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Reagan's surgery goes well

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan, who will turn 76 in a month, underwent prostate surgery Monday in what the White House and his doctors described as a routine operation that should have lasted about an hour.

Reagan, who was conscious throughout the hour-long operation, did some paperwork and received an intelligence report not long afterwards, although spokesmen said he would remain at Bethesda Naval Hospital for several days.

His wife, Nancy, waited in a nearby suite and her press secretary, Elaine Chiles, said: "There were a lot of hugs and kisses and hand-holding" by the first couple before and after the surgery.

Army Col. John Hutton, the presidential physician, said in a brief statement: "The prostate operation procedure went very smoothly. There was nothing out of the ordinary."

White House spokesman David Sawyer said he reported earlier that an overnight examination of four small polyps removed Sunday from Reagan's colon showed evidence of adenoma.

First lady Nancy Reagan, who spent a day and a half at the hospital with her husband, returned to the White House Sunday.

Although with Reagan, although it was not clear whether the president had solid food.

As he left the medical facility, she said her husband was feeling "fine, thank you." She reported that her husband was reading his time in bed "working and reading."

Mrs. Crispin quoted Mrs. Reagan as saying during a telephone conversation that the president "was in fine spirits through it all."

Congress wary of \$1 trillion budget

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Reagan proposed the nation's first trillion-dollar budget on Monday and ran into immediate congressional skepticism over his plans to trim the deficit and cut dozens of domestic programs while still adding billions to Pentagon spending.

The \$1,024 trillion budget for the 1988 fiscal year — an increase of 0.9 percent over estimated spending for this year — offered a renewed attack on the soaring budget deficits which have bedeviled the country during the Reagan presidency.

But Reagan held firm against any general tax increase to reduce the red ink. Rep. Jim Wright, D-Texas, who will become speaker of the House, last month proposed increasing taxes on the wealthy to combat the deficit, but found little support from either Democrats or Republicans.

Reagan, saying his plan would "put the worst of the deficit problem behind us," proposed a \$42 billion package of cuts of domestic programs, sales of federal assets and higher user fees, even though many of these ideas had been proposed in his previous budgets and rejected by Congress.

Reagan did ask for one major new program — \$1 billion to help find new careers for workers who have lost jobs in import-battered industries. He also sought \$300 million to combat the disease AIDS and \$1 billion more to modernize the nation's air traffic control system.

In a nutshell, the president proposed: • Outlays of \$1,024 trillion, compared to \$1,016 trillion estimated for the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 1986; Reagan last year asked for a \$994 billion budget, but Congress approved higher spending.

• Income of \$916.6 billion, compared to \$842.4 billion expected for this fiscal year.

• A deficit — \$107.8 billion — compared to \$173.2 billion expected for this fiscal year, and even further down from the \$220.7 billion record deficit set in the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30.

• A national debt that by the spring would breach the congressionally fixed \$2.3 trillion ceiling.

The federal deficit Reagan projects for fiscal 1988 would be just under the \$108 billion in red ink allowed by the Gramm-Rudman budget-balancing law.

Put on the chopping block are farm commodity programs, Amtrak rail service, college student loans, food stamps, housing programs and mass transit — all targeted for either deep cuts or elimination.

Farm programs would come in for some of the deepest cuts of all with commodity programs, which include support payments for wheat, corn and milk, cut to less than \$21.3 billion, from \$25.9 billion this year.

The proposed changes would reduce government farm target prices by 10 percent next year while the current farm can receive would be cut from \$250,000 to \$50,000.

The president said farm subsidies are too high and the farm program "must be changed."

The budget sought an increase in defense spending authority to \$312 billion, up from the \$292.9 billion for the current fiscal year. While this would be the smallest military increase yet sought by Reagan, it is certain to meet widespread congressional opposition as still being far too generous to the military.

The new budget calls for \$1.7 trillion in military outlays over the next five years, a figure Reagan said represented what is "minimally necessary to maintain national security."

After he doubled the total national debt — to more than \$2 trillion during his first six years in office, Reagan said the country had finally turned the corner in its battle to get the deficit under control. He cited progress under the year-old Gramm-Rudman law, which seeks to eliminate annual deficits by 1991.

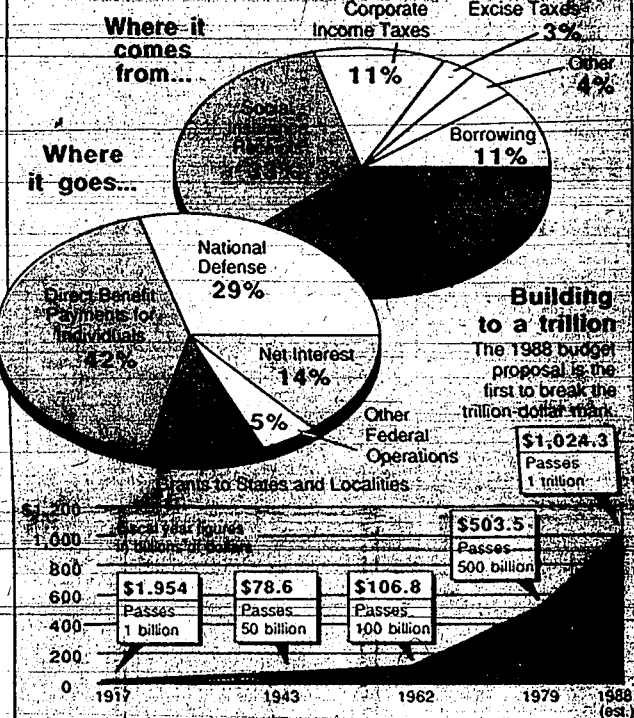
Although the law has been partially invalidated by the Supreme Court, Reagan told Congress its targets should be needed anyway.

But Democrats, who now control both chambers of Congress for the first time since Reagan entered the White House in 1981, indicated that the new Reagan budget will face the same difficult struggle that its predecessors encountered.

Treasury Secretary James A. Baker III said that of the \$42 billion in deficit reduction steps being proposed, nearly \$23 billion would be achieved through new revenues from user fees, asset sales and other.

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Reagan's FY1988 budget proposal:
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Governor calls for 'Idaho of Opportunity' at inauguration

By QUANE KENYON
The Associated Press

BOISE — After a 10-year absence, Cecil D. Andrus returned as Idaho's governor on Monday, promising that "an Idaho of Opportunity" will help rekindle state economic growth.

Andrus, former Interior secretary under President Jimmy Carter, was sworn in to start his third four-year term as Idaho's chief executive in a Statehouse ceremony attended by about 1,000.

"We mark today an occasion that must not be seen as a victory for any one person, idea or philosophy," Andrus told the crowd, gathered before the Capitol steps under heavy, overcast skies.

"Rather, it is a symbol of our renewed commitment to a government of individuals united in a common cause," he said.

"The people are demanding that we move with confidence and determination to bring about needed change and rejuvenation. They are asking nothing less of us than aggressive, constructive action and far-sighted, optimistic leadership."

It was a familiar place for Andrus. He went through a similar ceremony in 1971 and again in 1975, before resigning to become Carter's Interior secretary.

Democratic governor John Evans ended nearly 10 years in the office by presenting Andrus to Idaho Supreme Court Chief Justice Allan Shepard, who administered the oath of office to the new governor.

Other new state officials were sworn in at the same time to begin four-year terms of office. Presenting new Treasurer Lydia Justice Edwards was three-time governor Robert E. Smylie, who said he was attending his 10th inaugural, dating back to 1947.

In a 10-minute speech, Andrus, 55, promised bipartisan cooperation to help revive the state's stagnant economy. And afterward, Republican leaders said they were pleased to hear a promise of cooperation from the Democratic governor.

"He emphasized cooperation again. That appears to be his pet theme, as it should be for all of us," said House Speaker Tom Boyd, R-Genesee.

"It was very positive and upbeat," said Senate President Pro Tem James Risch, R-Boise. "He set the tone for the direction we're heading in Idaho, something we have needed to do for a long time. We should think positive and see what we can do."

Andrus had little specific in his speech. He will make his "State of the State" speech to the Idaho Legislature shortly after it convenes next week, and is expected to produce his legislative program at that time. But as he did throughout the campaign, he urged Idahoans to work together to solve state problems.

"On this day, as we stand one with another and before our God, let us promise all our devotion, commit all of our courage, and see ANDRUS on Page A2.

Engines ran stop signal

The Associated Press

CHASE, Md. — Three Conrail engines struck by a passenger train in a collision that killed 15 people and injured more than 170 had run a stop signal moments before the crash, officials investigating Amtrak's worst accident said Monday.

The engineer operating the Conrail engines told the railroad in a written statement he saw the stop signal about 500 feet from the site of Sunday afternoon's crash, but was unable to stop in time, said Joseph T. Nall, a member of the National Transportation Safety Board.

The last bodies from the disaster were pulled from the crumpled wreckage Monday, and by nightfall, officials expressed confidence they had recovered the last of the victims.

Nall told a news conference late Monday that the track switches near the accident were set up for the Amtrak train.



Crews pry apart wrecked Amtrak cars on Monday morning

"stop" for at least three hours before the accident. Officials did not know what was shown by another signal about two miles before the signal nearest the collision, said Nall.

The train, The Colonial, was moving about 100 mph when it slammed

into the Conrail engines. More than 170 people were injured.

Authorities believed the freight train moved out from the siding "milliseconds before the arrival of the passenger train onto the tracks," Federal Railroad Ad- See TRAIN on Page A2

Holmes' tribute to last for year

The Associated Press

LONDON — Sherlock Holmes is 100 years old and still gets many requests from real people to solve crimes.

The stock reply is: "Mr. Holmes thanks you for your letter. At the moment he is in retirement in Sussex, keeping bees."

The tributes begin a year of international tribute to history's greatest fictional sleuth with a festive dinner today in the House of Commons.

"He is still incredibly popular," said Capt. William Mitchell, secretary of the 800-member Sherlock Holmes Society in Britain.

A precisely 9:30 p.m. London time, 180 members of the society will raise their glasses in the dozens of events are planned in the United States, Australia and elsewhere.

"To the immortal memory of Sherlock Holmes." Students of Holmes have declared Jan. 6 to be the birthday of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's greatest creation — the point at which the brilliant, sharp-featured detective began his crusade against Dr. Moriarty and other villains with the aid of his plodding, patient friend and foil, Dr. John Watson.

Among the guests will be Dame Jean Conan Doyle, 73, the only surviving child of Sir Arthur, who died in 1930 at age 71.

Two days later, the Baker Street Irregulars will toast the sleuth in New York. Japanese Holmesians will have an anniversary party in February. A pageant is scheduled for early May in Switzerland and for all of us.

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Storm delights ski areas in West

By The Associated Press

A snowstorm that dumped up to 2½ feet of snow on the mountains of the West closed schools in northern Arizona on Monday and snarled traffic in Utah, but proved a blessing to snow-starved ski resorts that have Salt Lake City.

"Incredible! That's what it can do when it wants to. This should put everybody in business now that hasn't been, and those that have been in business should be in better

shape," said National Weather Service meteorologist William Alder in Salt Lake City.

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The storm that hit the Northwest late last week was over the

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Gunman surrenders airport hostage

GRAPEVINE, Texas (AP) — A gunman demanding to be flown to Egypt grabbed a boy standing in line with his parents Monday at the Dallas-Fort Worth airport, then held the child for about two hours before surrendering with the youth unharmed, officials said.

"There was no gunfire. Negotiations were successfully concluded," said airport spokesman Joe Dealey. The gunman, who earlier threatened to kill the 10-year-old if his demands were not provided, had fired shots that hit no one in the Delta Air Lines terminal at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, said Dealey.

The terminal was evacuated during the incident, which airline officials said shut down Delta's flights

from Dallas. Dealey said the gunman fired several shots as he took the child from a Delta ticket counter where he had an exchange of words with an agent. A witness said the boy's father pursued the gunman, who fired into the calling.

Witnesses said they saw the man, whose identity was not immediately disclosed, hold the gun to the boy's head. During the standoff, FBI agents and police had some contact with the gunman and could see him moving around inside a boarding area, near several concession stands, said Dealey.

A group of about five people emerged from the terminal about

five hours after the incident began. "We were stuck in a little cubbyhole right next to where he was, said one of them, Ron Frerking of Richardson, Texas. "We were about 10 feet away from him."

"He has made absolutely no statement about affiliation with any terrorist group," Dealey said. "With the exception of Delta flights, airport flight operations continue to operate more or less on schedule," Dealey said.

The boy, whose name was withheld, was traveling with both parents, either to or from Sunrise, Fla., Dealey said. The parents of the boy were with Delta officials during the ordeal, he said.

Patrolling chopper dodges missile

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Navy helicopter patrolling the Persian Gulf was fired upon unexpectedly early Monday as it approached a merchant ship, the Pentagon said.

The attack, which involved the firing of a single surface-to-air missile, occurred around 4:30 p.m. local time or 5:30 a.m. MST as the chopper flew

over waters to the northwest of the United Arab Emirates. The helicopter was on immediate evasive action on spotting the missile and it "passed within about 500 yards," the Pentagon said.

The chopper immediately returned to its ship, the destroyer O'Bannon, without further incident, a U.S. Defense Department source who

asked not to be identified said the O'Bannon, upon receiving the attack report from its helicopter, immediately changed course and pursued the merchant vessel.

Before the destroyer could overtake the unidentified ship, however, the vessel steamed into the port of Ash Sharqiyah in the United Arab Emirates, the source said.

Train

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administration head John Riley said on "The McNeill-Lehrer Report" on public television.

"What I mean is the distance in time between the Conrail train moving onto the tracks and the point of explosion, perhaps a second or less," said Riley.

He said based on observations, officials believe the Amtrak engineer, who was killed, had no time to react, "and we'll be able to confirm that with certainty as we examine the tapes."

Baltimore County Police Maj. Robert O'Niman said 176 people were taken to hospitals with injuries

ranging from "very serious to not as serious." Many of those patients were treated and released.

The 12-car Amtrak train originated in Washington, D.C., and was headed for Boston and Springfield, Mass., when it crashed and derailed about 1:30 p.m. Sunday, plunging three passenger cars atop each other.

Today's weather

Chance for more snow showers today

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding:
Cloudy today with a chance of snow showers. Areas of morning fog. Highs near 50. Partly cloudy in the lowlands. Wednesday with areas of night and morning fog. Lows in the teens. Highs near 50.

Camas Prairie, Halley and Lower Wood River Valley:
Mostly cloudy today with a chance of snow showers. Areas of morning valley fog. Highs near 50. Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday with a slight chance of snow showers. Areas of night and morning valley fog. Lows from 35 to 50 below to 5 above zero. Highs from 35 to 50.

Northern Utah and Nevada:
Utah — Periods of snow continuing today, but decreasing. Variable clouds with widely scattered lingering snow showers tonight and Wednesday. Lows mostly in the upper teens to mid-20s. Highs mostly in the 50s.

Nevada — Partly cloudy in the west today with scattered light snow showers along northern and eastern borders. Scattered snow showers tonight and Wednesday. Lows from 20 to 40 below zero. Highs from 20 to 40 below zero.

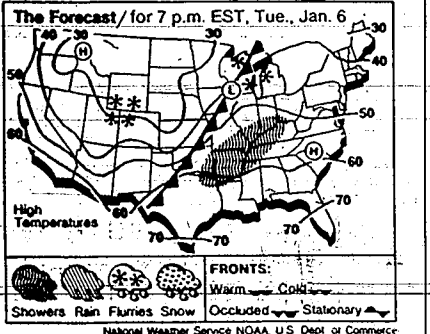
The National Weather Service in Boise says weather disturbances at the surface and aloft to the south of Idaho are feeding moisture into the state, creating cloudy skies and some light precipitation to the southern sections.

High pressure will build over the Pacific and bring partly cloudy conditions to most of the state.

Low level moisture remained in the valley areas and will allow widespread fog to persist in these locations through today.

Fog continued in many of the southern valley locations Monday. Afternoon valley light snow and some drizzle reported in the Magic Valley and eastward. Fog-filled in the north and southwest with visibility ranging from greater than 1 mile to the 1/4 mile. Mid-afternoon temperatures ranged from the mid 20s to the mid 30s. Winds were mostly in the 5 to 15 mph range. The highest temperature in the state Monday was 43 degrees at Payette, while the low of 1 degree below zero was reported at Dlatie.

The extended outlook for Southern



National Weather Service NOAA, U.S. Dept. of Commerce

Idaho — Thursday through Saturday with areas of fog and low clouds in the valleys nights and mornings. Highs mostly in the 30s. Lows from the sub-zero to the low 20s.

