a federal standard of living for needy families were announced Monday by a coalition of organizations and public officials.

The "Welfare Reform Statement of Principles" called for improved job training and counseling for welfare recipients and a federal guarantee that the nation's 33 million Americans living in poverty get adequate food, clothing, shelter and medical care.

"We are reaffirming the importance of the federal role in welfare programs," said Rep. Richard Gephardt, D-Mo., a possible candidate for his party's presidential nomination in 1988.

"There is an effort to privatize welfare, or certainly move it away from the federal level," Gephardt said, citing a recent Reagan administration task force proposal to turn over a greater welfare role to the states.

"Disadvantaged people are a national problem, we can't simply wish them off to the local state governments or the private agencies," Gephardt said.

The goals are intended to "alleviate the indefensible suffering that exists in our nation... because of the failure on the part of the federal government to recognize and accept its responsibilities in the area of poverty," said Arthur Flemming, who was health, education and welfare secretary under President Eisenhower.

The statement did not make any program recommendations but supported legislation that would require all states to provide Aid to Families with Dependent Children to unemployed two-parent families.

Half the states currently restrict these benefits to single-parent families, usually where the father was absent.

Carriers deliver on Christmas day

WASHINGTON (AP) — Express Mail and Special Delivery carriers will deliver last-minute packages from the post office on Christmas Day and regular mail deliveries will be made Friday, the Postal Service said Monday.

Despite a paid holiday for most federal government workers on Friday, the mail agency said it would follow a long-standing tradition of providing normal business-day operations for Dec. 26, even in a year when Christmas falls on a Thursday and many Americans are taking another day off.

Jan. 2 also will be a normal work day for postal employees, although managers are being encouraged to allow workers to take a day of vacation if postal operations will not suffer.

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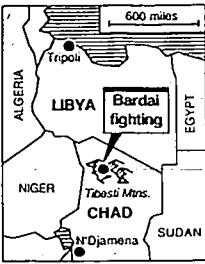
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Libyan forces hit Chad with napalm

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — The Libyan army and air force, in a fierce counterattack, hit pro-government forces with napalm and toxic gas in northern Chad on Monday, the government said.



The renewed effort to dislodge pro-government fighters from their Tibesti Mountain strongholds in and around Bardai, 400 miles north of N'Djamena, came after the Libyans suffered what Chad's government and Western diplomats said was a heavy defeat in the area over the weekend.

There was no independent account of the new battles said to be raging in the remote and desolate mountains. The Chadian government report spoke of casualties among both Chadian fighters and civilians, but it gave no figures.

The United States and France are helping Chad, a landlocked and impoverished former French colony in North Africa, resist a Libyan military incursion while avoiding direct combat with the Libyans.

Libya borders Chad, and over the years Col. Moammar Gadhafi has backed various rebel leaders against the central government.

Khamis Togoi, spokesman for President Hissene Habre, told reporters a supply column of 40 vehicles from N'Djamena got through to positions held by the pro-government forces, which are loyal to Goukouni Oueddel.

Goukouni, long the leader of a Li-

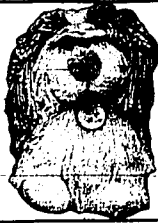
byan-sponsored rebel government in northern Chad, was ousted by other guerrilla leaders in October and took most of his estimated 3,000 veteran mountain fighters into an alliance with Habre, his former enemy. Goukouni is thought to be in Libya under armed surveillance.

Western military intelligence sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity, cast doubt on the arrival of the column.

A government communique said three columns of "Libyan aggressor forces," each of about 800 men, resumed their onslaught on Goukouni's men at 10:30 a.m. Monday, "in their despair deploying intensive napalm bombing and toxic gas against the population of Zouar and the surrounding mountains."

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Botha meets officials from Swaziland

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Foreign Minister R.F. Botha met with officials of Swaziland on Monday about a raid into that country, and then said South African security forces would have abducted people they consider dangerous "even if it had been in London."

"I admit nothing, and I deny nothing," Botha said in an interview on South African television after returning from the meeting in Mbabane, Swaziland, with Prime Minister Sodja Dlamini.

But Botha said, "Actions took place by our security forces through which people dangerous to the country, who were personally responsible for the killing of South Africans, and who planned diabolic plans for the rest of the holidays — they were taken. They were in any event illegally in Swaziland."

"South Africa went to protect its citizens," Botha said.

Two people were reported killed and four — two Swazis and a Swiss couple — were abducted during the raid earlier this month, according to reports. The Swiss were released.

Botha said neither Swaziland nor South Africa could tolerate African National Congress guerrillas coming from Mozambique through Swaziland to make attacks in this country.

The ANC, outlawed in South Africa and based in Zambia, is the main guerrilla group fighting to overthrow the South African government.

Uruguay bows to army on amnesty

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay (AP) — President Julio Sanguinetti bowed to a defiant armed forces Monday and signed into law an amnesty for most military and police officials accused of human rights violations during the 1973-1985 military dictatorship.

The House of Deputies gave final legislative approval to the measure early Monday after an all-night debate highlighted by a brawl and a fistfight on the House floor and by violent street demonstrations.

Sanguinetti, whose civilian government was elected 21 months ago, immediately signed the bill into law, a spokesman said.

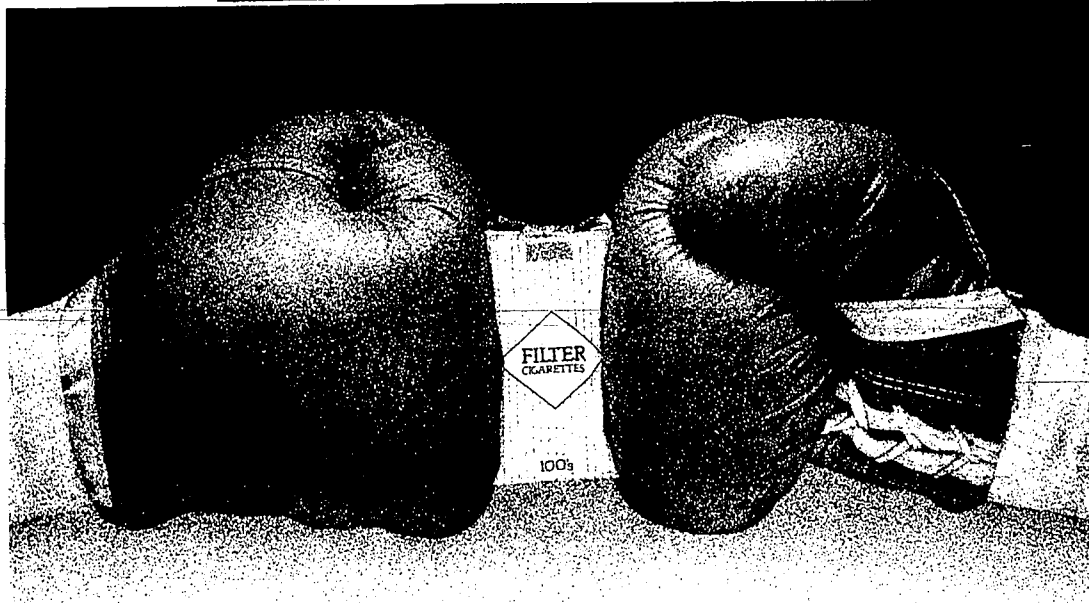
The new law bars judicial prosecution of common violations of rights that occurred before the right-wing military surrendered rule in March 1985 after nearly 12 years in power.