Elsewhere in the nation, Monday's high temperature was 72 degrees at McAllen, Texas, and the low was 10 degrees below zero at Port Alleghe, Pa.

Idaho road report

BOISE (AP) — Road conditions Monday evening, reported by the Idaho Transportation Department:
U.S. 96 — Plummer-Sandpoint, wet, snow; Canadian border, wet to icy spots, fog, snowing; Rigdon-Whitehill Hill, wet, snowing; Grangeville-Winchester, icy spots; Winchester-Lewiston, wet; Lewiston-Moscow, icy spots, fog; Welser-New Meadows, icy spots; Marsing-Oregon border, dry to icy spots.
Interstate 84 — Fouring of July Canyon, icy spots; Lookout Pass, snow, chains advised on twisting rigs.
U.S. 12 — Lewiston-Kootenai, dry; Kootenai-Lolo Pass, 1/4 spots.
Interstate 84 — Caldwell area-Glenns Ferry, dry; Bliss-Burley, wet; Burley-Idaho border, wet to broken snow, fog, snowing.
Idaho 55 — Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly,

Table with 4 columns: Location, Temp, Wind, Sky. Lists various Idaho locations and their weather conditions.

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Snow Budget

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Southwest on Monday and veering toward the northeast on a track aimed at the Plains.

These "blizzards and travelers' advisories were posted from northern Arizona and Nevada across Utah and Colorado into Wyoming, with an additional accumulation of up to 20 inches possible in western Colorado.

In northern Arizona, patches fell in 45 inches at Flagstaff, and schools were closed there and at Prescott and Williams. In the state's warmer deserts, thunderstorms produced wind gusts up to 50 mph outside Phoenix and several thousand people suffered brief power outages.

Snow also caused numerous minor accidents Monday around Salt Lake City, the Utah Highway Patrol said.

Up to 3/4 inch of snow fell over the weekend on ski resorts around Lake Tahoe, on the California-Nevada border.

"The storm did wonders for the ski conditions," said Debbie Horgan of Heavenly Valley, which got up to 2 feet of snow. "And if nothing else, it did wonders for the scenery. There's snow on the trees and everything, looks like a winter wonderland."

Ski area operators scrambled Sunday to round up laid-off workers. Temporary workers had arrived before Thanksgiving to wait for new jobs, but many moved on to find work elsewhere.

"Now, instead of moaning about having no snow, we have to dig out," said Cathy Pavich, manager at Sierra Ski Ranch, which opened for the season Friday.

The storm dumped 20 to 26 inches at resorts in Utah's Parky's Canyon. Resorts in Big and Little Cottonwood canyons received 28 to 32 inches, but the snow closed the highway to the Snowbasin resort.

"We've had the big ones, the biggest in our area all year really," said meteorologist Alder. He said the 24-hour total was more than twice the amount of snow received in Utah's northern mountains during all of December.

The U.S. Forest Service issued a warning for extreme avalanche danger Monday from the Utah-Idaho border southward into Utah's Spanish Fork Canyon.

Heavy snow caused a small avalanche on the California side of Heavenly Valley early Sunday. No injuries were reported since the resort was closed.

In the Sierra Nevada, the California Highway Patrol in Truckee said the storm caused weekend delays up to 4 hours for motorists on Interstate 80 over Donner Summit. Snow-covered runways forced South Lake Tahoe Airport to cancel about 10 of its flights Saturday.

The snow drought had largely spared resorts in Oregon, Washington and Colorado.

"A lot of people who had booked vacations in California canceled and came to Colorado," said Gary Düttermers of Colorado's Breckenridge resort.

Andrus

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pledge all our honor to create a better Idaho for our children and ourselves," he said.

He was interrupted by applause four times, coming when he mentioned renewed support for education, an appreciation for the value of the state's natural resources and a pledge to work for economic development.

"An Idaho of Opportunity is our goal," he said. "And we begin today to craft the blueprint for an Idaho where economic, educational and personal opportunity is truly available to all our citizens."

He said Idaho's gaze must be on the future, with no looking back. "So I propose a fresh start, a fresh beginning," Andrus said. "We must abandon the old attitudes and divisions that work against cooperation and accomplishment. Let us begin today to invent new ways to work together, in fairness and respect, to do the job that must be done for the people of Idaho."

One of those who was most enthusiastic about the speech was C.L. "Butch" Otter, sworn in minutes before Andrus to a four-year term as lieutenant governor.

"I was not surprised by anything he said because of what we already have seen from him," said Otter, a former Republican state legislator and head of the international marketing arm of the J.R. Simplot Co.

"His focus has been working together to solve problems," Otter said. He also said it appears the new governor has put together a good administration. "I'm thrilled by his appointments. It appears he has kept the good people," Otter said.

"I was very let in life to take over tomorrow, a can't see anything I would change, and that includes his speech today," he said. Senate Republican leader Sen. Phil Batt, R-Wilder, said, "What the public wants in general is unity, and that was the theme of it." Batt was the GOP nominee for governor in 1982, losing to Evans. Evans lost last fall in a race for the U.S. Senate seat held by Republican Sen. Steve Symms.

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sources. Last year's budget would have raised only \$2 billion from those sources, Baker said.

These would include sales to private investors of government assets, ranging from Amtrak to the Bonneville Power Administration, oil reserves in California and Wyoming, and billions of dollars of existing loans.

Other new revenues would come from tougher enforcement by the Internal Revenue Service against tax offenders and from a variety of user fees, ranging from higher charges for obtaining government-backed mortgages to increases in entry fees at national parks and a charge for boaters for Coast Guard services, a perennial administration favorite.

But Rep. Bill Gray, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said the administration's package of deficit reduction measures would fall about \$19 billion short of meeting the 1988 Gramm-Rudman target of \$108 billion. He also said the package was higher on tax increases disguised as higher user fees.

Among the details in the new budget:
• Members of Congress and high federal officials would get salary increases, although they would be below the boost recently recommended by a presidential pay commission. Members of Congress, who now earn \$77,400, would see their salaries go to \$83,500, instead of the commission's \$125,000 recommendation. Salaries for Cabinet officers, now paid \$82,800, would rise to \$99,500. These salary increases would take effect in 30 days unless overridden by Congress.

The proposed \$118-billion spending increase to combat acquired immunodeficiency syndrome — known as AIDS — would represent a 28 percent increase over this year's spending and was needed, the budget said, to deal with "the admini-

stration's highest public health priority."
• Loan-origination and insurance fees charged by the Federal Housing Administration — (FHA) — for government-backed mortgages would be made more competitive with conventional loans, and home-buyers would no longer be permitted to finance the closing costs of such mortgages. Fees for Veterans Administration loans would go from the current 1 percent to 1.5 percent.

• Federal subsidies for college students would be eliminated. Federal loans would be eliminated, with more than a third of that \$3.7 billion going to operate space shuttles, which are expected to return to flight early in 1988.

• Spending for international affairs, including foreign aid, now \$14.6 billion, would be increased to \$15.2 billion. Administration officials said the budget included a request for \$105 million in continued aid to anti-government Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

• Most grants for mass transit systems would be eliminated, a carry-over from previous Reagan proposals.

• The administration would sell government oil reserves in Wyoming and California and five power-marketing administrations, including the Bonneville Power Administration. Funds for electricity-producing programs of the Tennessee Valley Authority would be cut.

The administration's budget is based on a White House forecast that the economy will grow by 3.2 percent in 1987 and by 3.7 percent in 1988, increasing tax revenues along with it.



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Groups file lawsuit against state lottery

BOISE (AP) — Two southwestern Idaho organizations have filed another lawsuit aimed at barring the state from operating a state lottery.

Voters in the November general election approved a lottery initiative by 75,000 votes. Cecil Andrus was sworn in as governor on Monday, but neither he nor his predecessor, John Evans, have appointed the five-member commission needed to organize and operate a state lottery.

Help Idaho Thrive, a Boise organization which campaigned against the lottery last fall, and a Nampa-based morality organization, Idaho Allied Christian Forces, Inc., filed suit in 4th District Court here Monday afternoon.

Last month, Associated Taxpayers of Idaho filed a similar legal challenge. Both lawsuits claim the method used to approve the lottery was unconstitutional, since the Idaho Constitution contains a flat ban on a state lottery.

Crow said he filed the second lawsuit on Monday because the objectives and interests of the taxpayers' group is not the same as his organization's.

"The taxpayers group has made it very clear that it does not oppose a lottery, but only the attempt to amend the constitution by initiative," Crow said.

"Help Idaho Thrive and IACE oppose the lottery, and we want to be certain that our interests are fully represented in court," he said.

Crow said if the initiative is overturned in court, and the lottery issue is revived in the Legislature in the form of an amendment to the state Constitution, he hopes his organizations do a better job with the voters than they did in 1986.

The lawsuit was not filed until after Andrus was inaugurated as governor. Also named as defendants were the as-yet-unnamed Idaho State Lottery Commission; the state Department of Revenue and Taxation, individual members of the lottery commission and John Rooney.

Rooney, former director of the Department of Law Enforcement, is expected to be appointed executive director for the lottery commission.

The lawsuit describes Help Idaho Thrive as a voluntary, unincorporated association of individuals against the state lottery. It said the Allied Christian Forces formed in 1975 "to work toward the elimination of gambling and its attendant social evils."

The lawsuit said although the Department of Law Enforcement is not a party to the lawsuit, Rooney has spent state funds planning for a state lottery.

It asks for a declaration that the lottery initiative is "unconstitutional, void and unenforceable in its entirety."

It also asks for an order barring the spending of any money launching or operating the state lottery. The lawsuit said it will take an estimated \$1.4 million to launch the lottery, and continuing state support to keep it in operation.

Right-of-way granted for Egin-Hamer road

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The U.S. Bureau of Land Management has granted Fremont and Jefferson counties a preliminary right-of-way to build the controversial Egin-Hamer farm-to-market road, but with the stipulation that it remain closed for four months each year to protect wintering elk.

Delmar Vall, Idaho BLM director, announced the decision to build the road in a news release Monday. The 8.8-mile rural road will be closed from Dec. 1 to March 31 annually. The BLM also proposes enclosing the Nine Mile Knoll Area of Critical Environmental Concern, which the road would cross, from -31,600 acres to 40,090 acres.

The final environmental impact statement, with a complete

analysis of the 508 written comments and 76 hearing transcripts on the road, will be released to the public in early February. The BLM will make its final decision after a 30-day protest period.

The decision to require a seasonal closure was made to protect the 2,000 head of elk that winter in the Sand Creek area, Vall said. The preferred alternative in the draft environmental impact statement called for approval of the road with monitoring to assess the road's impact on the elk.

"Our findings show that the proposed decision, if properly carried out, will provide adequate protection of the wildlife in the area while meeting most of the needs of the farmers who would use the road," said Vall.

Environmentalists form task force on SIS

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The Snake River Alliance has formed a task force to "investigate and provide information" in an effort to block construction of the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory.

The SIS facility would use a laser process to separate weapons-grade plutonium from fuel-grade plutonium. The high-grade plutonium will be transported to DOE's Rocky Flats, Colo., plant to be used in nuclear weapons.

"Our goal is to generate successful public opposition to the SIS facility," said Liz Paul, acting coordinator of the task force for the Boise-based environmental group.

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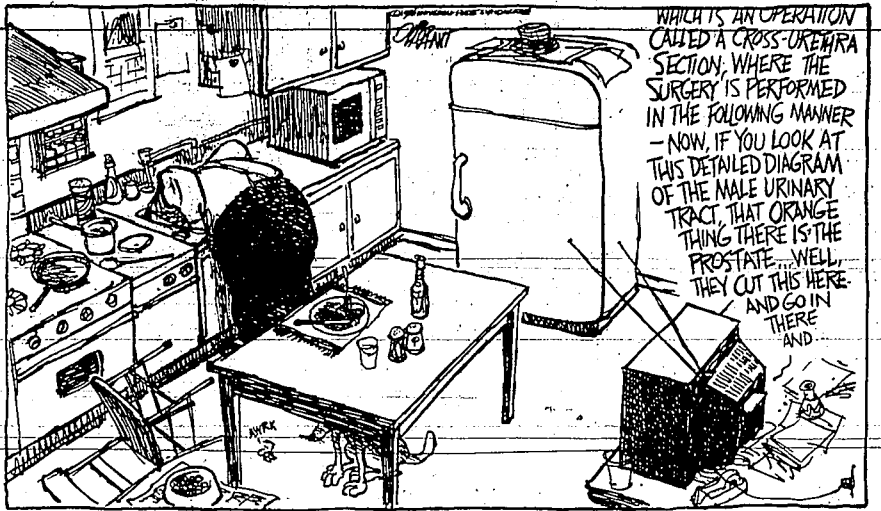
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Students hope loans are worth the risk

BOSTON — They may not look like the sort of people who play for high stakes. You may never see them at the roulette table telling the dealer to put the whole wad on number eight. But increasingly, college students are gamblers.

They're gambling that the degree they earn on borrowed money will bring a payoff later. They're gambling that education will improve their future more than the debts will burden it. And all of us are gambling with them.

Today one-third to one-half of all college students leave school in debt. The debtor class of public-college graduates owe an average of \$6,665 apiece and private-college graduates an average of \$8,950. In the last school year, they collectively borrowed \$9.8 billion from the federal government, nearly three times (in 1986 dollars) what they borrowed ten years ago.

The portrait of these new high rollers emerged last week in a report commissioned by the Joint Economic Committee of Congress. It was not a surprise to parents, schools, or public policymakers who have watched the numbers grow. But it brought some subtle questions to page one: What will be the human costs of college debts for this generation?

As of Jan. 1, the ceiling on guaranteed student loans has been used so often that a student can graduate owing more than \$17,000. Yet, the student who borrows this money cannot predict how easy or hard it will be to pay back. Call the loan an investment, if you prefer, but it's also a roll of the dice. As the author of the report, Janet Hansen,

Ellen Goodman writes "At the point of borrowing under loan programs as presently constituted, students cannot know what the real burden of the debt they are assuming will be."

"They cannot know at 18, 19 or 20 what wages they will earn at 25 or 30. They cannot know the future rate of inflation — that friend of the debtor. "And future economic conditions," Hansen writes, "are not only beyond their knowing but beyond the knowing of our most sophisticated economic forecasters as well."

The irony is that we have supported this structure of haves and have-nots (those who have and have not debts) out of a democratic desire to promote equality. Americans have long regarded education, especially college, as the greatest leveler up. The poor could educate their way to equal footing. Indeed, Lynnwood Johnson, the great friend of student loans, borrowed his own way through school. There is, to this day, enormous public support for borrowing, if the goal is a college degree.

In the Reagan era, when outright federal grants to the needy have been curtailed, loans have become the primary way we offer equal education, opportunity to the needy. But it is

obvious that a bachelor of arts with a \$10,000 lien on life does not begin post-graduate life on equal footing with one who owns the future, free and clear. Debt taken on to achieve equal opportunity may become a greater burden for women or minorities whose wages have been generally lower.

Will the need to pay this debt dictate career choices, marital timetables, numbers of children for this group? Will the debtors still be paying for school while their classmates are saving for houses. How will debt color their economic attitudes toward further debt, saving, taxes, Social Security, even philanthropy? We just don't know.

Given the choice between a debtor's degree or none, millions of our most ambitious young take a chance. But the recognition that it is a chance, a risk, a gamble, is gaining attention and anxiety.

Hardly a week goes by without some school or state or organization announcing an experiment in alternative financing. Paying for college is at the top of many family agendas and it will surely make the issues-list of any presidential candidate.

This is a country that has been all too casual, perhaps too optimistic, about debt. The federal government is deeply in debt and so are its citizens-consumers. Yet, the very first lesson our young may learn from their higher education is how to borrow money.

Ellen Goodman writes for The Boston Globe.

Beware of politicians bearing gifts called tax 'windfalls'

After all the excitement runs down regarding the so-called "windfall" of revenue that might accrue to Idaho from the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986, a taxpayer might do well to sit back and ponder upon where the "windfall" is coming from.

If you, after sober reflection, come to the conclusion that it is coming from you, the taxpayer, you will be absolutely correct. Somewhere, someone is going to pay for the purported \$2.15 million dollars in anticipated additional revenue for Idaho.

You also might conclude that it may not touch you if you are in a moderate to low income bracket; but be careful. If it comes from higher income earners and businesses

T.W. Stivers

and corporations, you are still going to be hit.

Businesses and corporations will collect it from you in the form of increased costs of everything you buy and higher income earners will have that much less to spend because of their increased taxes so less revenue will accrue to the state by a proportional amount.