Human rights groups estimate about 160 military and police officials faced charges in connection with the repression.

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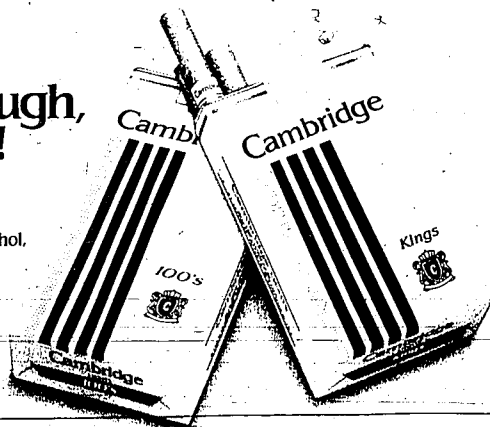
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Scott's Refrigeration seeks approval to expand operations

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Scott's Refrigeration Inc. will ask the Twin Falls City Council on Jan. 19 to approve a request to expand its operation, after receiving a "no" fast track from the city Planning and Zoning Commission.

Community Development Director LaMar Orton said the business — a refrigeration equipment assembly, repair and manufacturing facility located at 502 Madonna St. — filed an appeal of the denial on Friday. The appeal process includes a public hearing before the City Council.

The P&Z Commission was presented with

a petition last Tuesday by neighbors opposing the request for a non-conforming building-expansion permit. The surrounding residents have traditionally protested any expansion of the business, Orton said.

Jack Scott, the owner of the business, was out of town and couldn't be reached for comment Monday.

The commission denied a similar request about a year ago, because the business didn't completely address a flood-plain plan, Orton said. The Ferrine Coulee, a part of the Twin Falls Canal Co. system, runs through the northeast corner of the property.

In the most recent request, Scott's

Refrigeration sought the permit to expand buildings and add others to its 5-acre property, which is almost surrounded by residences. The business sought approval of a site plan for the expansion, with the understanding that the actual approval for construction wouldn't be allowed without the specified submission of a complete flood-plain study.

In an attachment to its application, the business claimed there may be no need for additional flood-plain studies until the construction of buildings in the northeastern part of the property. In addition, a pipe installed in 1977 on the property should be

more than adequate to handle the waters of the coulee.

But the firm's application said it would supply a study, if required by the city.

In its report to the zoning commission, the city staff disagreed with the business' assessment of the flood-plain requirements and sections of the application.

The business has a pending lawsuit against the City Council on another zoning matter. Scott's Refrigeration sought a zone change to industrial in a lawsuit filed July 2, 1981, in 5th District Court.

The refusal to rezone had the effect of denying the business access to financing neces-

sary to expand its business, alleged the plaintiff.

Although considered by city staff to be a manufacturing operation, Scott's Refrigeration is now located in an "R-4," or residential, area allowing four-plexes.

The business was going to seek another zone change at last week's zoning meeting, but had to wait until April because the comprehensive plan was recently changed, said City Attorney Shane Bengoechea. According to law, there must be a 6-month period before changes to the plan.

Of the lawsuit, Bengoechea said, "the ball is in their court."

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Hansen salary dispute settled

Board agrees to proposal by HEA

By BART JANSEN
Times-News writer

HANSEN — The Hansen School Board approved an informal agreement Monday with the Hansen Education Association to reach a truce in a months-old dispute regarding teachers' salary increases.

After discussing the issue in a 20-minute executive session, the board voted 4-1 to accept the proposal submitted Dec. 17 by HEA President Galen Stimpson. That proposal mirrored a board offer from their Dec. 1 meeting that granted raises for two high school teachers who had taken graduate clinics and workshops. Teachers expected the graduate credit to apply toward raises.

The board denied the raises in September, on Superintendent Richard Smith's recommendation, because the classes were not approved by the board.

Despite the contract stating "all graduate credits earned... shall be accepted... to advance on the salary schedule," Smith said HEA was misinterpreting the contract's intent and board's prerogative of requiring prior approval for workshops.

The vote ends the dispute which included students protesting for the raises and several proposals offered by both sides.

Stimpson said he was happy "just to get it taken care of."

The agreement states all graduate credit from workshops and clinics will be accepted without prior approval until Jan. 31. After that, board approval will be required to apply the classes for raises. The issue is expected to be addressed when a new contract is negotiated next year.

"We're not saying (prior approval) is bad, we're just saying the contract doesn't say that," Stimpson said.

Board feelings concerning salaries, and HEA's push to secure the raises, were voiced before and after their acceptance of the proposal.

Trustee Terry Holtfield recalled before the executive session a speech made by Idaho Education Association Regional Director Terry Gilbert that Hansen teachers are paid the lowest average salaries in the Idaho.

Stimpson defended Gilbert's.



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A swingin' time

Bickel Elementary School students Michael Valdez, right, and Anselmo Jaramillo made use of their Christmas vacation to do some swimming Monday in

what amounted to relatively mild weather mid-90s today, with a chance of rain or snow by Wednesday afternoon.

Bliss family loses home to fire; community offers aid

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

BLISS — The small community of Bliss was more than filled with the Christmas spirit Monday.

Many of the residents of the town and surrounding farms who turned out to watch a pre-dawn fire that left a family of four homeless began a campaign for assistance that reached throughout Gooding County.

One family, passing through the area from Georgia, heard about the fire and stopped long enough to make a financial donation.

The fire, believed to have started in an electrical panel in the utility room, spread through the home of Brad Gough, 1 mile south and a quarter-mile east of Bliss.

The frame house was located on a dairy farm owned by the Brad and Jack Gough families. Family members said the fire destroyed the home, all possessions and clothing other than what the parents and

The young parents and their children stood by and watched as the wind whipped flames through their house, destroying all of their furnishings and possessions.

their two small children, Jacob, 6, and Annie, 5, were when they fled the home. Insurance adjusters were attempting to set a loss figure late Monday afternoon.

The young parents and their children stood by and watched as the wind whipped flames through their house, destroying all of their furnishings and possessions. Also lost was the family's Christmas tree, surrounded by gifts that were planned to surprise the two children on Thursday.

Mrs. Jack Gough, of Hagerman, said her son, Brad, was in the cou-

ple's bedroom and his wife Julie was in the family-room when they heard something that sounded like a shot. They discovered smoke and fire pouring from an electrical panel in the utility room.

"It could have been so much worse," Mrs. Gough said. "The utility room is between the bedrooms where the parents sleep and where the children sleep. At a different hour, it might have trapped them. We are so thankful they are all safe."

She said the couple had only enough time to get the children up and dressed and outside before the

building was filled with smoke and fire. There was no time to carry anything out of the building.

"We have never had anything like this happen to us before. It is just a devastation," she said.

Bliss Mayor Roland Zollinger, who is also on the Bliss Volunteer Fire Department, said there was a strong wind reported at 6:20 a.m.

By the time men and equipment from Bliss arrived, the wind was already spreading the flames. The fire started on the east end of the home, when there was a rare east wind blowing in Bliss. It carried the fire through the entire building, burning the roof — which then collapsed into the home.

"We tried to control it ourselves, but I decided we couldn't do it alone," Zollinger said. "I called Hagerman and Gooding and they sent their rural equipment. We would never have been able to contain it without their help."

Zollinger said Hagerman has a new fire. There was no time to carry anything out of the building.

"We have never had anything like this happen to us before. It is just a devastation," she said.

Bliss Mayor Roland Zollinger, who is also on the Bliss Volunteer Fire Department, said there was a strong wind reported at 6:20 a.m.

While the Gough family was able to stay with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elias Cortabarrute, all of Hagerman, are still homeless for Christmas.

"We are just overcome with the generosity of the people. We have had offers of clothing, food, money and even Christmas gifts," Mrs. Jack Gough said. "We want to thank fire through the entire building, burning the roof — which then collapsed into the home."

"We tried to control it ourselves, but I decided we couldn't do it alone," Zollinger said. "I called Hagerman and Gooding and they sent their rural equipment. We would never have been able to contain it without their help."

Boise air pollution cited as reason to reject prison site

RUPERT (AP) — The Idaho Legislature should take a close look at Boise's air pollution problem before deciding to build a new maximum-medium security prison near the city, Rupert Mayor W.F. "Bill" Whitton said.

"When all the costs, including air-quality costs, are considered a location outside the Boise Valley, such as Burley, makes good economic sense for the taxpayers of the state of Idaho," Whitton said in a news release.

Burley, which is about 10 miles from Rupert across the Snake River, was the state Board of Corrections' choice as a location for the \$30 million, 500-inmate prison.

Council rejected the Corrections Board's choice of Burley, effectively throwing the decision into the hands of the Legislature.

But before lawmakers make up their minds, Whitton said, they should consider environmental state facilities to minimize air quality problems in the Boise area.

"If the Boise Valley continues to expand as it has, the next major expenditure on the part of the state will be the expenditure of funds to try to deal with the air quality problems," he said. "It is cheaper to avoid the problems than to deal with them after they have been exacerbated."

The board earlier this month rejected a recommendation from state Public Works Director Brian Chase that a site adjacent to the existing Idaho State Penitentiary south of Boise would be the most cost-efficient place to build the new prison.

A week later, the state Permanent Building Fund Advisory

Committee considered an environmental assessment before choosing a prison site, arguing that falling to do so could lead to health problems for local residents, including inmates.

"If the air quality of the Boise Valley continues to deteriorate, it will be a serious problem for the state," he said.

Twin Falls telephone upgrade expected

By MARK PRATTER
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls will get improved telephone service, even if Mountain Bell decides against service improvements for other Magic Valley communities such as Gooding and Buhl, said a Mountain Bell spokesman Monday.

Mountain Bell wants to upgrade its mechanical call-routing network to a more efficient and reliable electronic system in a \$65 million project planned to begin next year.

The project would affect 52 Mountain Bell offices in Idaho and result in service improvements in communities such as Buhl, Hagerman, Eden and Hazelton, said Steve Guerber, Mountain Bell's manager for external information.

Mountain Bell is hinging its large-scale upgrade on the state Public Utilities Commission delaying an investigation into the company's rates until the end of 1987. The PUC staff opposes

ending the investigation.

The issue was the subject of hearings Monday in Boise.

Guerber said \$5 million worth of improvements for Twin Falls are due to begin in 1987, even if Mountain Bell scraps the \$65 million project.

Guerber likened the change to electronic call routing to moving from using an old adding machine to a hand-held electronic calculator.

Under the improved system, Twin Falls residents could add services such as call-waiting, which indicates to the phone user on the line that another party is trying to call in.

Electronic call routing is already in place in Halley, Ketchum, Sun Valley, Jerome and Burley, said Guerber. The decision to go ahead with it was due either to the age of the central switching facilities or that the routing system was reaching the saturation point in these locations.

Mountain Bell has made \$27 million in tele-

phone improvements in Idaho since 1981, Guerber said.

A 5-year, \$15 million project completed Dec. 15 modernized the link between the call-routing office and homes and businesses by eliminating multi-party lines. Private-line service is now available to all Mountain Bell customers in Idaho, Guerber said.

Mountain Bell argues that the work crews which just completed this project are in place and it would be convenient to start them on the electronic call-routing work. Otherwise, Guerber said, the workers will have to be reassigned to other jobs.

In October, Mountain Bell completed a \$12 million project, stringing a fiber-optic cable from Boise to Idaho Falls. Any long-distance call west to Boise or east to Pocatello is routed through this new cable. It can carry more calls in a small space and is not subject to electrical interruption from a lightning storm.

May sworn in as Blaine County district judge

By JOHN ZILLY
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — James J. May was sworn in as the Blaine County 5th District Judge Monday by Judge Phillip M. Becker, administrative judge for the district.

May, a Twin Falls attorney for almost 35 years, takes the seat from retired Judge Douglas D. Kramer, who resigned last month because of

poor health following a stroke last year.

"Moving to this new task, one that contains a new challenge for me, is exciting," he said Monday. "I have a lot to learn."

May also said that he was "looking forward" to serving as a judge and would "respond to the job and make the most of it." But, if all goes well, area residents may not see much change in the way the office is run.

"Judge Kramer has done a good job," May said. "I don't anticipate a lot of changes. I just want to see it run smoothly."

Although May will begin work immediately, his home is still in Twin Falls.

"I plan to move up as soon as I can get it done," he said. When the move will occur will depend upon when he can sell some property in Twin Falls, he said.

Since the seat has been vacant for nearly two months and Kramer had been working on a limited basis for over a year, Becker had been assigning visiting judges to particular cases to help mitigate the caseload.