Also, more than one-half of the "windfall" is to be generated by repeal of the Federal

Investment Tax Credit Incentive to Business: If the 1987 Idaho Legislature follows suit and repeals the Idaho Tax Credit provision it is assumed that would ring in an additional \$1 1/2 - \$1 million in "windfall" revenue to Idaho. The same fallacies exist as alluded to in the implementation of the Federal Tax Reform Act. The taxpayer will pay.

The Idaho Legislature tried for three years to pass the Idaho Investment Tax Credit Act and finally succeeded in 1982 after several vetoes by the governor. The sad part is that it was finally passed and approved on March 10, 1982.

The state of Idaho was already in a sharp

economic decline at that time and venture, expansion or improvement capital was difficult to find. Now that the economy in Idaho is slowly pulling itself out of the hole would be a most imprudent time to consider repealing our investment tax credit act. Small business in Idaho needs that additional incentive to expand, increase production and hire additional employees. That is what really generates tax revenue.

The added danger of building the "windfall" into the state appropriation base should cause alarms to go off in the minds of even liberal senators. Congress is already preparing amendments to the tax reform

act, so we have no assurance of stability in our revenue source: A more seasoned approach would be to reduce our income tax rates to allow for more moderate adjustment to revenue.

Remember that business is the generator for the economic engine that supplies the revenue to operate our local and state departments, agencies and institutions. Any disruption in that source has a debilitating effect upon our economy. Think about it.

T.W. Stivers, Twin Falls, is former speaker of the Idaho House.

Letters

Don't cut medical programs

Open letter to President Reagan: Mr. President, I hear over the television set on national news you plan on trying to cut the national debt by cutting deeply into Medicare, Medicaid and V.A. medical programs. I wrote both you and Mrs. Reagan personally last year and asked you how you would feel if you could not get medical help for your cancer.

Mr. President, I do not feel that you care at all about the American people. It is painful, Mr. President, to have to go without medical treatment.

Mr. President, I wish you a quick recovery, but while you are lying in your hospital bed at government expense, I want you to be aware of me and probably millions more that are not able to obtain the high level of care that you are personally receiving.

Only pray that the federal legislatures will have more feeling for the plight of these poor, the disabled, and the elderly than you do, and will prevent you from making the cuts you have planned in medical care programs for the "truly needy."

SUSANNE M. COLVIN
Jerome

Paris deserves apology

Mrs. Pat Glesler: Hopefully you are not a "sales person" as you call yourself. With your poor tired feet and overworked eight hours sound like you belong in a nursing home — try a 12 hour shift seven days a week, it's great. It supports us and, yes, I deal with public. However, I like Earl Faulkner would agree if it weren't for us "rude, thoughtless,

5:55 p.m. empty handed-headed shoppers" there would be no Paris, nor a job for weary feet.

I've lived here 68 years and love it and downtown; with your attitude you belong in the city.

If anyone owes the Paris, and especially Mr. Faulkner, an apology, it is you Pat Glesler. "Good year girl."

MRS. LISA LASH
Twin Falls

Stop the rape of land

To my people and myself, life is sacred. All life — that of the birds, the plants, the animals, the water, the sky, the fish, the human — is sacred. Life comes from the creator who is life.

This belief in the sacredness of life is the core of the spiritual philosophy of my people and myself. To disrespect and destroy life is an affront to the creator. To take life unnecessarily in greed or in sport is wrong.

Even as I write, a trapper rapes the canyon upstream from my home. He takes not only the need and with humility and thankfulness, but out of greed and with arrogance. I oppose his actions. I'll defend life in this stretch of the creek to the best of my ability.

This trapper's rape of life is no different than that of the developer and speculator who destroys lands and lives with his malls, factories and sub-divisions — who destroys rivers, streams and waterfalls with his dams.

His rape is no different than that of our government, who, with their comrades in corporate hierarchy, rape the peoples, forests and hills of South and Central America.

His rape is no different than that of our own government and its corporate comrades who rape our own people and land at places like INEL, Hanford, and the Nevada test site.

His rape, their rape is based on disrespect for life and the creator of life. It is wrong; my people and myself oppose and will fight this rape. For if it is not stopped, there will be no life.

WILLIAM K. CHISHOLM
Buhl

Government giveth, taketh

Today I will receive my Social Security check, with my cost-of-living raise on it. With the \$2.40 increase in our Medicare insurance.

I only come out with a \$2 cost-of-living raise in month on my check. You would think the government could figure a better way to pay their bills than to take it from the elderly.

The moral of this letter is — the government giveth, and the government taketh away.

MARJORIE GALE
Rupert

Curse of a devilish gland

Out with the old and in with the new. Happy New Year Magic Valley. I've told that now is the time of year for resolutions, so here's mine. I hereby resolve that I will be somewhat more understanding of the

erstwhile blunders of the present occupant of the White House. I also wish him well on his "latest" medical turn-ups and parts overhaul.

I've been doing a bit of research over the last few days and have come up with some little known facts; i.e., when God created man he did a mighty fine job for the most part, giving his creation certain equipment essential to health and well being; and then just for devilment, he threw in a few extra parts.

Parts such as tonsils, adenoids and prostate glands. Now this last one is the one giving Mr. Reagan his trouble.

Upon reading countless pages of material on the devilish prostate, I find that it is a curse of the male population effecting common old duffers like me as well as statesmen, presidents and even royalty.

TED SAMPLES
Twin Falls

GOP should pay the tab

I marvel that no one else has spoken on this issue.

I cannot agree with the reasoning of the Portland Oregonian editorial, "Twin Falls offers a model for nation."

The editorial which appeared in the Friday (Dec. 19) Times-News, criticized the Spokane City Council for submitting a bill for \$30,584.67 for the additional police work required for President Reagan's "last-ditch campaign for Republican candidates."

It praised the Twin Falls area for not doing the same, for not submitting a bill, and said that 12 jurisdictions sent police officers to assure that the visit would go smoothly. Which 12? Hagerman, Gooding, Jerome, Wendell? Paul, Rupert, Burley, Declo? Mur-

taugh, Hansen, Kimberly? Filer, Buhl, Castledorf? Twin Falls?

When the president comes to intervene in the hotly contested senatorial race the tab for all the extra expenses should be paid by the Republican senator or his political party. This was part of the candidate's campaign, as much his expense as television commercials. (The TV news coverage of the visit on his behalf was very good, an added bonus.)

We've never heard who had to pay for the rumored telephone bill, the laying of extra cables, the many telephones which had to be installed, the cost of flying special automobiles out here, etc. When a president moves about the country, his administration must go with him, and many came about whom the public did not know.

Perhaps all services and goods were freely volunteered or donated. But in fairness and honesty, a full disclosure of the cost of this trip should be made if it was made at public expense.

Should a city or a county foot a partisan campaign bill? Should the national treasury do it?

VIRGINIA ASH
Buhl

Preparing for a meeting

"Garbagekop" Gorbachev, a meeting with Nancy's pet, Ronnie, is possible if certain "preparations" are met. Well, knowing our "milk toast" negotiators — when the "slave master" turns them loose — about the only preparation we will need is "piss on the floor."

DAVE ANDERST
Filer

Two victims file lawsuits over hotel fire

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Lawsuits were filed on behalf of two victims Monday charging the Dupont Plaza Hotel with negligence in the fire that killed 96 people and injured at least 140.

The suits ask a total of \$19 million in damages.

The suits involving a Puerto Rican man who died and another who was injured in the blaze New Year's Eve are the first of dozens expected. They were filed in U.S. District Court the day after authorities blamed the fire on arson.

One suit said Juan Rosario Torres, a 63-year-old hotel worker, suffered greatly before his death because of "intentional, negligent and careless acts of the defendant."

His family asks \$9 million in a document that names Hotel Systems International of Santa Monica, Calif., as the defendant. Attorneys for the plaintiffs say that company owns the San Juan Dupont Plaza Corp., which is based in Delaware.

A person who answered the telephone at the Santa Monica office referred all questions to Bruce Shulman, the vice president for sales and marketing of the luxury hotel on Condado Beach. Shulman has scheduled a news conference for Tuesday.

The second suit, seeking \$10 million, was filed by Jose Aponte Rodriguez, who was in the casino when the fire broke out, and relatives. He suffered a broken ankle and a concussion.

Both documents say the hotel was negligent in failing to install such features as a sprinkler system, fire walls and lighted exits, and in not having a plan for safe evacuation.

The Torres suit also accuses the hotel of "closing and sealing the casino doors and entrapping" the worker, who was inside the casino and other hotel officials have denied the casino exits were locked at the time of the fire.

Hotel officials say there was a sprinkler system in parts of the building, and that it met Puerto Rican safety codes.

Lawyers for the Dupont Plaza and the victims' families wrangled Monday over access to the hotel. Investigators continued searching the building's rubble for clues.

A court petition filed for the hotel asked that it be notified before any private party was allowed to visit the premises.

Shulman said: "We are very concerned that critical evidence of this crime be preserved and therefore, we are asking all the authorities and the courts to make sure access to the hotel be restricted until all the evidence is secure." State and federal authorities control the premises and have restricted entry. Guests have been barred from their rooms and told their possessions will be shipped to them later.

John P. Coale, a Washington lawyer representing Aponte Rodriguez and nine families of people who died in the fire, said he planned to file

a motion asking that the hotel be sealed "so we can have four experts there also."

Andrew Vita, head of a 30-member team from the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said Monday: "Our site investigation will continue through the day... and probably be concluded at the end of the day tomorrow. We have found no physical evidence of an explosive device — bomb. I think that is clear."

He said tests on material flown to the bureau's laboratory in Rockville, Md., should provide more clues.

Hector Rivera Cruz, Puerto Rico's Secretary of Justice, said the tests would focus on "the specific chemical substance that was used to start the fire."

Guerry Thornton Jr., an Atlanta lawyer seeking to represent survivors and relatives of the dead, said a civil defense worker told his associates the fire was caused by something "liquid, flammable," a device "not professionally made, more like a Molotov cocktail."

Witnesses at the hotel pool and nearby beach have testified they heard explosions at about the time of the fire, which destroyed the casino, lobby and ballroom on the first two floors and spread smoke through the building.

Hotel officials have not given a damage estimate, but an independent adjuster put the figure at \$4 million.

Government strictly interprets voting act

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department has decided to allow the strictest possible enforcement of the Voting Rights Act by giving its attorneys broader authority to veto voting changes in thousands of local communities, sources said Monday.

Under the policy, the department could reject any proposed change that would have a discriminatory result regardless of whether local officials intended such bias.

The sources, speaking only on condition they not be named, said the application of the so-called "results" test was approved by Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds, head of the Justice Department's civil rights division.

The new policy will be the crucial element of regulations the department is expected to make public as early as Tuesday, the sources said.

The Justice Department had no immediate comment.

Under the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the Justice Department must approve any proposed voting changes in nine states and parts of seven others, mostly in the South.

Submissions often involve a change in the form of local government, redistricting, rules for runoff elections, residency requirements, annexations, movement of polling places, and even the scheduling of bond referenda.

Committee rejects Iran report release

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate Intelligence Committee, ignoring an appeal from President Reagan on Monday, narrowly rejected releasing a report on its investigation of the Iran-Contra affair.

Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole of Kansas, who had urged the report be released, said the committee voted 7-6 not to do that. Committee members said it was against the panel's rules to confirm the vote or to say how members voted, but the Democrats would have needed at least some Republican support.

Monday was the last day the panel was under Republican control. Democrats take over with the convening of the 100th Congress on Tuesday.

Dole said it was his strong belief from the start of the intelligence panel's month-long series of closed-door testimony that the information un-

covered should be made public as soon as possible.

But Senate Democratic Leader Robert Byrd of West Virginia said it would be highly premature to release the report now because it contains "very real gaps" and is "incomplete and inconclusive."

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., the committee's vice chairman, told reporters the administration "would like a report that says they didn't trade arms for hostages and... that no one in the administration was involved in diverting funds for the Contras."

"Now I can understand why they would want such a report," Leahy said. "But they are not going to get it... I'm not going to let them get that report."

Dole said two votes were taken. One rejected issuing a report and the other defeated a bid to

release a transcript of the committee's proceedings. He said that had either proposition passed, a basis would have been provided for refuting "inaccurate stories" which he said have damaged Reagan and the presidency.

"By a vote of 7-6, that's not going to happen," he said.

Also Monday, Senate Democratic leaders began circulating a resolution that will be introduced today to "create a Watergate-style select committee to investigate the diversion of Iranian arms sales profits to Nicaragua Contra rebels."

White House spokesman Larry Speakes said the president was urging that the Intelligence Committee report be released to the public immediately.

Study details rising malpractice claim costs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite moves by states to modernize personal injury, laws, insurance costs for many physicians and hospitals have increased sharply in the 1980s, along with soaring malpractice claims and increasing large settlements, it was reported Monday.

In a newly released study, the General Accounting Office said reforms to deal with malpractice problems can focus on changing the tort system — or the system of laws under which civil wrongs are redressed.

The study, based on medical malpractice conditions in six states during the 1970s, also suggested changing the way public bodies and peer groups regulate health care providers, overhauling regulation of the insurance industry and

developing realistic consumer expectations about the health care delivery system.

The GAO, the investigative arm of Congress, said most of the changes made by the six states respond to the liability crisis in the 1970s "focused on tort reforms designed to assure the availability and to reduce the cost of malpractice insurance."

The GAO made no recommendations in the third of five reports for Congress. Recommendations will be contained in the final report, due in April.

The six states in the study are Arkansas, California, Florida, Indiana, New York and North Carolina. The GAO also did individual studies on the six in addition to one overall report.

The GAO said officials surveyed in California and Indiana indicated that the changes in the tort laws of their states "had helped to moderate upward trends in the cost of insurance, and the average amount paid per claim."

However, the agency said, officials in Arkansas, Florida, New York and North Carolina generally believed the law changes in their states had little effect.

The GAO said Florida and New York enacted further tort law changes in 1985 and 1986, which focused on improved identification and disciplining of physicians with malpractice histories and increased oversight of malpractice insurance rates. The GAO said it was too early to assess their effects.

MAGGIE McMURRAY
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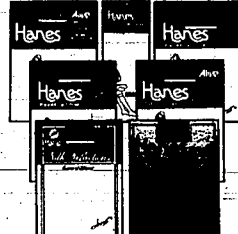
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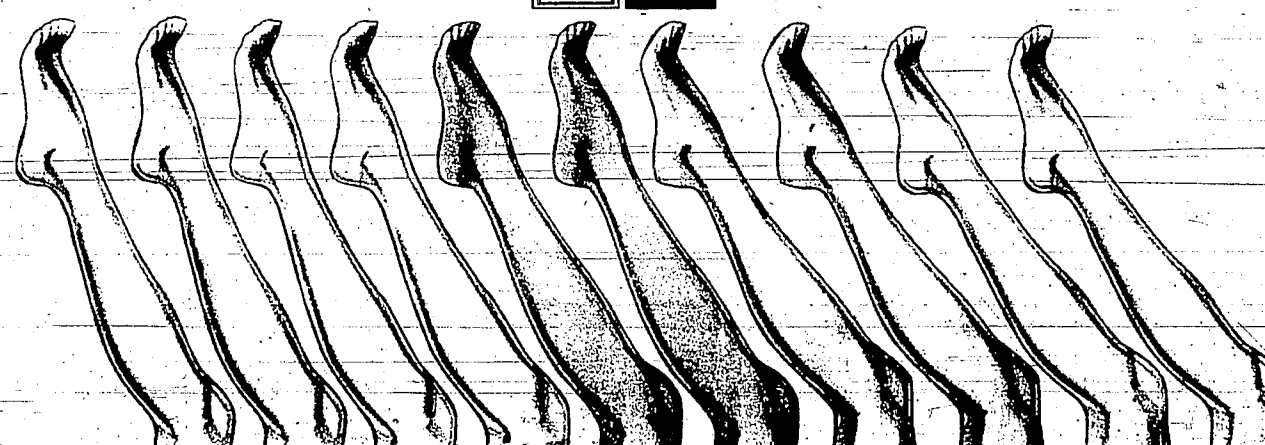
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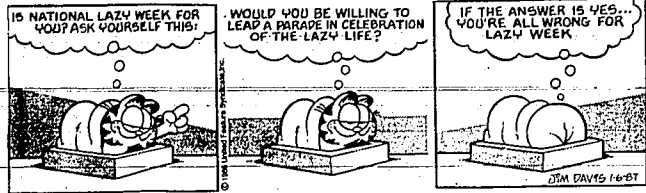


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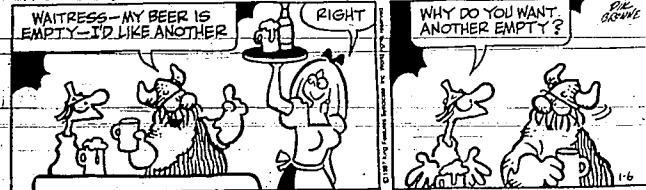
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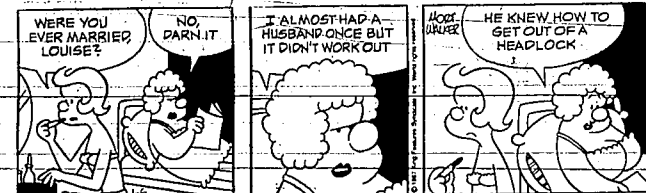
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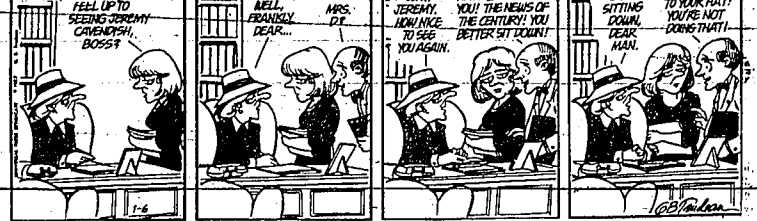
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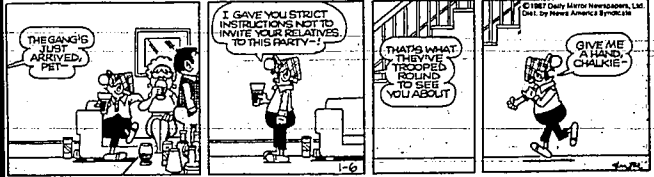
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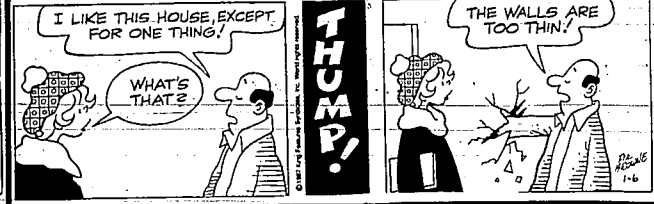
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- 55 Small pie
- 57 Salt stream
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L.M. Boyd
What's what

Singles heaven

Q. Where's the most likely place in the world for an unattached woman to meet an unattached man?

A. Hawaii... probably. At last report, the men still outnumbered the women there enormously. Please note, the client who sent in the question said she wants to know so she can avoid such places.

Many an overweight citizen

undergoes surgery - the removal of a length of innards - to reduce the size of the protruding midsection. What's seldom reported is that such a patient tends to regain the bulge, even with much missing. If the eating habits aren't changed.

HANDLESS CRAFT

Try this one while you're waiting at stoplights: How many sorts of craftsmen can you bring to mind

that don't touch by hand the material they work with? Start with glassblowers.

In Trenton, N.J., doctors monitored a handyman named Al Herin for several months, and confirmed his claim that he didn't sleep. If he could go without it for that long, they said, maybe he could go without it for a lifetime. He took catnaps in chairs, but he swore he never lay down. When he died at age 92 in 1947, survivors found no bed in his hut.

BETHEHEM

How come you didn't make it to Bethlehem for Christmas? Am told there are 838 places so named just in the United States. Take Alabama. Why do you count the streams, crossroads and other noteworthy

sites, you get 76 Bethlehems Georgia and Mississippi have 73 each. Still, Bethlehem is not as popular a name as Star. There are 1,229 Stars. Lot of them are lakes.

Said Goethe, himself a renowned Love and War man: "He who cannot love must learn to flatter."

If you feel Christopher Columbus has not received sufficient recognition, you might mention also he was the first European to see lima beans.

No flower has black blossoms.

Researchers are still trying to figure out why fewer babies are born in April than during any other month.

That slang imperative "Get lost!" comes from Yiddish. So does "I need it like a hole in the head."

Yesterday's Puzzle Solved:

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AERO CLARE ECLA
CAMOULAGE SOFT
TRY SEER SWEETS
WARY PAIR
SPRITS DOWN TOWN
PROSE BOWED TEO
LOCH BOIED SEAT
LW GLIER WAIVE
TESTCASE PANNED
RACE SALE
SHRINK MASK SPA
SHEEP TROUSSEAU
ORAL QUINCE GIRL
TOME PETER BILLE

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Daily Horoscope

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Make sure that you are alert and wide awake to the opportunities around you. It's not time to present them for approval to those high in the office.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): A fine day for getting in touch with good friends and stating your aims. Personal happiness is important now.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Sit in the privacy of your study and make plans for the future with only your trusted advisers.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): Contact persons with experience and find out how to make your personal life more rewarding and satisfying.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Anything of a political nature should be handled in a more up-to-date fashion. Be cautious.

LEO (July 22 to August 21): Be wide awake to new changes that can prove profitable to you. Get your work organized more intelligently.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22): If you use more modern methods, your daily routines will be easier to handle. Be happy with your mate.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22): An outside partner can give you good suggestions that should be followed to your great advantage.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21): Add a worthwhile touch to whatever you are doing and this work becomes more valuable.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21): Get your talents working more efficiently and make a fine impression on another.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20): Give more attention to your home duties and please your family. Save personal wishes for later.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): Study your correspondence from a different angle and get better results with it.

PISCES (February 20 to March 20): Make new arrangements where finances are concerned. Don't permit an old-time friend to monopolize your time.

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Chinese students show power but radical change unlikely

By JIM ABRAMS
The Associated Press

PEKING — At 4 a.m. Friday, after a five-hour march through the silent, snowed-in streets of Peking, about 1,000 students stood on Tiananmen Square and proclaimed their yearnings for democracy.

The "conquest" of Tiananmen, for most Chinese a symbol of the nation, followed a month of unrest throughout the country during which students won official recognition, given grudgingly, that their goals of democratic reform were legitimate and justified.

"We feel most of the students involved in demonstrations are patriots," said senior Education Ministry official He Dongchang, echoing the official view that China should become more democratic but that demonstrations, a threat to national stability, were the wrong way to achieve the goal.

The official recognition has been the students' most important victory. The unrest has brought successes and failures on both sides of the police lines.

Students have won minor concessions in their demand for greater representation in local legislatures. At least one university in the provincial capital of Hefei, scene of early protests, now allows students to run independently for a district-level congress.

The government also emphasized new measures saying that in order to ensure competition, candidates to local legislatures must exceed the number of contested seats by a certain percentage.

Election reforms already were being drawn up when the demonstrations began, but press coverage of the changes certainly was timed to show students that senior leader Deng Xiaoping's avowed commitment to political reform was on track.

The students, who have clamored for a more open and objective press, also won a minor coup with the unprecedented press coverage of their protests.

Reports in the state-run press about demonstrations in Shanghai, Peking and Nanjing were slanted toward the official government view and surrounded by hard-hitting editorials against the protests. But never before has the press given such space to those who question Communist Party policy.

The demonstrators also have shown that student power, often a catalyst for political change, is still a force. They have marched and put up political posters with impunity despite bans against such activity.

Police, obviously on instructions, have stepped aside to allow street marches to proceed. Several dozen students detained in New Year's Day disturbances at Tiananmen

were let go when their release was demanded by their comrades who marched to the square that night.

Major failings of the students have been a lack of organization and an inability to define goals. Democracy has been defined as anything from support for Deng's modest efforts to separate party and government functions to demands for the overthrow of the Communist Party and starting multiparty elections.

The demonstrations lacked leadership and often broke down into aimless street debates on what the participants wanted to accomplish.

The government won praise for its restraint in handling the students. There have been no tanks in the streets and no mass arrests.

Despite crowds numbering in the tens of thousands in Shanghai and in the thousands

in Peking, there have been no serious injuries, a tribute to the generally cool behavior of police.

The government appears to have justified its claims, made in ceaseless editorials over the past weeks, that the Chinese support the Communist Party and reject any disturbances that could return the country to the terror of the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

Numerous workers have expressed sympathy with the students' aims, but few, partly out of fear of repercussions, have joined the marches. Education Ministry official He estimated that no more than 2 percent of China's 2 million university students have joined marches.

There have been no reports of unrest in the countryside, where 80 percent of China's 1 billion people live and where millions have benefited from Deng's market-oriented reforms.

Rebels talk with U.S. congressman

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — Communist rebels announced Monday that they met with a senior U.S. congressman before new talks with the government on ending their 18-year rebellion.

Antonio Zume, spokesman for the Communist-led National Democratic Front, told reporters he and another Front official had two hours of "very frank" talks Sunday night with Rep. Stephen J. Solarz, D-N.Y., chairman of the House subcommittee on Asian and Pacific Affairs.

The U.S. embassy confirmed the talks took place but refused comment. A spokesman said Solarz was not representing the Reagan administration in the meeting, the first between the rebels and a member of the American government.

On Tuesday, the rebels and the government will begin second-stage talks on major issues, including rebel demands for the closing of U.S.

military bases in the Philippines, widespread land reform and a transition government.

Earlier talks resulted in a 60-day cease-fire, in effect since Dec. 10.

In another development Monday, riot police prevented about 5,000 leftists from marching on President Corason Aquino's office to protest left-leaning Augusto Sanchez's being squeezed out as labor minister and what the protesters consider the pro-U.S. stand of the Aquino government.

Zume refused to discuss details of the talks with Solarz, except to say "some of his views were in opposition to ours."

Solarz made no mention of the meeting during a news conference shortly before his departure after a 16-day private visit. He expressed hope the cease-fire would lead to peace.

But he said if it failed, the United States would "do everything it

possibly can to defend democracy from those who would attempt to assail it."

Speakers at Monday's protest march charged Mrs. Aquino was becoming "isolated from workers and peasants."

The marchers, organized by the left-wing May 16 Movement, were confronted by about 300 riot police. The protesters dispersed peacefully after a two-hour rally held before police barricades about 200 yards from the presidential offices.

Bishop Antonio Forch, chairman of the national cease-fire committee, urged meanwhile at a breakfast meeting with reporters that the

truce be extended to allow time for the negotiations.

"Maybe if it could still be extended to another 30 or 60 days, it would be progressive," Forch said.

But Zume told reporters the two sides were poles apart on formulas for achieving peace. The National Democratic Front has already dismissed government offers of economic development and amnesty for rebels as "pallatives."

The government has rejected calls for power-sharing and the immediate closing of U.S. bases. It also says concessions must comply with the new constitution, due for ratification plebiscite Feb. 2.

Chad forces shoot down Libyan warplane

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Government forces shot down a Libyan warplane Monday over the town of Fada in northeastern Chad, the army said in a statement broadcast on government radio.

It said the Soviet-made MIG-23 was downed at about 5 p.m., but gave no details.

Libyan planes were making "blind bombardments of the civilian population" at Zouren in northeastern Chad, the armed forces were more determined than ever to deliver ever harsher blows to the savage Libyan horde," according to the statement.

Libyan bombings of two targets south of the 16th parallel in which a civilian was killed and four were wounded.

France supports the government of President Hissene Habre, which has been plagued by civil war. Its policy has been to respond with air strikes if Libyan forces or rebels move south of the 16th parallel in its former North African colony.

The French have said they will intervene if rebels push south of the parallel, which divides the North African nation in half.

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In Paris, the French government said it was studying an "appropriate response" to earlier Libyan attacks in southern Chad and the Chadian Embassy there said Libyan planes flew over towns deep in southern Chad on Sunday.

France's Defense Ministry said Libyan planes bombed southern Chad on Saturday, but it could not confirm the reported Sunday overflights.

The embassy said a Soviet-built Tupolev-22 bomber was seen over Sahr, a southernmost town near the Central African Republic border, and over Abeche, the main town between the capital and the Sudanese border. Four MIG-23s also flew over Abeche, the embassy said.

In an interview published Monday in Paris, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi conceded for the first time that Libyan troops were in Chad. He insisted only "a few hundred" were there trying to free about 20 Libyan technicians taken prisoner against Libya, which had supported them.

The office of Jacques Chirac, France's premier, said he was in frequent contact with French President Francois Mitterrand since the

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Soviets pitch space program

MOSCOW (AP) — The Soviet Union made a strong public pitch to foreign customers Monday for its slow-moving commercial satellite launching program and sought to allay fears the Kremlin would piller Western technological secrets.

Premier Nikolai I. Ryzhkov said in an interview with the Tass news agency the Soviets would allow clients to ship payloads into the country in sealed containers and a Soviet rocket.

He also offered "substantial discounts" to developing nations and suggested the Soviets would lower rates for other clients.

Customers have been slow in coming since the Kremlin began trying to break into the satellite market by forming its own commercial space agency, Glavkosmos, a year ago.

Western experts had expected the Soviets to make a big push for the slack created in the satellite market by explosions that grounded the U.S. space shuttle and the French Ariane program last year. Glavkosmos was created in January 1986, just before the shuttle Challenger disaster.

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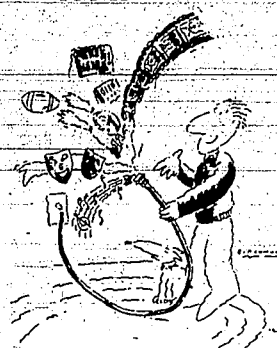
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Shuttle-sealing materials tested

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — New sealing materials in Morton Thiokol's redesigned space shuttle booster completely contained super-hot gases during a recent test-firing, preparing the way for more advanced experiments, the company says.

Morton Thiokol spokesman Rocky Raab said that analysis of a Dec. 9 test-firing, for which complete results were unavailable until Monday, showed that "there were no gas leaks or failures of any of the sealing systems."

The escape of gas from one of the shuttle Challenger's booster rocket joints has been blamed for touching off the Jan. 28, 1986 explosion of an exterior fuel tank that destroyed the spacecraft and its seven-member crew.

The success of last month's test-firing, which used 400 pounds of propellant to simulate conditions of the Challenger launch, means Morton Thiokol can now proceed with experiments incorporating a third O-ring in the booster joints and a metal "capture feature," which pinches the O-rings together.

But first, engineers will conduct further experiments on the sealing system in a test tentatively scheduled for the first week of February, Raab said.

A full-scale test-firing of the booster — originally planned for early February — will follow either late in February or early March and will be the first to include the third O-ring and capture feature, he said.

In all, the company now plans up to eight more test-firings running

through this summer.

In earlier tests, Morton Thiokol replaced the Viton O-rings used on the Challenger with O-rings filled with Arctic Nitrite and silicone, materials more resistant to, and elastic in, cold weather.

Cold temperatures have partially been blamed for failure of the rings during Challenger's launch, and earlier test-firings have simulated the "subfreezing conditions" at the time of the ill-fated mission.

In the next month's test-firing at the company's plant near Brigham City, Morton Thiokol engineers will build "deliberate faults" in the insulation material to allow gas pressure to assault the new O-rings, he said.

Energy codes implemented

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Bingham County has become the third local government in Idaho to adopt more efficient energy codes for new buildings under the Northwest Power Planning Council's Model Conservation Standards.

Since the county adopted the codes before 1985, it is eligible for benefits under the Bonneville Power Administration's "Early Adopter Program," including financial assistance from the BPA to help cover administrative costs, technical training and code enforcement.

Following the lead of Bonneville County and the city of Idaho Falls, Bingham County also will receive \$3,800 per house built to the new codes to help builders with incremental costs.

Suspects still sought in explosion of home

ATHOL (AP) — Two people arrested at a home that authorities say housed a major drug-manufacturing operation remain in custody, Bonner County authorities said Monday.

Investigators said the pair arrested Saturday may have been collecting items for another two people still sought for questioning in the explosion and fire that damaged the rural home Dec. 29.

In custody Monday were Charles Corder, 41, of Coeur d'Alene, and Gloria Walker, 25, of Spirit Lake. They were scheduled to appear in court later in the day, a county jailer said.

Corder and Walker are charged with second-degree burglary. Corder also was charged with grand theft in connection with a .44-caliber Magnum revolver that authorities said he took into the house.

Still sought for questioning are John Hale, 49, and Virginia Valdez,

41. They had rented the home a few months ago from its Spokane owner. They were not at the scene when firefighters and police responded last week.

State investigators say the schoolbus and travel trailer most seriously damaged in the explosion and fire appeared to have been part of a mobile factory for making methamphetamines.