"Other judges have taken on the extra workload while he's (Kramer) been sick," said May. "But I expect there's a lot of work to dig into."

Gov. John Evans appointed May to

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Ugly secret hidden too long

DEAR ABBY: Forty-five years ago when I was 15, my brother, "John," raped me. From this rape I got pregnant. John was 17 at the time.

My parents sent me to the Florence Crittenton Home in Washington, D.C., where I gave birth to a baby boy I'll call Paul. My parents told me to tell the people at the home I didn't know who my baby's father was, but after I had been there a while, I told them the truth.

When I brought the baby home, my parents raised him to believe that he was their child and I was his sister. However, my 12-year-old sister, "Mary," knew the whole story.

Ten years ago, Mary called Paul and told him that he was my son and not my brother, but she didn't tell him that our brother, John, was his father. John had known all along that he was Paul's father, but he never mentioned it to anyone. He's married and has kids of his own now. He has always avoided me. It's like we're strangers. Our parents are long dead. My son, Paul, is a good person, also married with a family.

I recently called John and told him I thought the family should know the truth. He said nobody would believe me and I had no proof. I do have proof because I sent for Paul's birth

Abigail VanBuren Dear Abby

certificate, and John is listed as the father! What should I do?

—KEPT QUIET LONG ENOUGH
DEAR KEPT: Since John got away with raping you, and many rapists are repeat offenders, has it occurred to you that John may also have raped Mary and possibly his own children and others while you were keeping quiet?

It's time to let the "family secret" out of the closet. Tell John that if he doesn't tell the family, you will, and you have Paul's birth certificate as proof.

Specialists at rape crisis centers repeatedly advise that the victim will forever feel the pain if it is not aired and dealt with. Even after 45 years, I see no reason to protect the guilty.

DEAR ABBY: Re shuttersbugs who ruin every wedding, christening, funeral and family reunion: Suggest to the family that they buy the guy a camera with a zoom lens.

That way Mr. Shutterbug can stay at the back of the church or far

away in the corner and shoot all he wants in peace and quiet. The family will not know he's been present until he presents the wonderful pictures.

—JOE JOYNT, SACRAMENTO
DEAR JOE: Here's your letter. It's a long shot, but let's hope something develops.

DEAR ABBY: A good friend of mine has asked me to be the godmother of her baby daughter. I would love to do this, and was very honored to be asked.

The problem is that I'm not sure what the responsibilities of a godmother are. Do you have any information covering this subject so that I know exactly what is expected of me?

—SUE
DEAR SUE: It is an honor to be asked to be a godparent. Your responsibilities are essentially spiritual; you would be expected to help with the religious training of the child.

Godparents traditionally take a special interest in the godchild as a close relative would, and they remember the child on birthdays and special holidays. Should you cease to be close to the family and the child, you may stop giving gifts.

Before you accept the honor, I suggest that you confer with the child's parents to find out what they expect of you.



STEVEN R. ALSOP

DeMolay installed officers

TWIN FALLS — Steven R. Alsop is the newly installed master counselor of the Twin Falls DeMolay chapter. Other new officers include Bryan Clayton, Sean Leckle, Shaup Kirkman, P.J. Greene, Chase Culp, Jeff Capps, Jay Sayers, Todd Vollmer, Brian Lee, John Bonnett, Chris Roger, Daren Kyle and David Hansen.

Installing officers were Jerry Olson, Rodol Darnell and Tom Phillips, all Twin Falls; David Insko, David Stansbury and Paul Schottstall, Boise, and Derek Sprague, Idaho Falls.

DeMolay is a fraternal organization for young men between ages of 13 and 21. Activities during Alsop's term will include Christmas tree sales, a spaghetti dinner, trips to Lagoon and Shriners Crippled Children's Hospital, a snowmobile

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Minorities listed in new directory

BRIDGEPORT, Conn. (AP) — "Minority Business," billed as the first national telephone directory to contain a comprehensive list of minority-owned businesses, has been published by The Minority Business Telephone Book, a local publishing firm.

According to B.J. Harvey, company president, the book contains more than 13,000 names of small businesses and was assembled through the cooperation of minority purchasing councils.

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War of words grows over toy guns

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — A knot of four scuzzy-looking men hanging out in a downtown Los Angeles alley drew Forrest Melton's immediate attention.

They were waving around these Uz-type machine guns and a bunch of handguns," recalled Melton, regional sales manager for a travel agency.

"I thought they were going to rob somebody, or maybe knock over the store next door."

Frightened and concerned, Melton rushed back to his nearby office and telephoned the police.

The response was reassuring. "In about three minutes there were about five cop cars surrounding these guys," Melton said. "I waited a couple of minutes and then walked over there."

"The cops were laughing with these guys who had the guns."

Melton paused, shocked even by his memory of police officers laughing it up with a bunch of hoods brandishing guns.

Then, still sounding surprised several weeks after the incident, he added, "They were squirt guns."

Those water guns that Melton mistook for the real things represent a new generation of fast-selling toys: realistic simulated weapons. "They are the among the hottest toy

categories on the Christmas market, along with armies of plastic action figures that come complete with military histories and job descriptions," said Rick Anguilla, editor of Toy and Hobby World, a national magazine that publishes toy trade news.

Toy guns have fooled people who know a lot more than Melton about weaponry.

In Southern California, four years ago, a City of Stanton, policeman shot to death a 5-year-old boy when the child pointed a toy revolver at him in a poorly lighted room.

Massad Ayoub, the Boston-born director of the Lethal Force Institute in Concord, N.H., told of a New York cop who described how four children nearly were shot by police after pointing toy guns at the officers, and of a Las Vegas policeman who held his service revolver to the head of a driver until he realized the gun on the floor of the man's car was a replica.

Ayoub, whose institute trains police and others in survival and the use of lethal force, said in a telephone interview that one of his daughters owned a .22-caliber rifle at the age of 6, won her first marksmanship medal a year later, and by the age of 9 had a .22-caliber Beretta automatic pistol.

Nonetheless, Ayoub declares himself "strongly opposed" to

realistic toy guns. "I don't like children playing at killing each other," he said. "Children playing against each other pulling the trigger are setting the stage for some very tragic accidents."

Some experts say the proliferation of toys promoting violence will leave its mark on today's youth, creating violent children who are likely to become violent adults. Others say not to worry.

One man who does think play is what it's all about is Don Kingsborough, chief executive officer of Worlds of Wonder, the Fremont toy company that makes Lazer Tag, a game consisting of pistol-shaped infra red projectors (called "Starlytes" by the manufacturer) and targets. In its first year of production, Lazer Tag already is the company's best selling toy. Its wholesale receipts stand between \$75 million and \$100 million, Kingsborough said.