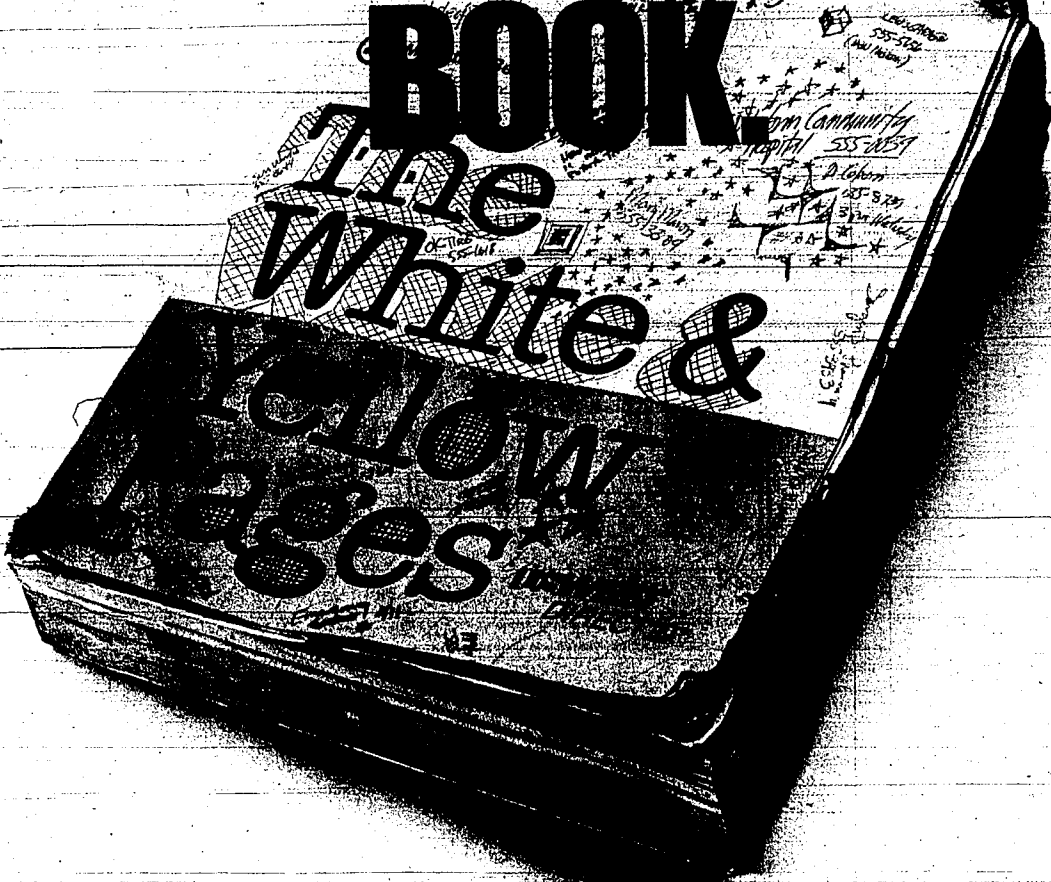
Investigators say the materials they found in the wreckage of the bus and trailer could have produced as much as 40 pounds of methamphetamines weekly.

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Andrus declines reappointment of High to the PUC

By JANE ROBISON
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Gov. Cecil Andrus will not reappoint Richard High to the Public Utilities Commission when High's 6-year term expires next Monday, High confirmed on Monday.

"The governor simply said he didn't plan to reappoint me," High said during a phone interview on Monday. "We've had a long association with each other, and we're good friends. He just wants to put his own people in, and I'm ready to retire."

No names have been announced to replace High, said Marc Johnson, Andrus's press secretary. Johnson would only say on Monday that Andrus will make the announcement "soon."

The 69-year-old High said he did not want another 6-year term on the PUC. However, the former state senator from Twin Falls said he did not ask to be reappointed for a 1- or 2-year term.

High's departure means there will be two new members on the three-member commission. PUC member Conley Ward announced earlier he would not seek another term.

High said that with two new members, he thought the governor might want to keep an experienced team on for a year or two.

"I'm disappointed a little. It's going to be a tough time for two new people. There seems to be a lot of things in transition," High said.

Phone deregulation is looming on the horizon, and electricity rates are always an issue, he said. He added that, in his 6 years on the PUC, he's



RICHARD HIGH
PUC term expires Monday

seen electricity drop from a shortage to a surplus.

High said he dropped no names to Andrus as possible successors on the PUC. But there are types of people he would like to see appointed, he said.

"I just want someone who's interested in the public's interest, and to keep rates as low as possible and still have a financially sound company," he said.

High said he has no future plans, yet. He said he will continue to serve until a successor has been named. And he said his years on the PUC have been worthwhile.

"This has been a fascinating place to be," he said.

Council accepts bid for automation work

By PAT MARCANTONIO
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls City Council accepted a \$125,000 bid Monday evening to begin automating the Water Department's telephone system.

The lone bidder on the project was Shotwell's Electric of Twin Falls. The bid includes equipment, installation, and the training of city personnel, said Bill Block of J-U-B Engineers, which designed the system.

The entire cost of the automated system will be \$148,272, Block reported. The work should begin in late January and continue for about 4 months.

With the equipment, city workers at the Harrison Street station will not have to manually control — on a 24-hour basis — water pressure and elevation in the tanks based on information from outlying booster stations, Block said.

Instead of city employees working three shifts, there will only be one

shift necessary to check the status of the new system. The project could pay for itself in 2 years, because the city won't have to pay for those shifts of work, he said.

Councilman Gale Kleinkopf said he was concerned about the lack of other bidders. Block replied that the system was designed to be compatible with the city's present system.

In other business, the council voted to increase dog license, impoundment and related fees to raise more revenue to operate the pound.

During fiscal year 1985-86, animal fees and fines totaled \$3,731, according to city staff. But the cost of operating the pound — excluding personnel — totaled \$4,891.

With this vote, lifetime licenses went up \$2 — to \$5. Daily board at the pound increased from \$2 to \$3. Impoundment fees for first-time offenders jumped from \$18 to \$20 and for second-time offenders from \$38 to \$40.

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A snowplow clears the road just below the ski area on Monday afternoon at Magic Mountain.

Precipitation leaves roads slippery

Light snow and sleet on Monday afternoon at Magic Mountain, as a snowplow clears the road just below the ski area.

Hart sworn in as 5th district judge

By ADELL HARVEY
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — J. William "Bill" Hart was sworn in as the newest 5th Judicial District Judge at the Mindoko County Courthouse Monday morning.

Phillip M. Becker, district administrative judge, administered the oath of office to Hart in a courtroom packed with judges, state legislators and county and local officials.

Growing teary-eyed, Hart said, "This is the most humbling thing that has ever happened to me. My emotions are running pretty high."

He thanked all of those who supported him in the election, as well as the courthouse, state and county officials.

"We appreciate the support that has been given in making this changeover as efficient and economical as possible," he said. "The county commissioners have been very supportive and cooperative. I can assure you they are committed to a first class judicial system."

Becker presented Hart with a plaque listing seven qualifications for a judge, such as moral integrity, commitment to justice, and asked that Hart hang the plaque in his office and read it each morning before entering the courtroom.

"In my opinion, Bill Hart has all of these qualifications," Becker said. "He's the kind of man we need on the bench."

Not all of the occasion was solemn, however. Becker prefaced the ceremony with a number of lighthearted remarks. "Bill is definitely going to be a big addition to the bench over here," Becker said, noting Hart's size.

In an interview prior to the ceremony, Hart outlined his plans for his judgeship.



District Administrative Judge Phillip Becker, left, swears in William Hart

"Specifically, we're going to adopt a modified fast-tracking system," he said. "I'm going to personally monitor cases. In general, we're going to have a system that operates with a lot of personal involvement by the judge, but with a responsible degree of promptness in a professional judicial manner."

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"I was concerned with the delay in making decisions," he said. "But Judge Bruce and his staff have been very cooperative in making

the changeover in a professional way, and all the delayed decisions which concerned me have now been made."

Hart said that the addition of a law clerk will be of great benefit to the judicial system. Bruce admitted during the campaign that there had been some delays, but he said if he were re-elected he could speed up his decisions by bringing a law clerk onto the county payroll.

Hospital installs new phone system

By BART JANSEN
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Regional Medical Center rang in the new year with a new telephone system.

Administrator John Bingham notified the board at its meeting Monday that the AT&T system was unanimously approved during December's board meeting was installed during the holidays.

A \$173,211 system was bought after the hospital's previous lease agreement ended because the lease would have cost \$210,000 during the next 5 years.

Bingham introduced another addition to MVRMC, in the form of a new head of the respiratory-therapy department.

Lee Ras, a 36-year-old Charlevoix, Mich., resident, has run cardiopulmonary and respiratory departments at Michigan hospitals and was also an interim administrator for a 20-bed hospital in his home state.

Ras told The Times-News after the meeting that running the 10-person department at MVRMC interested him as a place to work with a program from the ground up. Ras said he expects to begin by learning the "nuts and bolts" of procedures and job responsibilities at MVRMC before making decisions on which courses to pursue.

"What intrigued me was building things up," Ras said. He added the relationships between doctors, nurses and therapists at MVRMC appeared better than some he's observed in the Midwest.

"There's a good staff here," Ras said. "It seems a lot lighter here."

In other discussions, the holiday break didn't provide hospital officials with any clearer insight into

the failure of a recent county election to change the hospital from county ownership to a private, non-profit corporation.

Officials said they received almost as many reasons for the voting "no" as people they talked to, despite the concerted efforts of board members, administrators and Twin Falls County commissioners to persuade county voters a change in the hospital is necessary.

"I, for one, have not arrived at any conclusions for why the vote went the way it did," said Board Trustee Jim LaGrone. "Perhaps we shot ourselves in the foot," he said of promoting the idea of changing the hospital's ownership.

LaGrone, head of the hospital's finance committee, noted that hospital earnings projections estimate it will begin losing money in a year and a half. He said that while alternatives such as selling the hospital or creating a taxing district look equally bleak, the prospect defeated in the election may need to be brought up again.

"I don't believe we have any viable alternatives," LaGrone said.

Officials argued that MVRMC's ownership needed to be changed from a county hospital to being run by a private, non-profit corporation.

A Dec. 9 advisory election found about 60 percent of the 7,000 participating voters opposed the idea of changing MVRMC.

Commissioner Judy Felton echoed that she didn't know why the vote failed. She said she contacted the Sawtooth Press Club about researching why voters rejected the proposed change and for advice on how to proceed.

"We just want to know which direction to go," Felton said.

Briefly

Raft of accidents investigated

TWIN FALLS — Eighteen traffic accidents were investigated by Twin Falls police Monday morning during the weekend.

A large number of the collisions and single car accidents occurred on icy streets, officers said. Dale W. Ralphs, 24, of Twin Falls, apparently overlooked a "dead end street" sign on 8th Avenue E. Sunday morning.

Five persons suffered minor injuries in a two-car accident Friday on Eastland Drive North. A vehicle driven by Leslie A. Packard, 35, of Twin Falls, was struck from behind by another vehicle driven by Christine Rasmussen, 15, of Twin Falls.

Personal finance seminars set

TWIN FALLS — IDS Financial Services is presenting free seminars about personal financial planning today in Burley and in Twin Falls.

Seminars are scheduled at 2 p.m. at the Convention Center in the Best Western Burley Inn and 7:30 p.m. in the Cedar Room at the Canyon Springs Inn in Twin Falls. The public is invited.

School bus, horse collide

JEROME — Several children and a school bus driver escaped injury early Monday morning when a school bus collided with a horse on a county road 5 miles north and 3 miles west of Jerome.

Idaho State Police officers said the bus was traveling west on County Road 120 North and the horse was going south on 300 West. Officers said the horse ran into the path of the bus but the bus driver, Thelma Low Maddox, 55, of Jerome, was able to avoid losing control of the vehicle and brought it to a stop without leaving the roadway or overturning it.

The bus is owned by the North Side Bus Co., which has the transportation contract with the Jerome School District.

Thefts at hospital reported

TWIN FALLS — Two thefts of property from the staff locker room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center were reported to Twin Falls police during the weekend.

Hospital employees, reported wallets were taken from their lockers in the staff room in the north wing of the hospital.

Vandals take rides on carts

TWIN FALLS — Vandals took a joy ride on several golf carts at the Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course over the weekend and left \$3,300 in damage behind.

Twin Falls police reports indicated someone broke into a golf cart storage building at the golf course and took five carts owned by club members.

All five carts were found on the fairways, but police said it appeared they had deliberately been run into one another and severely damaged.

Sanding truck, car collide

TWIN FALLS — An Idaho State Highway department sanding truck and a motorist from Washington State collided Monday evening near the I-84 and I-86 junction in Cassia county.

Idaho State Police dispatcher, Tammy Clark, said the accident was reported at 7:17 p.m. Betty Lou Green, 62, of Toppensish, Wash., was westbound on I-84 and a state sanding truck operated by Clarence Newman, 52, of Rupert, pulled into the westbound lane from a cross-over. Officers said apparently the woman thought he was pulling into her lane and swerved. In doing so, her car sideswiped the truck.

Damage was estimated at \$2,000 to her car and \$100 to the state vehicle. There were no injuries. Investigation was continuing Monday night.

Residents pay tribute to Creed

By BONNIE BAIRD JONES Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — About 50 persons braved damp, cold weather Monday afternoon in the Filer 100F Cemetery to pay tribute to I.T. "Pete" Creed for his many years of community service.

Creed, 89, died Friday after a short illness.

He was born in Jacksonville, Mo., and came to Idaho in 1917; later returned to Missouri 5 years later. He married Flossie Dean in 1920 in Missouri; they moved to the Twin Falls area in 1929.

Throughout his life, Creed was interested in the production of unusual crops and garden produce. He grew 33 different varieties of corn while farming west of Filer and had pioneered the development and production of hybrid corn.

His friends remembered him Monday for his dedication and energetic work for the Grange organizations in Twin Falls County and for the many community service projects he undertook and encouraged Grange members to complete.

Although he and his wife had no children of their own, he was always interested in youth programs in the community.

Kenneth Poe, a former Grange official, called Creed one of the most dedicated members the local Grange ever had.

"He worked hard to bring in new members and to undertake and finish community service projects that won the Grange many 1st place awards in the state and some that also placed among the top 10 in national competition," Poe said.

"He was a great person, always willing to help in anything that was needed in the community," Poe added.

Poe said there was a wall in the

Grange hall that was filled with 15 or 20 community service plaques that Creed was instrumental in winning.

Among his many projects was "Creed's Crossing" on Rock Creek. Friends said that, when it began, people thought it was an impossible undertaking.

Clark Kleinkopf said he has a newspaper clipping he had planned to take to Creed just before his death. It tells of efforts to install three large pipes under the old bridge at the crossing of Rock Creek, just south of Twin Falls. Creed was able to get the pipe installed and then, through a 1 1/2-year effort, obtained free fill dirt and concrete to build up the crossing and eliminate a hazardous curve and bridge.

Kleinkopf said he worked on many projects with Creed, who never turned down a request to help on any community need.

"I think he was the greatest community worker that has come along in my time in this community," Kleinkopf said. "One of his greatest interests was the Idaho Youth Ranch. I went there with him many times. They thought a lot of him there and he helped them in many ways."

Kleinkopf said Creed was also instrumental in many of the Twin Falls County Fair programs, especially those involving the Twin Falls Grange.

Clinton Dougherty of Filer said his friend Creed was involved in some way in just about any community need that came along. He was called "Polo" Pete because of his long dedication to the effort to control the crippling disease.

"One of his accomplishments was the establishing of the Junior Gardener clubs," Dougherty said. "He brought this program along to take the place of the agricultural exhibits of the Granges at our area

Creed worked with 4-H Club members teaching them how to plant, cultivate and grow prize-winning garden produce. For many years, he exhibited the largest pumpkin and squash in both the Twin Falls County and Eastern Idaho state fairs, winning more than 2,000 awards.

It was Creed, friends recalled, who decided that Shoshone Falls and Twin Falls roads needed to be marked for tourists. He designed and poured markers in the shape of the state of Idaho and erected them at the intersections leading toward the two parks.

Creed helped the Twin Falls Grange obtain its own building. He worked to acquire and then move an old school building to a point just south of Creed's Crossing. It was then refurbished and made into a hall by volunteer work from Creed and other Grange members. Prior to that time, friends said, the Twin Falls Grange met in the 100F hall.

He also assisted Harbor House, a former Creed's home, as a former Creed's home for boys and girls who became wards of the court or who had to leave their own homes for some reason. Creed served on the board of directors for the home for several years.

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Obituaries

John Rue

BURLEY — John Rue, 79, of Burley, died Sunday morning at Cassia Memorial Hospital.

Born Dec. 17, 1907, in Chattanooga, Okla., he was raised by an aunt and uncle after his mother died soon after his birth. They moved to Burley where he attended schools. He moved to Florida in 1928, working in a grocery store until 1929, when he returned to Burley. He then worked for his uncle in Spaul's Grocery Store in Burley. He married Margaret Jane Daven Dec. 31, 1937, in Burley. He then operated the Spaul's Grocery until 1958.

Mr. Rue was circulation manager for the South Idaho Press and later for the Reminder Publishing Co. Mrs. Rue died June 18, 1985.

He was affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, and was a second lieutenant with the Idaho Army National Guard for a number of years. He was a member of the Elks Lodge and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Surviving are: a daughter, Patricia Granger of Bellevue, Wash.; a son, John H. Rue of Boise; a sister, Helen Price of Des Moines, Iowa; a brother, Merrill Rue of Michigan; a half-sister, Hollis Page of Los Alamos, N.M.; and 8 grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in the Burley First Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. David Henry officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary Chapel in Burley today from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

Lyle C. Tolman

BELLEVUE — Lyle C. Tolman, 74, of Bellevue, died Monday at his home after a long illness.

Born Nov. 1, 1912, in Blackfoot, he later worked in Wood River, Valley as a trucker, rancher and miner. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

Mr. Tolman operated a restaurant in Carey, ranched in Nudston and mined in Colorado until he was forced to take a disability retirement in the early 1950s. He married Lucille Bishop at Burley in 1935, and she died in 1967. He married Louise Allied in 1972, in Elko, and she died in 1981.

Surviving are: two nieces and nephews including Alberta Gudy of Bellevue, with whom he had made his home for the past two years. He was preceded in death by two sisters and a brother.

A graveside service will be held Thursday at 1 p.m. in Bellevue Cemetery, with the Rev. Billie East, 141 of the American Legion officiating.

Friends may call at the Wood River Chapel in Halley Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Thursday from 9 a.m. until noon.

Wilbur Merle Masoner

RUPERT — Wilbur Merle Masoner, 82, of Rupert, died Monday in the Veterans Administration Hospital in Salt Lake City.

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

Warren "Pappy" Johnson

TWIN FALLS — Warren E. "Pappy" Johnson, 82, formerly of Twin Falls, died Friday in Pasco, Wash.

Born Jan. 23, 1903, in Red Deer, Canada, he moved to Magic Valley during the depression, and worked as a bricklayer and concrete finisher all his working years. He married Myrtle Kirk in 1933 in Elko. She died in 1971.

After his retirement, Mr. Johnson spent much of his time at Magic Reservoir until moving to Pasco about 4 years ago to be near his daughter.

Surviving are: two daughters, Carol DeLaughter of Burbank, Wash., and Peggy Jacobson of Hanford, Calif.; five stepchildren, Betty Dwyer, Sharon Christensen and Robert Peterson, all of Twin Falls; Jim Peterson in Oregon and Dr. Patricia Jones of Seattle; two brothers, Harold Johnson of Pocatello and Harry Johnson of Boise; 6 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by 5 brothers and a sister.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. today at the White Mortuary in Twin Falls today from 3 to 8 p.m. The family will meet with friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today.

TWIN FALLS — The funeral for Goldie May Irish, 91, of Twin Falls, who died Saturday, will be conducted on 2 p.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the chapel today from 9 a.m. until time of the service.

RUPERT — The funeral for David Lester Player, 88, of Rupert, who died Sunday, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Rupert 1st and 7th Ward Chapel. Burial will be in Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at the Hansen Mortuary in Rupert this afternoon and evening and prior to the service on Wednesday. The family suggests memorials to the Boy Scouts of America Snake River Council.

BURLEY — The funeral for James Peter Verburg, 78, of Burley, who died Saturday, will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday in McCulloch's Funeral Chapel in Burley, with the Rev. Billy Elks-Lodge officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at McCulloch's today from 2 to 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday prior to the time of the funeral.

TWIN FALLS — The graveside service for William Joseph "Bill" Murdoch, 81, of Twin Falls, who died Friday, will be held Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call at the White Mortuary in Twin Falls today from 3 to 8 p.m. The family will meet with friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today.

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Council

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approved the appointment of John Hohnhorst to the City Planning and Zoning Commission. Hohnhorst had been an alternate on the commission.

Not on the agenda, but nonetheless a part of the meeting, were comments from Twin Falls builder Lyle Frazier. Frazier said he was disturbed that the council didn't inform local builders about a proposed contract with J-U-B Engineers to supervise the two-man building inspection department. Frazier said he learned about the proposal from an article in the Times-News.

"It was like we didn't count. But I know that's not the case," Frazier said.

Residential builders were satisfied with the department, but council members told Frazier that others had complained about

the department and that was the reason for looking at the department.

City Manager Tom Courtney said the contract was "being considered because there wasn't enough work to justify a full-time supervisor. The two city officials sharing the supervisory duties were needed elsewhere, he said.

In addition, the council should provide "better flexibility" for developers and the inspection process should be expedited, Courtney said. Initially, the contract would be on a trial basis.

"If it doesn't work, we'll go our separate ways and the city will find other alternatives," Courtney said.

The public shouldn't see any difference in the process, if the city contracts with the engineering firm, Mayor Doug Volmer said.

Frazier asked the city to keep builders informed about and involved in the situation.

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A baby to Mr. and Mrs. Lea Krivance of Burley.

DEAR ABBY: Six years ago, I clipped the enclosed column from my local newspaper. I have found it very relevant and I think that it needs to be rerun periodically.

At times, I have enclosed copies of this column to patients who have been delinquent with their accounts, and while some have been understanding, others have drawn tremendous objection to receiving any kind of pressure to pay for services rendered.

Over the years, physician overhead has increased tremendously. My current overhead is close to \$100,000 a year, and in addition, due to various circumstances, I render nearly \$100,000 per year of free services or reductions in my fees.

Nevertheless, I still have tremendous problems in getting patients to compensate me for my services, and I know that I am not alone, as nearly every physician has the same problem. Sign me.

AN M.D. WITH \$154,000 ON THE BOOKS, LAGUNA HILLS

DEAR DOCTOR: I'm glad you wrote. I liked this letter when I ran it in October of 1980, but I like it even more today. As a valentine to the many doctors and dentists who

Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

share the same leaky boat with you, I repeat it with pleasure:

DEAR ABBY: As a physician, I know this problem is a genuine source of concern to almost every physician.

It may come as a surprise to many, but not all doctors are rich! Far from it. We have house and car payments to make, children to raise, and business expenses just like anyone else trying to make a living. Add to that the exorbitant premiums for malpractice insurance.

People wouldn't think of going to the grocery store, filling station or beauty parlor without cash, a check or credit card. But they come to their doctor's office and say, "Bill me," or, "My insurance company will take care of it."

Abby, some insurance companies wait 60 to 90 days (and longer) to pay a bill - assuming it's covered -

and sometimes it's not covered! Unfortunately, the doctor has to pay his rent, office help and family expenses within 30 days.

If after three or four months the doctor hasn't received a dime from the patient or his insurance company, it's customary for his office to phone the patient and request payment, whereupon the patient usually becomes highly indignant.

At the mouth about his paycheck he held up for one day! Yet, that's what the doctor's bill is - his paycheck.

It's unfair that the doctor is usually the last one to be paid, and sometimes he's not paid at all! Sign me...

AN M.D. WITH \$35,000 ON THE BOOKS

DEAR M.D.: I'm using your letter as a reminder to those who owe their physicians - and their dentists, too.

DEAR ABBY: My partner and I are expecting a baby in June. Since we are not a traditional married couple, it may not occur to our friends to give us a baby shower. Therefore, we are wondering if it would be acceptable for us to either ask a good friend to host it at our house (we would pay all expenses) or hers. Or would it be all right for us to host it ourselves?

DEAR EXPECTING: IT MAKES NO difference whether the expectant parents are traditionally married or not. I see no acceptable way to ask for gifts or to host your own shower.

(For Abby's booklet, "How to Have a Lovely Wedding," send a check or money order for \$2.50 and a long stamped (3¢) self-addressed envelope to: Dear Abby, Wedding Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054.)

Engagement

Kemp-Thompson

BLISS - Diane Sims and Karen Nelson announce the engagement of Sims' daughter, Tracy Kemp, to Ray Thompson, son of Eldon Thompson and Elizabeth Lakey.

Kemp, a 1986 graduate of Bliss High School, attends Boise State University.

Thompson, who graduated from high school in 1984 in Everett, Wash., is employed by Silver Creek Irrigation Co.

The wedding is planned for 4 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Gooding United Methodist Church with a reception to follow at the Roadrunner Cafe in Bliss.



Tracy Kemp

Teens send hope, love

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP) - When 300,000 teen-age girls worldwide decided to send up messages of hope, peace and love to the world via heart-filled balloons, they found the project made them stop and think about their lives and their values.

"I really hadn't thought about what I really wanted in this world," says 16-year-old Wendy Aycock of Chapel Hill, N.C. "Sending the message gave me a chance to think about what was going on in the world and how I could make it better."

Wendy finally decided that her wish for the world was love. "I wish that everyone had so much love for everyone else that we would have everlasting peace on earth," she wrote.

"I talked to my mom after I wrote my message about love and peace in the world, and we got into a big discussion about it," she says. "I asked her what she wished would happen with the world, and we came to an understanding about how each

other felt. It was really good."

Other messages echoed Wendy's feelings. Wrote one girl in Sao Paulo, Brazil, "Peace is much more than the absence of war. Peace is the conquering of self."

Another girl in Tepic, Mexico, wrote, "To Love God is to see him in every individual. A girl from Zamboanga City, Philippines, wrote, "I hope all people living here on earth will have love, sharing, understanding and care for each other."

"So often we hear only about the problems of teen-agers today, and that doesn't give the complete picture," says Ardeth G. Kapp, president of the sponsoring organization of the event, the Young Women of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

"There are hundreds of thousands of teen-agers who quietly make positive contributions to their families, friends and communities. They are the hope of the rising generation," she adds.

Valley happenings

Twin Falls Garden Club meets

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Garden Club meets at 1 p.m. Wednesday at China Gardens. Louise Nuttle will present the program.

Snow Riders plan door prizes

GOODING - Northside Snow Riders meet at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Lincoln Inn. Gooding Door prizes of two free nights at Mountain Village Lodge in Stanley will be awarded.

Computer buses to run again

TWIN FALLS - Idaho State University computer buses will begin operating Jan. 12 for the spring semester. Vehicles will stop at K-Mart in Twin Falls, the Quik-trunk stop on Exit 188, Greenwood Exit 19, the Burley Mall and KOA Campground in Declo. For more information call the ISU computer bus office, 236-2956.

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Lawsuit over noise dismissed

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AP) — A federal judge has dismissed a lawsuit brought by a Washington Terrace developer who claimed noise from low-flying Hill Air Force Base aircraft had lost him nearly \$8 million, authorities say.

HAFB spokesman Len Barry said the U.S. Claims Court had rejected the suit filed by Doug Stephens. He argued that Air Force flight operations had detracted from the value of his 500-acre Pleasant Valley Ranch.

Salt Lake City lawyer Glen Fuller, who represented Stephens before the court during hearings in June, confirmed Monday that the decision had been "unfavorable to my client."

Fuller would not say if he planned an appeal, saying he had not yet seen the full court opinion issued last week.

Stephens filed his suit in January 1985 and went to trial the last week of June 1988. At the hearings, Stephens said that other issues were at stake than the nearly \$8 million in damages he sought.

"Maybe we can get them to fly their damn planes somewhere else," Fuller said at the trial. "That's worth more than money."

Fuller told Judge Eric Bruggink that the "use-and-enjoyment-of-the-property has been altered" because of noisy low-flying F-16 fighter jets.

But government witnesses disputed Fuller's claim, saying Stephens' property had actually increased in value from \$19,500 and acre to \$24,600 an acre from 1978 to 1986.

Expert witnesses testified that planes averaged an altitude of 1,800 feet while flying over the western edge of Stephens' property, at times dipping to 1,000 feet.

Boise's air quality sees improvement

BOISE (AP) — Boise residents can breathe a little easier this winter.

The city's air quality level for particulates stayed in the moderate-to-good category last month, an improvement from December 1985. Boise suffered through an estimated 17 consecutive days rated unhealthy and two consecutive days rated very unhealthy by the state Air Quality Bureau during the December 1985 temperature inversion.

Carbon monoxide levels for the two December months were about the same. They rose to the unhealthy category for one day last month, compared with two in December 1985.

The lack of particulate pollution last month stems from higher temperatures and better air circulation, said Orville Green, a meteorologist with the Air Quality Bureau.

Helen Rigg, a state air quality specialist, said a reduction in the number of wood stoves in use also helped.

Although the lack of pollution is good news to residents, it has hampered a \$4 million study the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency started this winter on air pollution from wood burning and auto exhaust in Boise, which was selected over 32 other cities for the study.

Rigg cautions that the valley's air quality can change quickly. "January historically has been Boise's worst month for air pollution," she said.

Derailment delays line reopening

HOOD RIVER, Ore. (AP) — A freight train derailed for a second time as workers moved it, delaying reopening of tracks on the Columbia River Railroad spokesman said Monday.

Trains headed into and out of Portland were diverted to the Washington side of the gorge after 18 Union Pacific Railroad freight cars derailed Sunday morning.

Railroad officials had hoped to reopen the line by 3 p.m. MST Monday, but the time was pushed back to 7 p.m. MST after four more cars and a caboose derailed Sunday evening, said Union Pacific Railroad spokesman George Skorney.

Skorney said a broken wheel caused the second derailment about 3 miles west of Hood River. Workers had been moving the train toward Portland.

The cars that derailed carried flour, starch and a defrosting chemical, which Skorney said wasn't hazardous and didn't spill.

He said 17 freight trains were being diverted onto the Burlington Northern tracks on the north side of the gorge Sunday and Monday.

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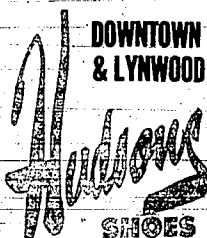
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Tall order



Buhl High School's Kyle Wilson, left, jostles for position under the basket during practice Monday

Wilson answers quips with solid play

By BRAD BRELAND
Times-News writer

BUHL — Can the tall-guy jokes. He's heard them all.

When the Buhl High School boys' basketball team takes to the court to begin the second half of its season here Friday night against Wood River, the tallest player in the South-Central Idaho Conference will be among them.

Kyle Wilson, a 6-foot, 6-inch senior, is fast becoming one of the dominant players in the conference this year. After leading the Indians last year in scoring and rebounding, Wilson is once again at the top of the Buhl stats in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots.

"Everybody does," when asked if people talk about his height. "They say 'how's the weather up there?'"

In the seven games Buhl has played this season, Wilson is averaging 20 points, a dozen rebounds, three assists and five blocked shots per game.

What makes Wilson stand out among SCIC basketball players is his shooting ability. He's currently hitting 60 percent from the field and between 75 and 80 percent from the charity stripe. The free-throw shooting ability is something he's had since he was a youngster.

He competed for five years in the Elks Hoop Shoot free throw contest, an annual event that pits youngsters against kids their own age. In his second-to-last year at the age of 11, Wilson won the Magic Valley tournament, captured the regional contest in Portland, Ore., and finished eighth in the national competition.

Indianapolis. The year before that, he won the local tourney, but missed the cut at the regionals.

"If there's a technical foul, he goes to the line," said first-year Buhl basketball Coach Tom Chivers.

And don't think his own coach is the only one to take note.

"You definitely don't want to put him at the free-throw line," said Burley Coach Steve Jensen.

The first team all-conference selection is dedicated to the sport of basketball. After an injury in football in the ninth grade while playing quarterback, Wilson decided to trade in the helmet and shoulder pads for a basketball jersey and a pair of trunks.

But if Wilson is at home watching a basketball game, he won't be watching the professionals. He shows more interest in the collegiate game and his favorite college player, Kentucky's Rex Chapman.

"He plays point guard and he's the same size as me," said Wilson of the freshman sensation who leads the nation in three-point goals and appears on the cover of this week's issue of *Sports Illustrated* with Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth.

Unlike Chapman, who banks on his perimeter playing, Wilson likes to stay to the inside.

"He's a more defensive force," said Chivers. "Our opponents are averaging less than 40 percent from the field. They go inside and he blocks a lot of them (shots) and the team is shooting two- and three-pointers."

Wilson admits he likes life at the post position.