Kingsborough said Lazer Tag encourages group play.

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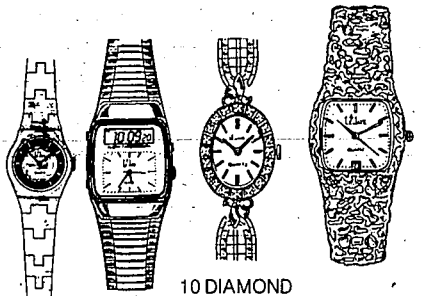
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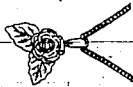


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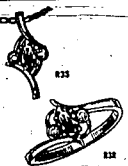


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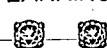
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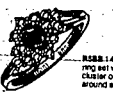
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N.E. playoffs-bound; ruins Miami's Orange Bowl good-bye

BY DAVE GOLDBERG
AP Football Writer

MIAMI — Steve Grogan, who replaced the injured Tony Eason in the second quarter, threw a 41-yard touchdown pass to Stanley Morgan with 44 seconds remaining Monday night to give New England a 34-27 victory over Miami that put the Patriots into the NFL playoffs and knocked Cincinnati out.

It was the second touchdown pass of the game for Grogan, who also ran for a 28-yard, 13-play drive that consumed 6 minutes, 11 seconds of the fourth quarter and broke a 27-27 tie in the final Dolphin

touchdown passes and set NFL records for pass completions and attempts in a season.

The victory by the Patriots, 11-5, gives them the AFC East title and means the Kansas City Chiefs will play the New York Jets at Giants Stadium in the AFC wildcard game next Sunday. Had Miami won, the Patriots would have visited Kansas City. New England will play at Denver on Jan. 4.

The winning touchdown came at the end of a 74-yard, 7-play drive that consumed 6 minutes, 11 seconds of the fourth quarter and broke a 27-27 tie in the final Dolphin

game played in Miami's Orange Bowl.

Marino, who set new NFL records for passes attempted in a season with 522 and completions with 370, completed 23 of 39 passes for 266 yards and ran his season total for touchdown passes to 14, second best in NFL history to his own 48.

A stumbling start marked by four Miami turnovers in the first half turned into the Marino-Grogan knockout show in the second. It began with the game tied 13-13 early in the third quarter.

Marino started it with a 33-yard TD pass to Mark Clayton that put the Dolphins

ahead.

But Grogan, who took over when Eason went out with a stretched nerve in his right shoulder suffered trying to make a tackle after a fumble, drove the Patriots right for down the field again, finally scoring on a 77-yard rollout at the end of a 66-yard drive.

Back came Marino with a 19-yard strike to Clayton 1:31 into the fourth period to make it 17-20, then back came Grogan engineering a 74-yard, 7-play drive capped by a 12-yard TD pass to Tony Collins to tie it again with 8:20 remaining.

Miami's 8-8 mark was its worst since 1960, the last time it failed to make the playoffs.

Miami took the opening kickoff and drove to the New England 24. But Lorenzo Hampton fumbled and Johnny Rembert recovered for New England to kill the threat.

The Patriots took a 7-0 lead with 2:25 left in the quarter on a 22-yard pass from Eason to Morgan at the end of a 75-yard, 13-play drive on which the biggest game came on a roughing the passer call against Miami's Brian Sobiech. Morgan finished the game with eight catches for 148 yards, his ninth 100-yard receiving game this year, one short of the NFL record.

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Holiday outlook: snow needed

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Skiers will apparently have to settle for less during the upcoming holiday season.

There will be snow cover on trails at area ski resorts.

Three alpine ski areas are open, but only one of the three is in full operation.

For cross-country skiers, Galena Lodge and Buserback Ranch are providing groomed and tracked trails, but the Bigwood and Sun Valley nordic centers have not had sufficient snow to open for the season. Backcountry skiers are finding snow in the drainages north of Sun Valley and around Sawtooth Valley.

Pomerelle Ski Resort, south of Albion, has the most snow with all of it provided by mother nature. Resort officials are reporting 25 inches at the lodge and 49 inches on the slopes.

The resort opened on a full scale on Thanksgiving and has been drawing good crowds. Manager Jody Anderson says: All runs are open and all lifts are operating on a regular winter schedule. The area is open daily, including Monday, through Jan. 1 and plans to begin night skiing Dec. 26.

Pomerelle is the only alpine ski area in southern Idaho to open on natural snow.

Snowmaking equipment has allowed Sun Valley and Soldier Mountain to begin the winter season.

Sun Valley has been operating several runs on Bald Mountain on machine-made snow and began, for the first time, making snow on Dollar Mountain last week.

Terry Greason of the Sun Valley Sports Center says parents should see SKI on Page C2



Burley's Mitch Hodge took a divisional first at the Northwestern Natural Championships

Tumaround Bodybuilding regimen fades Hodge's scars

By RONDA TAYLOR
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Despite the scars from a near fatal stabbing only eight months ago, Burley bodybuilder Mitch Hodge, 23, placed first in the light heavyweight division of the Northwestern Natural Championships recently in Portland, Oregon.

Although he started lifting weights in sixth grade, Hodge says he didn't really get serious about bodybuilding until after the stabbing incident last March. Knife wounds perforated his stomach in two places and his left bicep was slashed when he was attacked by four other youths in a bar fight.

Hodge spent 18 hours in intensive care and decided to change his "partying" lifestyle during his recovery. "It made me take a look at how my life was, and I was hiding behind booze," he says.

"It was kind of trying to get into weights before the stabbing. I'd work out, but then I'd go on a party spree and lose everything I'd gained."

He stopped drinking alcohol and began devoting his time to bodybuilding and helping others interested in "weight" training. Although he still works part-time on construction jobs, he spends most of his time either training or designing conditioning programs for members of the Burley Racquet and Health Club.

The long scar on his abdomen and another on his arm makes Hodge train harder to beat the competition. He feels that judges won't hold the scars against him unless the cuts are really close, "so I have to be that much better," he says.

Yet as much as he has gained physically from changing lifestyles, he feels he has made even greater strides in mental and emotional health from bodybuilding.

"I get more out of the mental aspect than the way I look," he says.

He thinks others can receive the same benefits.

"Weight training gives the average person a sense of well being," he says. In addition to a weight loss program, lifting weights can bring out the shape and muscle tone in anyone's body, he adds.

At 5 feet, 10 inches and about 200 pounds, Hodge entered and placed second at bodybuilding competitions last summer in Ontario, Ore., and Billings, Mont. In addition to second-place trophy, he received the "best legs" award at the Ontario competition.

The Northwestern Natural Championship was different from most major bodybuilding competitions. Hodge says, because none of the 130 participants were allowed to take anabolic steroids. Steroids are hormone-based drugs which can increase bulk and strength, but also can cause damage to the liver and other body organs.