"I like controlling the middle," he said, and when the Indians drop back in a 2-3 zone "I get a lot of rebounds."

Wilson's highlight of his high school playing days came last Feb. 11; when Burley came to town needing a victory over the Indians to clinch the SCIC title. The Bobcats' title hopes dwindled as Wilson poured in 25 points, including a basket and a pair of free throws to put Buhl ahead to stay. On Feb. 21, the Indians topped Wood River and won a share of the SCIC title. They finished second to Burley in the District 4 Class A-2 tournament before losing to Shelley in an inter-district playoff for the right to advance to the state A-2 tournament.

The worst Wilson performance came just a mere seven games back during the first game of the season at Piler.

"They beat us by 14 and I only had 10," he said, noting that the young and scrappy Wildcat team double-teamed him all night. "I couldn't even touch the ball."

Basketball camps are a big part of Wilson's off-season life. He goes to two and sometimes even three camps where he works on refining his skills.

"Definitely, my outside game," said Wilson on the area his needs to improve the most. "In college, I'll be moved to the outside."

For the future, Wilson has been contacted by a few interested coaches, but hasn't made a decision on where he'll pursue his basketball career.

rushing defense, passing defense, scoring offense and total defense.

He did not play in Oklahoma's Orange Bowl victory over Arkansas after being banned from the game by the NCAA because anabolic steroids were found in his system.

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Shoshone-Raft River

All a matter of time to hoop coaches

By STEVE CRUMP
Times-News sports editor

SHOSHONE — Raft River High School girls' Coach Olene Warr wants to get a good 32 minutes of basketball out of his baldcut tonight. Shoshone Coach Ed Sallub is hoping for more than 5 minutes and 34 seconds from his charges.

"We scored 40 points in the ballgame, and 76 of those were in the last 5 1/2 minutes," said Sandy, whose defending state Class A-4 champion Indians dropped a crucial 47-40 contest to the Trojans in Malta on Dec. 5. "It was a very poor effort on our part. They played good man-to-man defense, and we stood around and watched them."

"For us to win up there, we're going to have to get our fast break going and play good defense," said Warr. "We'll have to play well to beat them. We'll have to play very well to beat them."

At stake in tonight's 6:15 p.m. contest is the inside track for the Magic Valley Conference championship and the top seed in the District 4 Class A-2 tournament before losing to Southside Subdistrict Tournament. Shoshone leads the pack with a 6-1 record (11-3 overall). Raft River is a half-game behind at 5-1 and 9-1 and Oakley is the third place, one game behind Shoshone with a 3-2 conference record (7-6 overall).



"We'd certainly like to win this game, and whoever wins it is going to have the upper hand as far as the conference is concerned," said Warr. "But it's an awful long season. It's ironic that you can play 18 or 20 games and then start all over again in subdistrict, where some team like Hagerman or Castleford could come along and change everything."

Hagerman proved that point in Malta two weeks ago by beating the Trojans 38-35, effectively removing Raft River from the candid seat as far as tonight's contest is concerned. "It's a big game for us, especially considering the rest of our (regular-season schedule)," said Sandy. "Of our last six games, we play five of them at home."

Sandy's greatest lament this season has been lack of consistency, as evidenced by the earlier Raft River loss to Shoshone.

"We just got through with practice (Monday night), and we looked pretty good," he said. "We had some good games before Christmas, although we didn't finish on a high note (a 17-point loss to Kimberly on conference record (7-6 overall))."

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Quick facts



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SCIC title on the line in Buhl-Burley game

By STEVE CRUMP
Times-News sports editor

BUHL — The stakes aren't nearly as high as the last time Buhl's and Burley's high school girls' basketball teams squared off in the Buhl-Junior High gym, but both Buhl Coach Janet Smutny and Burley Coach Gordon Kerbs say tonight's South-Central Idaho Conference A-2 contest will be meaningful nonetheless.

Last time the two teams got together here was in the second round of the District 4 Class A-2 tournament last February after Buhl had won the SCIC title and Burley had finished second. The Indians won that game, and eventually, the District 4 title.

This time Burley and Buhl are competing in different divisions, Burley in A-1 and Buhl in A-2. But they're both still members of the SCIC, and the championship of that conference will be on the line in tonight's 8 p.m. contest.

"That's one thing we've been shooting for for the last two years,"

says Kerbs, whose Bobcats leveled the Indians 68-44 in Burley on Dec. 5. "We're felt like going into the season that was going to be one of our goals, especially for our seniors. The last time we played Buhl, we beat 'em, but I have a feeling they're a better team than they showed last time."

At the same time, Kerbs is trying to prove his team for a Region III game against Highland in Burley Saturday night that could be the difference in whether the Bobcats are at home or on the road for the postseason A-1 playoffs.

"That's the one thing that concerns me," Kerbs says. "We have three games this week, and I think there's a danger that the kids will look past Buhl at Highland. We're trying to keep it low-key."

For Smutny's Indians, who must play Great Jerome on Jan. 31 to earn the top seed in this year's District 4 A-2 playoffs, there's the incentive of the memory of that blowout in Burley last month.

"I think the girls want to beat Buhl," Kerbs says.

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Switzer makes decision

Bosworth out of Sooners' grid picture

NORMAN, Okla. (AP) — All-American Brian Bosworth, the University of Oklahoma linebacker who personally made him a national celebrity, has played his last game for the Sooners, Coach Barry Switzer said Monday.

Even before he was banned by the NCAA from participating in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day because of steroid use, it was widely speculated that "The Bo" would pass up his remaining year of

eligibility for No. 3 Oklahoma and turn professional.

Switzer gave no reason for his decision, but his short statement follows Bosworth's latest controversial action — walking the sidelines wearing a national television audience wearing a T-shirt that, using the NCAA initials, read "National Communists Against Athletes" as well as "Welcome to Russia."

Oklahoma Athletic Director Don Duncan said he discussed Bosworth's actions with Switzer

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BSU, Weber surprising Big Sky pundits

By The Associated Press

The Boise State University Broncos, with a surprising 10-2 record, begin Big Sky Conference play on Thursday, while Weber State hopes to break out of a 1-10 slump in the new year after being chosen in the preseason to take the conference basketball crown.

Boise State defeated NCAA Division II Eastern Montana 78-55 Saturday after watching the Yellow Jackets whittle an 18-point margin down to four by halftime.

"We just broke down," 6-foot 10-inch center Jeff Foster said. "We figured it'd be a pretty easy game."

The Broncos came back with a vengeance, advancing to 47-35 with 13 minutes to go and grabbing 31 rebounds. Boise State hosts Idaho State on Thursday and then faces Weber on Saturday, while the Wildcats travel to Moscow on Thursday against the University of Idaho.



day following a disappointing loss to the University of Portland, 67-65, on a jumper by Portland guard Aftaway with two seconds left.

"Had we ended the game on the note we were

on at halftime, it would have been a real downer going into conference play," Grizzly Coach Steve Morrill said. "We didn't come out to play in the first half."

Northern Arizona (5-6), which won the regular league championship last year, travels to Bozeman on Thursday to meet Montana State. Idaho took a non-conference 69-63 victory against the University of Hawaii-Hilo Saturday. The Vulcans returned from a 12-point deficit to trail 49-47 with 7:50 on the clock; but Idaho (9-3) secured the game with five seconds left with two free throws by sophomore forward Andrew Jackson.

Nevada-Reno (6-4) lost to Northeast Louisiana 69-68 in the championship game of the Wolf Pack Classic on Tuesday. Nevada-Reno also narrowly dropped a match against Marshall of West Virginia 88-94 on Saturday.

Last season's conference tournament winner, Montana State (8-4), hosts the Lumberbacks of Northern Arizona on Thursday.

WSU nips Vandals in overtime, 66-64

MOSCOW, Idaho (AP) —

Dwayne Scholten scored four of his team-high 17 points in overtime as the Washington State Cougars beat the Idaho Vandals 66-64 Monday night to avenge an earlier loss to their Palouse neighbors.

Joe Wallace pulled WSU from two points down in the last 1:13 of regulation by hitting one of two free throws and a driving layup to tie the game, 67-67.

Idaho Coach Tim Floyd claimed that WSU had six players on the court prior to Wallace's layup. Anthony Kidd apparently got off the court before the layup and before the officials noticed. Idaho's Kenny Luckett and

James Allen both missed shots in the final six seconds of regulation.

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Iowa remains unbeaten after rolling by Badgers in Big 10

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — Forward Roy Marble got eight of his 11 points and made two assists in a second-half charge that lifted unbeaten No. 2 Iowa to a 79-63 Big Ten basketball victory over Wisconsin Monday night.

Iowa, 14-0, led 43-39 at halftime and Marble scored six of the Hawkeyes' first eight points in the second half. The 6-foot-5 sophomore also made spectacular passes to forward Brad Lohaus and guard Bill Jones as Iowa outscored Wisconsin 14-2 in a 3 1/2-minute run that put the Hawkeyes ahead 60-49 with 10:37 to play.

The Badgers battled back to within six with 7:07 left on a jump shot by Sheldon Smith. Smith had 19 points to lead Wisconsin, 10-5 and 9-11 in the Big Ten.

Center Ed Horton had 16 points to lead Iowa, 2-0 in the conference. Lohaus added 15 and Kevin Gamble had 12.

Purdue 89, Michigan 77

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Troy Lewis scored a career-high 30 points, including 15 of his team's 18 points midway through the first half, as No. 6 Purdue defeated Michigan 89-77 Monday night in Big Ten Conference basketball.

Lewis' point total was the highest by a Purdue player since Joe Barry Carroll, now with the NBA's Golden State Warriors, scored 31 in 1979.

Purdue, 10-1 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten, also got 17 points from Melvin McCallis and 15 from Todd Mitchell.

Michigan was led by its three guards, with Antoine Joubert scoring 22, Gary Grant 21 and Garde Thompson 10.

The loss, which snapped a four-game winning streak by Michigan over Purdue, dropped

also had 16 rebounds and blocked seven shots as the 7-2 Middies improved to 2-0 in the CAA.

The Edwards scored 21 points and Marcell Henry added 11 for East Carolina, 6-5 overall and 0-2 in the CAA.

Cliff Rees added 18 points for Navy.

Temple 77, G. Wash. 73

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Senior guard Nate Blackwell scored 29 points, including a crucial jump shot with 57 seconds left, as eighth-ranked Temple survived a scare to defeat hot-shooting George Washington 77-73 in an Atlantic 10 basketball game Monday night.

The victory was the 26th straight at McGonigle Hall for Temple, 13-1 overall and 3-0 in conference.

Steve Frick scored 18 points and Ramon Rivas 19 for Temple. Gerald Jackson had 14 points for George Washington, which fell to 4-7 overall and 1-1 in the league.

DePaul 81, Furman 64

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Forward Dallas Comey scored 22 points as seventh-ranked DePaul remained unbeaten, routing Furman 81-64 Monday night in college basketball.

The Paladins, who compete in the Southern Conference, were no match for the Blue Demons, who moved to 11-0.

Comey had 18 points in the first half, mostly on passes from guard Terence Greene. Furman 6-4, a sub-par effort, had man-to-man defenses, but DePaul was too tall and too quick.

Edwards scored 16 points, and Greene had 12. Furman guard Shawn Reid collected 19 points, including five field goals from three-point range.

Navy 91, East Carolina 66

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Center David Robinson became the first Navy basketball player to pass 2,000 career points while scoring 31 Monday night to lead the 15th-ranked Middies to a 91-66 Colonial Athletic Association victory over East Carolina.

Robinson, coming off a sub-par effort Saturday against UNC-Wilmington, in which he scored only 12 points, keyed an 11-point run early in the second half that helped Navy turn a 50-32 lead into an insurmountable 29-point advantage. The 7-foot-1 senior, who finished the game 2,019 career points,

Philadelph 108, L.A. Clippers 102

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Charles Barkley scored 38 points and pulled down 12 rebounds Monday night as the Philadelphia 76ers handed the Los Angeles Clippers their 12th straight NBA loss, 108-102.

Barkley scored eight consecutive points in a 1:02 stretch of the fourth quarter, including two slam dunks and a three-point shot, to give the Sixers a 100-88 advantage with 5:01 left.

Robinson added 23 to the Sixers, who have won three straight and four of their last five, while Maurice Cheeks contributed 20 and a game-high nine steals.

Michael Cage led the Clippers with 25 points, while Cedric Maxwell added 17.

Utah 87, Weber State 72

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Weber State's Wall Tyler scored 18 points, including 16 in the first half, to lead the Wildcats to a 72-61 non-conference basketball victory over Division II Southern Colorado Monday night.

Weber State broke an eight-game losing streak and moved to 2-10, while Southern Colorado is now 5-6.

Southern Colorado was led by Jerome Jones, who scored 13 points before fouling out with 3:12 remaining. Guy Taylor and Patrick Jelks scored 12 each.

Harry Willis contributed 15 points for the Wildcats and Greg Boyd had 13.

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Syracuse 89, Prov. 85

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — Roy Selkay scored a career-high 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds Monday night to lead undefeated and fifth-ranked Syracuse to an 89-85 Big East basketball victory over Providence College.

Providence, 9-3 overall and 0-2 in the Big East, led 42-33 at halftime, but the Orangemen, 13-0 and 2-0, stayed close and came alive midway through the second half.

Along with Selkay and Triche, also scoring in double figures for the Orangemen were Sherman Douglas with 18 and Derrick Coleman with 14.

Providence was led by Kipfer with 20 points, while Lewis and Delray-Brooks each added 13 and Donovan 12.

Navy 91, East Carolina 66

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP) — Center David Robinson became the first Navy basketball player to pass 2,000 career points while scoring 31 Monday night to lead the 15th-ranked Middies to a 91-66 Colonial Athletic Association victory over East Carolina.

Robinson, coming off a sub-par effort Saturday against UNC-Wilmington, in which he scored only 12 points, keyed an 11-point run early in the second half that helped Navy turn a 50-32 lead into an insurmountable 29-point advantage. The 7-foot-1 senior, who finished the game 2,019 career points,

DePaul 81, Furman 64

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — Forward Dallas Comey scored 22 points as seventh-ranked DePaul remained unbeaten, routing Furman 81-64 Monday night in college basketball.

The Paladins, who compete in the Southern Conference, were no match for the Blue Demons, who moved to 11-0.

Comey had 18 points in the first half, mostly on passes from guard Terence Greene. Furman 6-4, a sub-par effort, had man-to-man defenses, but DePaul was too tall and too quick.

Edwards scored 16 points, and Greene had 12. Furman guard Shawn Reid collected 19 points, including five field goals from three-point range.

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Illinois 79, Mich. State 72

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Junior guard Glynn Blackwell scored 24 points and helped spark a 16-0 burst in the second half Monday night that rallied No. 12 Illinois past Michigan State 79-72 in Big Ten basketball.

Michigan State led 53-47 with eight minutes to go, but the Illini, led by guards Blackwell and Tony Wyszynski, scored 16 straight points and took a 63-53 lead before the Spartans scored again.

Illinois' Lowell Hamilton finished with 20 points, Wyszynski 15 and Ken Norman 11.

Darryl Johnson scored 27 points for Michigan State, and Kirk Mansus added 19.

The victory improved Illinois' record to 10-2 overall and 2-0 in the conference. The Spartans fell to 5-7 and 0-2.

Pittsburgh 67, Akron 65

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Brock Cooper scored on a follow-up of Rod Tietko's missed free throw with 53 seconds to go as 14th-ranked Pittsburgh, rallying in the second half without leading scorer Charles Smith, edged Akron 67-65 Monday night in college basketball.

Akron's Marcel Boyce, who scored 17 in the second half, led all scorers with 27 points as the Zips, 10-2, lost for the first time in 10 games. Teammate Eric McLaughlin ended with 21, making 7 of 10 three-pointers.

Pittsburgh, which won its fifth in a row.

Duke 82, W'm&Mary 46

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Reserve guard Quin Snyder scored a career-high 19 points Monday night and 17th-ranked Duke rolled to an 82-46 victory over William & Mary in college basketball.

The Blue Devils, 10-1, recorded their 11th straight home victory and 31st straight over a non-conference opponent. William & Mary dropped to 2-7.

UTEP 77, S.D. State 58

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Senior center Mike Richmond, recovering from a knee injury, came off the bench to score 14 points Monday night to lead Texas-El Paso to a 77-58 Western Athletic Conference basketball victory over Utah State.

Four other players scored in double figures for the Miners, who raised their WAC record to 2-4 and their overall mark to 12-2. The win was the sixth in a row for UTEP.

Quintan Gates, Wayne Campbell and Chris Blocker scored 12 points apiece for the Miners and Chris Sandie added 10 for UTEP. Gates was the game's leading rebounder with 12.

Center Gerald Murray, scoreless as a starter in the last two games, came off the bench to score a career-high 20 points and pulled down 10 rebounds to lead San Diego State, which fell to 0-2 in conference play and 2-10 overall.

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BOBBY ROSS
Replaces Curry

Georgia Tech hires ex-Terrapin coach

By ED SHEARER
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Bobby Ross, who steered Maryland to three Atlantic Coast Conference championships in five years, became the eighth football coach in Georgia Tech history Monday night.

"I think every person reaches a certain time in his career where I think perhaps he's reached his ultimate goal," Ross said. "I think perhaps I'm at that point right now. It's just been a lifelong dream and something I'm glad has come

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about," Ross said shortly after Tech Athletic Director Horner Rice made the announcement at a news conference.

"We are very proud and very fortunate to add to the list of former Coach Ross' ability and experience," Rice said in filling the position vacated one day earlier, when Bill Curry left Tech to become the football coach at Alabama.

Ross was released from his contract as an assistant coach with the Buffalo Bills of the NFL earlier in the day to pursue the Tech job.

Ross, 50, said he had suitcases packed for a trip to Buffalo on Monday before agreeing to meet with Rice, who said only one other coach was seriously considered — Don Lindsey, the defensive coordinator under Curry for the last three years.

He replaced Ray Perkins, who quit Alabama to become head coach and vice president of operations with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL.

Ross said one of the reasons he took the Tech job was because of Rice, a man he had respected for years.

Idaho signs L.A. Valley wide receiver

MOSCOW (AP) — Wide receiver John Jake, continuing the Los Angeles Valley Community College connection, has signed a national letter of intent to play football for the University of Idaho.

Jake signed with the Vandals Friday, following in the footsteps of four other Los Angeles Valley Community College players who went on to play for Idaho.

Junior college recruits are allowed to sign national letters of intent before the Feb. 11 date set for high school recruits.

Jake redshirted at the community college in 1984, then caught seven passes on a run-oriented team in 1985. This past season he caught 28 passes for 720 yards, good for 25.7 yards per catch and five touchdowns.

The 5-9, 165-pounder is a 1984 graduate of Birmingham High School in Van Nuys, Calif.

Three BYU football players plead guilty to reduced charge

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Three of four Brigham Young football players charged with altering drug prescriptions for the highly addictive pain killer Percodan have pleaded guilty to reduced charges and the judge has delayed sentencing for one year.

Originaly, the three and Steve Sanders were charged with felonies but on Monday Aeko, Molini and Van Colln pleaded guilty to the reduced charges, all Class A misdemeanors.

A preliminary hearing for Sanders was set for Jan. 15. Sanders, Molini and Van Colln were released from in-patient drug rehabilitation at the Utah Valley Regional Medical Center on Friday after being treated about four weeks for addiction to Percodan, a powerful pain killer unavailable without prescription.

Meanwhile, the BYU Student Life Office and Executive Vice President John Strohtrom were deciding the academic and athletic fate of the four. University spokesman Paul Richards said he expected a decision this week.

"They're looking at the whole situation," Richards said of the student life office's study. "As we stand now, they were waiting for them to finish the treatment program."

Richards said Aeko was not addicted to the drug, but had a prescription for an earlier injury and a friend persuaded him to obtain the painkiller for him.

On Friday, Sanders, Van Colln and Molini held a news conference in Provo to issue a warning about drug addiction and to encourage its victims to seek treatment.

"They dropped out to voluntarily enter the program," Richards said. "All except Aeko, who was not addicted to the drug."

Giants turned a lot of heads with Sunday's rout of 49ers

By The Associated Press

The New York Giants' bandwagon got a bunch of new passengers Monday, as the team's first football established the team that plays its first championship game in 23 years next Sunday as a prohibitive favorite to win the Super Bowl.

The Giants' 49-3 demolition of San Francisco Sunday prompted Las Vegas oddsmakers to make the Giants a 7-point favorite over the Washington Redskins in Sunday's NFC title game and a 4.5 favorite to win the Jan. 25 NFL championship game in Pasadena, Calif., Cleveland, 9.5-point favorite over Denver in the AFC title game, was 9.5 with the Broncos 5-2 and the Redskins 4-1.



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Football people, meanwhile, were terming New York the logical successor to Super Bowl winners the past two years — the 49ers themselves and the Chicago Bears.

"It's funny," said light and John Frank of the 49ers. "Every year it seems like there's one team that puts it all together. That rare combination of talent, coaching, desire and momentum. It's the winning glory. I guess. They've got it. Boy, do they ever."

The Giants, who last played for a championship in pre-Super Bowl 1963, when they lost to the Bears 14-10 in the NFL title game, will meet the Redskins at 2 p.m. MST at Giants Stadium next Sunday. The Redskins made sure the NFL will have a new champion for the seventh straight year when they dethroned the Bears 27-13 in Chicago Saturday.

The AFC title game, beginning at 10:30 MST, will match the Cleveland Browns and Denver Broncos at Cleveland Municipal Stadium. The Browns knocked off defending AFC champion New England 22-17 Sunday to qualify to meet the Browns, who had to go into the second overtime to beat the New York Jets 23-20 on Saturday.

While the Giants' demolition of the 49ers made it hard for anyone to look beyond them in looking for a Super Bowl winner, there was the usual caution among football people, including the Giants.

"My guys know it's not over yet," Giants coach Bill Parcells said Monday, shrugging off the fact that the Giants beat the Redskins 27-20 and 24-14 in their previous two games.

Other football people cautioned, but cautiously.

"They've got so much momentum now, they believe in themselves. That alone makes them hard to beat," Jack Faulkner, the director of football operations for the Los Angeles Rams, said of the Giants.

"They're catching them at home. They're a hell of a lot better team on Astroturf. Phil Simms is throwing the ball outstanding. They're mak-

ing some great catches.

"But can the Redskins win? Sure they can. I think Joe Gibbs has done a great job with that team. He's been keeping them under control. The fact that the Giants beat them twice might work to their advantage. The game is won in the trenches and if a guy is beat in the last time, you make adjustments that might help you beat him the next time."

The Redskins, meanwhile, were hoping that New York's big win over the 49ers might make them complacent.

"We had a rout against the Rams in 1983—then had a difficult time coming back to beat the 49ers," recalled Milott. "It seemed like maybe we hurt ourselves out. I'm hoping that's a possibility with New York."

Gibbs was most concerned that the Giants had to play the week starters for much of the second half against San Francisco.

"I don't think anytime a team is that overpowering it's good for you," he said. "You'd rather see somebody have to play the whole game anyway and be tired out."

Cleveland and Denver, who played the AFC title game from opposite directions — at least in the public consciousness.

The Broncos began the regular season 6-0 and finished 5-5, fading from their early designation as the AFC's sure Super Bowl entrant. The Browns won their last five to finish 12-4 and entered the playoffs as the AFC favorite.

"It's like the fact that the teams with the two best records in the AFC are playing for the right to go for Pasadena," said Browns coach Marty Schottenheimer, who sold real estate in the interim between his NFL playing and coaching careers. "And obviously I'm glad we're home, because I lived in Denver and know what the home field means to the Broncos."

Unlike the Redskins and Giants, the Browns and Broncos didn't meet this season.

Montana released after observation at N.Y. hospital

NEW YORK (AP) — San Francisco 49ers quarterback Joe Montana was discharged from the hospital Monday and a spokesman said he was no longer suffering from the side effects of a concussion he sustained the day before.

Montana spent the night at the Hospital for Special Surgery-Cornell Medical Center after he was leveled by New York Giants lineman Jim Butz just before the first half ended in their NFL playoff game Sunday.

Although doctors at first worried that Montana would lose consciousness, a hospital spokesman, Richard Kearns, said Monday that after undergoing "routine tests," the 49ers quarterback had no headaches or dizziness.

The Giants won the playoff game 49-3 to advance to the National Football Conference title game against the Washington Redskins next Sunday.

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NCAA convention may limit recruiting rules

By DOUG TUCKER
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Recruiting — once described by NCAA Executive Director Walter Byers as the Achilles Heel of college sports — will take center stage this week during the 1st annual convention of the NCAA.

"If there is anything that would lead to something at this convention that could have quite an impact on things, it would be in the area of recruiting," NCAA President Jack Davis said.

For the second year in a row, delegates will take up a measure that makes it illegal for boosters to have anything to do with recruiting.

Boosters — the name given to faculty members and alumni of a particular school — already are banned



comes to a vote Thursday. But many schools may try to beat down a proposal to cut the recruiting season in football and basketball virtually in half. This, say supporters, is mostly a cost-saving step.

Opposition could be drawn along demographic lines, with schools in populous areas tending to favor the reduced recruiting time. Schools in heavily populated regions, such as UCLA in southern California, might enjoy an advantage over universities in sparsely populated areas simply because they have more prospects to draw from in their immediate area, some coaches say.

"Urban institutions don't have to do as much recruiting," Davis said. "But some of the smaller schools feel they have to do a lot more recruiting, and in spite of the costs they think they need that. So this is

kind of an interesting turnout. Some of the smaller schools who need the cost-reduction may be the ones who are against the recruiting time being reduced because they feel they need more time to recruit."

Davis predicts both measures will pass. "I don't think you can legislate honesty," he said. "But these things will have, I think, a positive effect on what we've always thought was a big problem — that the big recruiting programs are primarily those outside the control of the institution. And if we can control to some extent the contacts between boosters and non-staff members and staff members... the chances of having the illegal inducement made might be reduced."

Football coaches endorsed both measures in a straw vote last summer at the College Football Association meeting.

"The booster rule may not be enforceable," Chuck Nelms, CFA executive director, said. "But the feeling is that it's a step in the right direction. One worry is this: say I'm a fan of Swack (1), but I call a prospect and say I'm a representative of XYZ College, just to get XYZ in trouble. That would be pretty tough to trace."

"But the idea is very clear — that the coaches want to take responsibility for recruiting and want to remove all outsiders from the process."

Recruiting will probably remain the college games' most vulnerable area, Davis said.

"If you're looking at the infractions, the integrity of the sport

itself, that's where the problems are likely to be," he said. "There is always the specter of gambling and drugs. But our Achilles Heel is still, definitely recruiting."

Davis believes the booster rule will be enforceable. "We've never going to stop the fellow from going to a phone and calling a student-athlete," Davis said. "But it does send a strong message that we want the boosters out of the recruiting process. It's going to be tough to enforce. We know that. But there are enough circumstances where we can get evidence."

More than 1,800 delegates were expected for the 6-day convention. Voting begins on Tuesday and is expected to conclude on Saturday morning.

UNLV stays atop AP's college poll

By The Associated Press

Nevada-Las Vegas remained the No. 1 team in The Associated Press college basketball poll on Monday, while Iowa and North Carolina improved to No. 2 and 3, respectively.

The Runnin' Rebels, 12-0, received 59 first-place votes and 1,273 points from the nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters who held the top spot for the fifth consecutive week. Nevada-Las Vegas won its two games last week, 104-79 over then-No. 9 Navy and 114-72 over Cal-Irvine.

Iowa, 19-0, moved up one spot to No. 2 after receiving three first-place votes and 1,187 points. North Carolina, which had been fourth, improved to 11-1 and received two first-place votes and 1,169 points. The Tar Heels won their games last week, including a 94-81 victory over then-No. 2 Purdue in the first round of the Dallas Morning News Classic.

Indiana and Syracuse improved to fourth and fifth after being sixth and seventh last week.

Indiana, 10-1, had 996 points, six more than Syracuse, 12-0, and 24 more than Purdue, 9-1.

DePaul, 10-0, jumped from 15th to seventh with 721 points, four more than Temple, 11-1, which improved from last week's 14th ranking. DePaul registered two road victories, 92-75 over Pepperdine and 80-64 over Dayton, the first victory at Dayton for the Blue Demons in five years. Temple, whose only loss was to Nevada-Las Vegas, beat Georgia

College basketball

Southern, Toledo and Rhode Island last week.

Kentucky, 7-2, and St. John's, 9-1, both of whom lost a game last week, were up 11th and 10th with 621 and 595 points, respectively.

Kentucky, which was 11th last week, lost to Georgia 62-55 but rebounded with a 53-40 victory over then-No. 5 Auburn. The Redmen, who stayed 10th, also beat a ranked team last week as they defeated then-No. 18 Georgia Tech 62-53 but lost to Villanova 62-54.

Oklahoma leads the Second Ten with 539 points followed by Illinois, Auburn, Pittsburgh, Navy, Georgetown, Duke, North Carolina State, Kansas and Clemson.

Last week's Second Ten was Kentucky, Kansas, Oklahoma, Temple, DePaul, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Georgia Tech, North Carolina State, Duke.

Clemson, 11-0, was the only new member of the Top Twenty, replacing fellow Atlantic Coast Conference member Georgia Tech. The Tigers kept their undefeated record intact with two tournament victories last week. They won the TCBY Classic in Little Rock, Ark. with victories over Delaware State and the host school and followed that with a title in the Hawaii Pacific Classic, defeating Fordham and the host school.

Clemson has not been ranked since Jan. 20, 1981, when it was No. 20. The Tigers finished 20-11 that year.

Georgia Tech, 7-5, fell from the rankings after losing to St. John's and being extended into overtime before beating Wake Forest 65-59.

Kansas, the only school in the rankings with three losses, fell from 12th to 19th after losing two of those games in the Rainbow Classic. The Jayhawks lost to Pittsburgh 79-76, then fell in overtime to Ohio State 79-78 before rallying for an 81-80 overtime victory over Hawaii in the seventh-place game.

Navy fell from ninth to 15th after losing to Nevada-Las Vegas, while Georgetown dropped from eighth to 16th after being handed a 74-53 thrashing at home by Seton Hall in their Big East Conference opener.

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll on Jan. 6, 1987. Points based on 20-11-1987. 1-19-1987. 1-19-1987. 1-19-1987.

Rank	Team	Record	Points
1	Nevada-Las Vegas	12-0	1273
2	Iowa	19-0	1187
3	North Carolina	11-1	1169
4	Indiana	10-1	996
5	Syracuse	12-0	924
6	DePaul	10-0	721
7	Temple	11-1	721
8	Georgia Tech	7-5	621
9	Kentucky	7-2	621
10	St. John's	9-1	595
11	Kentucky	7-2	621
12	Illinois	11-0	539
13	Auburn	11-0	539
14	Pittsburgh	11-0	539
15	Navy	11-0	539
16	Georgetown	11-0	539
17	Duke	11-0	539
18	North Carolina State	11-0	539
19	Kansas	11-0	539
20	Clemson	11-0	539

BSU's Childs gets weekly BSC laurels

BOISE (AP) — Guards Chris Childs of Boise State and Montana State's Ray Willis share the Big Sky Conference player of the week's award for a two-week period beginning Dec. 20.

Childs, a sophomore from Bakersfield, Calif., took part in Boise State's (19-2) wins over Portland, Eastern Washington, Eastern Montana and a road loss at Gonzaga. In four games he scored 58 points hitting on 18-42 field goal attempts and 19-22 free throws while grabbing eight rebounds.

Willis, a junior from Dallas, had four outstanding games as Montana State (8-4) posted victories over Prairie View A&M, Cal-Poly Pomona, Warner Pacific and a loss to St. Mary's. Willis shot 29-39 from the floor while scoring 67 points and pulling down 15 rebounds.

Also nominated for the weekly award were Idaho guard Vinson Metcalf, Idaho State forward Toros Yetenekian, Montana forward Wayne Tinkle, Northern Arizona forward Anthony Burgess and Weber State forward Jeff Schofield.

70 million people saw Fiesta Bowl, according to NBC

NEW YORK (AP) — NBC's telecast of the Fiesta Bowl was watched by about 70 million people, the second-largest audience ever for a college football game, the network said Monday.

The prime-time telecast of last Friday's game between Miami and Penn State received an average 25.1 rating and 38 share across the nation, officials said. No. 2 Penn State dethroned No. 1 Miami 14-10 for the national championship.

"We are sticking with our earlier projection of 70 million viewers," NBC spokesman Tom Merrill said. "It looks like we're right on course."

Network researchers had said a viewing audience of 70 million would be the largest in the history of college football. On Monday, however, they said further checking had revealed that the 1986 Fiesta Bowl was watched by 72.4 million people.

Gerald Jaffe, NBC's vice president of research projects, said the network's estimate of 70 million viewers for the Fiesta Bowl was based on figures from the A.C. Nielsen Co. He said the network won't know the exact audience until it receives more detailed information in about two weeks.

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