All athletes underwent drug testing to maintain that their bodies were free from steroids during the Portland competition. Hodge says he took the trophy out of a division of 30 contestants.

Hodge says he has never taken steroids because he believes the health risks are not worth the possible gains.

"Most bodybuilders do take them. It's a personal choice and I choose not to," he says.

According to Hodge, amateur bodybuilders in general are moving away from steroids. Drug tests to check steroid levels will be taken at the next World Bodybuilding Championship in Singapore, he says.

But he feels it will take many years before professional male bodybuilders are required to be tested.

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NCAA Manual: Group's task to revise complicated standards

Editor's note: It is called an out-moded, complicated and inhumane rule book; 411 pages of gobbledeygook. This second of a three-part series looks at the NCAA Manual.

By JOHN NELSON
The Associated Press

It is 411 pages of legal jargon that stump even the best college coaches. They call it asinine and ambiguous, and they had trouble passing a pop quiz taken straight out of the book.

Formally, it is known as the NCAA Manual. Informally, it is called everything from the bible of collegiate sports to the root of all its evil.

Simply, it is the rule book.

"I look at that damn thing, and I wonder," St. John's basketball coach Leonard Carmichael said. "Our Lord gave us Ten Commandments, and look at the trouble we have with those."

An Associated Press survey underscored what already was con-



sidered a prima-facie truth — the NCAA rule book is so complex that even those most affected by it cannot understand it. The NCAA, in fact, is already trying to simplify it.

The AP asked football coaches whose teams were ranked in the Top Twenty the week of Nov. 2 to take a 10-question quiz. The questions, on recruiting and eligibility, were taken verbatim from the manual.

Eighteen of 20 coaches participated. None scored 100 percent. One, Don James of Washington, declined to be tested. One —

Michigan's Bo Schembechler — could not be reached in time to take it. Except for one or two cases, the test was given orally.

Coaches answered the questions on the condition their individual scores would not be revealed. Most missed three or four questions; two missed five; one missed six.

"One coach answered a question by saying, 'I haven't got the slightest idea.' Another coach prefaced four answers by saying he was "just guessing."

"There were just two or three I was fairly certain of," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said.

Before starting, Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer said sarcastically: "If they (the questions) deal with common sense I'm going to flunk them because I'm going to give you common sense."

Switzer, whose Sooners won the 1985 national championship, answered one question by saying: "Hell, I wouldn't know. I would think it would make some sense, but I've never heard of that situation."

Ohio State Coach Earle Bruce said,

"I find the wording is difficult to follow. You know how I know that? Because when you call the NCAA

weeks before they call you back with an answer. And many times they reverse themselves.

They're trying.

The NCAA has assigned a committee, headed by Wilford S. Bailey of Auburn University, to revise the manual. Bailey hopes to have a new book ready for a vote at the NCAA's 1988 convention.

"It's the most awesome undertaking I think any member of this committee ever experienced," said Bailey, secretary-treasurer of the NCAA. "It's far more demanding than any of us realized when we began."

Included in the manual are the NCAA constitution, its bylaws, rules of order and executive regulations, enforcement procedures and a case book that lists hypothetical situations with their solutions.

"It has grown from about 25 pages in 1952 to its current length, including about 100 pages of rules to cover 27 sports."

Those rules are silly, inhumane and don't make sense," Louisiana State Chancellor James Wharton said. "In some cases, the rules aren't written clearly enough."

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Sports-books debate splits SMU campus

Editor's note: From 1980 to 1984, Southern Methodist University, a small, pristine liberal arts school in Dallas, sent its football team to bowls four times and ranked in the Top Ten twice. Football brought SMU recognition, pride and donations. And it brought trouble.

By SCOTT MCCARTNEY
The Associated Press

DALLAS — As it prepared to celebrate its 75th year, Southern Methodist University was ready to boast — about increases in student bodies, scores, about faculty recruiting coups, about coveted research grants.

The chairman of the school's board of governors, Bill Clements, boasted in a local magazine: "We are on a plateau just below the final step of achievement at SMU. We are now

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"I hope they come up with a simplified book of rules. It's certainly called for," he said.

with a question, they say they'll have to get back to you.

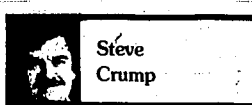
"Sometimes it's two or three

Too many holes in 90 Percent Rule to ensure compliance

Three years ago, there were predictions that the 90 Percent Rule as adopted by the State Board of Education would probably change high school sports in Idaho.

The rule, which grew out of an education reform package proposed by the Governor's Committee on Excellence in Education, stipulated that all students must pass in class 90 percent of the time, and that sanctioned high school extracurricular activities such as sports should count as excused absences.

Although the 90 Percent Rule has wrought some changes in the way high school sports are scheduled, it should come



as a surprise to one that no high school senior has been denied a diploma because he missed 11 percent of his classes playing football and basketball and running track.

The excused absence has come to mean pretty much what it meant before the 90 Percent Rule went into effect — that is, anything the school administration says it

means.

Some school districts, mostly the larger ones, are fairly scrupulous about nothing in absences for school-related activities, but in others extracurricular absences aren't counted at all. Some districts make sure that classwork missed because of school-related activities is made up, but most leave it up to the discretion of the teachers and principals. In many smaller districts, the classwork is scheduled around the extracurricular activities because such a large percentage of students are involved in them.

That, of course, is standing the intent of the 90 Percent Rule on its head. The

authors of the rule were interested in making sure kids went to class often enough to make their learning experiences coherent. They argued that in many districts, different students were excused from class every day of the week for some kind of extracurricular event. They charged the individual districts with the responsibility of making sure school work came first and that extracurricular activities were just that — something to be done after school.

There were several problems with that, all of which doomed the 90 Percent Rule to become high-sounding rhetoric. Many administrators, particularly at the secondary level, view extracurricular activities in

general and sports in particular as an integral part of the learning process, no less valid than chemistry and algebra. The second was that kids who are involved in a lot of extracurricular activities tend to be the best students; the student body president often plays several sports and belongs to several school-sanctioned clubs.

Thirdly, few school board members are willing to risk the legal and political firestorm that would surely follow the denial of academic credit to a student who had missed too many classes because he was participating in the school-related activities.

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UNLV holds top position in AP college poll

By JIM O'CONNELL
The Associated Press

Nevada-Las Vegas, which surpassed the 100-point mark in two of its three victories last week, remained



College basketball

Monday the No. 1 team in The Associated Press' college basketball poll.

The Runnin' Rebels, 9-0, received 49 first-place votes and 1,220 points from a nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Nevada-Las Vegas, which is No. 1 for the 11th consecutive week, beat Nevada-Reno 115-83 and Ohio University 105-81 last week. The Runnin' Rebels capped the week with a 79-75 victory over Louisiana Tech in the championship game of the Rebel Roundup.

Purdue, Iowa and North Carolina held the second through fourth

spots.

Purdue, 6-0, received 11 first-place votes and 1,149 points. Iowa, 9-0, had one first-place vote and 1,095 points, 28 more than North Carolina, 6-1.

Each of the three teams won its only game of the week as Purdue routed Division II Tampa 79-48, Iowa blasted intrastate rival Iowa State 89-54 and North Carolina beat then-No. 5 Illinois 90-77 in a nationally televised game.

Auburn, 6-0, which received the other two first-place votes and 896 points, moved into the fifth spot, while Oklahoma, 6-1, also advanced one place from last week with 805 points.

Syracuse, 8-0, jumped from ninth to seventh with 769 points, 27 more than Indiana, 6-1, which held the No. 8 position.

Illinois, 6-1, dropped to ninth, receiving 713 points and George Mason, 7-0, rounded out the Top Ten for the second straight week with 693 points.

North Carolina State and Navy switched places from last week's poll to lead the Second Ten. Following the Wolfpack and Middles were Kansas, Pittsburgh, St. John's, Temple, DePaul, Kentucky, Georgia Tech and Florida.

Last week's Second Ten was Navy, North Carolina State, Kansas, Pitt-

sburgh, St. John's, Georgia Tech, UCLA, Kentucky, DePaul and Temple.

Florida, 8-1, entered the Top Twenty for the first time ever. The Gators lost their opening game of the season, at Florida State, and won three games last week.

AP Poll (11)

1	Nevada-Las Vegas	1,220
2	Purdue	1,149
3	Iowa	1,095
4	North Carolina	805
5	Illinois	777
6	Auburn	896
7	Oklahoma	805
8	Indiana	769
9	Syracuse	769
10	George Mason	693
11	North Carolina State	693
12	Navy	693
13	Kansas	693
14	Pittsburgh	693
15	St. John's	693
16	Temple	693
17	DePaul	693
18	Kentucky	693
19	Georgia Tech	693
20	Florida	693

BC, Georgia play in Hall of Fame Bowl tonight

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — It's been 35 years since Georgia and Boston College played each other in football, but thanks to television and a pair of Heisman Trophy winners, the Bulldogs and Eagles don't feel like total strangers heading into tonight's Hall of Fame Bowl.



Hall of Fame Bowl
Tampa, Florida
Dec. 23, 8 p.m. EST
Boston College
vs.
Georgia

"Our players are very much aware of Georgia. There is something about the Southeastern Conference and football at that level," Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell said.

"When you are in the East, you

helped make him go, too," he added.

A crowd of about 40,000 is expected for the game, which should offer a contrast of the styles that became trademarks at Georgia and Boston College when Walker was a record-breaking tailback for the Bulldogs and Flutie literally threw the Eagles into the national spotlight.

"Georgia likes to run," Bicknell said, "and we pass until our quarterback's arm falls off."

After losing his starting job in a season-opening loss to Rutgers, Boston College quarterback Shawn Halloran reclaimed it with a 40-yard passing performance against Maryland. In the Eagles' final seven games, he threw 14 touchdown passes with one interception.

Talback Troy Stradford, meanwhile, rushed for more than 100 yards in five of Boston College's last

six games, as the Eagles overcame a 1-3 start that had Bicknell thinking about anything but a postseason bowl trip.

"Before the season, I made a statement and I'll never say anything like that again — that we had better players than at any time I'd been here," Bicknell recalled.

"I meant overall. I didn't mean to say we had our best team. ... I had just meant we had more kids in our program who could contribute and some kids who could legitimately play," he added. "But after a while, I started wondering if I was wrong."

Halloran, who followed Flutie as Boston College's quarterback and

drew heavy criticism while directing the Eagles to a 4-8 record last season, finished 1986 with 2,090 yards passing, 17 touchdowns and six interceptions.

His favorite targets were Kelvin Martin and Darren Flutie, Doug's younger brother, who had 41 and 35 receptions, respectively, for a combined 1,077 yards and 13 TDs.

Stradford led the Eagles with 1,188 yards rushing.

Georgia won three of its first five games, then picked up momentum that only Florida, which beat the Bulldogs 31-10 to spoil their SEC title hopes, could stem.

look at that," he added. "We've played Alabama a couple of times, so we're not in awe of the situation. We're just excited."

Both teams finished 8-3 after recovering from slow starts. No. 17 Georgia won five of its last six regular season games, while unranked Boston College won its last seven games.

"Our players are familiar with Boston College, having watched them in recent years on television. Doug Flutie, of course, was well known to them," Georgia Coach Vince Dooley said.

Dooley's team sported a high profile when Herschel Walker played for the Bulldogs from 1980-1982. "But the players know there were other players who made Flutie go, just like when we had Herschel, other players

Nevada-Reno's Ault honored as Big Sky coach of the year

BOISE (AP) — University of Nevada-Reno football coach Chris Ault and Northern Arizona University cross country coach Ron Mann have been named the 1988 Big Sky Conference fall coaches of the year in a vote of the league's athletic directors.

Ault, who just completed his 11th season as a head football coach at Nevada-Reno, guided the Wolf Pack into the semifinals of the recently completed NCAA Division I-AA football playoffs. It was UNR's fifth playoff appearance since 1978.

His team was undefeated during the regular season, winning the Big Sky title with a 7-0 record and an overall mark of 11-0. UNR was 13-1 for the season after losing to eventual I-AA champion Georgia Southern in the semifinal round.

Ault, who also won the Big Sky football coach of the year award in 1983, is now 94-36-1, a winning percentage of .721 at Nevada-Reno. His record in eight years as a Big Sky coach is 67-29-1 (.695), including 40-16-0 (.714) against league opponents, making him the winningest active coach in the conference.

It was Mann's second cross country coach of the year honor after previously winning the award in 1984. He led the Lumberjacks to their fourth Big Sky title.

NAU also became the first team in league history to win the NCAA District VII competition. The Lumberjacks qualified as a team for the NCAA cross country championships, where they placed 10th with 225 points. They were led by Bo Reed's 25th place finish.

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Plane lands with emergency conditions

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — For the second time in two days, a Big Sky-Northwest Airlink flight landed under emergency conditions here after a cockpit light indicated landing gear had not properly deployed.

Firetrucks, ambulances and security cars stood by along a runway of Logan International Airport Sunday night as the twin-engine, 15-

passenger Metroliner "made a normal landing with no people or airport problems," said airport director Bruce Putnam.

Emergency crews were called at about 9:30 p.m. Sunday after the cockpit light indicated the main landing gear was not down, Putnam said.

The aircraft, a flight from

Spokane, Missoula and Bozeman, was carrying four passengers and two crew members.

Passenger Laura Kelly of Seattle said the landing "was bumpier than normal, but better than I was expecting under the circumstances."

An indicator light also had signaled trouble on a Friday night flight. The tower in that instance was unable to confirm that the gear was actually down, so the aircraft followed standard procedure and made a belly landing, Big Sky Senior Vice President Bob Hayes said.

The plane, the same type of aircraft involved in the Sunday night

incident, landed with wheels up Friday night, but there were no injuries to the 11 passengers and two crew members.

The plane's propellers and flaps were best, engines and the fuselage bottom were scraped.

A microswitch in the plane's wheel well has been blamed for the Friday problem, Hayes said Sunday.

A preliminary report from a National Transportation Safety Board investigator said the microswitch had malfunctioned and the indicator light inside the plane failed to show that the landing gear was down and properly locked.

NAMPA (AP) — A Melba man has been killed in a one-car accident on east-bound on-ramp at Garrity Interchange #4, the Idaho State Police said.

Ernest Stimpson, 20, died about 2:15 a.m. Sunday when his car apparently went out of control on the east-bound on-ramp at Garrity Boulevard near Nampa.

Stimpson was thrown out of the car and died instantly.

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Mahoney chosen to fill Bateman's seat

BOISE (AP) — Con Mahoney, chairman of the Bonneville County Republican Central Committee, has been appointed to fill the seat in the Idaho House of Representatives vacated by the resignation of Linden Bateman.

John Evans named Mahoney to House seat C from District 33 on Monday, picking the Idaho Falls mechanical engineer over a former aide to ex-congressman George Hansen and this year's unsuccessful GOP candidate in Idaho's 2nd Congressional District.

Mahoney, owner of Atlas Mechanical in Idaho Falls, lost to John Hansen in last spring's Republican primary for Senate seat C from District 32.

Bateman resigned from the Legislature abruptly earlier this month when newly elected House Speaker Tom Boyd of Genesee appointed him to chair the House State Affairs Committee rather than the Resources and Conservation Committee as he had requested.

Evans chose him for the position over John Scoreby, Region 7 Republican Party chairman and a close associate of Hansen, a former seven-term congressman; and Mel Richardson, the Idaho Falls broadcaster who lost to incumbent Democratic Rep. Richard Stallings in the November election after winning a five-way GOP primary in May.

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Park access improved

BOISE (AP) — A \$150,000 project recently completed in Idaho's state parks will make access easier for the physically handicapped, according to the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.

"Since the early 1970s we've been designing our buildings with wheelchair access in mind," said department director Bob Melnen. "This year's project has improved the accessibility of many of our older buildings, and assured that every park has at least one site for handicap camping."

Melen said the camping sites generally are paved for wheelchair use, and include barbecue grills and picnic tables designed for the handicapped.

In addition, paths with hard surfaces were added to Idaho's parks designed primarily for day use, he said.

The department has published a design specifications guide for accommodating handicapped park users, which has been used by many park departments across the country over the years, Melnen said.

Vet benefits explained

BOISE (AP) — Idaho veterans will lose their education benefits if they do not claim them within 10 years after active service, the director of the Veterans Administration's regional office in Boise said.

They could lose more than \$8,100 each in education benefits, David R. Barrett said Friday. Many post-Vietnam veterans contributed up to \$2,700 into the Veterans Educational Assistance Program while on active duty.

To qualify for benefits, veterans must sign up within 10

years after being discharged, Barrett said. More than 269,000 eligible veterans nationwide have yet to sign up.

"We do not know exactly how many Idaho veterans may be eligible," Barrett said. "It would be a shame for a veteran who could benefit from this program to lose out because the time limit elapsed before he or she applied," he said.

To be eligible for the program a veteran would have entered active duty after Dec. 31, 1976, and signed up for the VEAAP program.

Driggs balloon race makes list

BOISE (AP) — The Grand Teton Hot Air Balloon Races and Great American Outdoor Festival in Driggs has been designated one of the "Top 100 Events in North America" for 1987 by the American Bus Association.

The selection was announced recently at the association's Marketplace in Nashville, Tenn. — the largest gathering of bus companies and travel industry representatives in the nation.

Georgia Smith of the Idaho Travel Council said the selection of the Balloon Races and Outdoor Festival is a prestigious honor for Idaho, since the ABA's Top 100 are heavily promoted as choice destinations for motorcoach tour groups throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The 1987 races, scheduled for June 25-29, were among five events nominated by the Idaho Travel Council, Ms. Smith said.

Except for two No. 1 designations

— one each for the U.S. and Canada — each of the Top 100 events are rated equally and are listed in order of their dates.

The two top picks for 1987 went to the Pan American Games in Indianapolis, Aug. 7-23; and the International Gathering of the Clans, throughout Nova Scotia, June 27 through Aug. 8.

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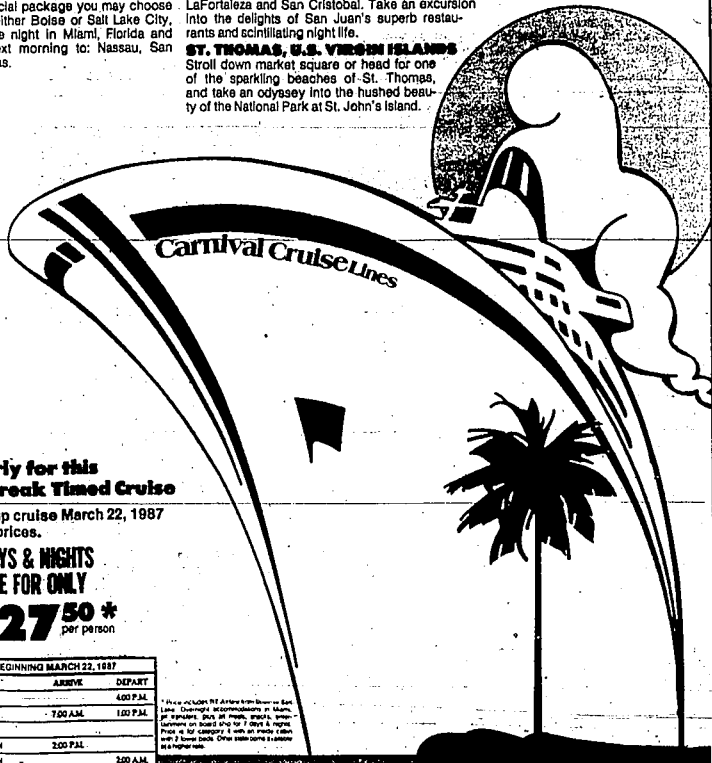
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