

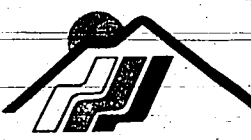


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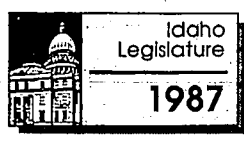
House votes to lift limits on property taxes

By QUANE KENYON
The Associated Press

BOISE — With no votes to spare, the Idaho House voted 42-40 on Monday to repeal a property tax limit imposed because of the One Percent Initiative approved by voters nearly nine years ago.

Sponsor Rep. Robert Fry, R-Horsehoe Bend, called it a move toward allowing local units of government to make their taxing and spending decisions, not state government.

"The real question is not tax levels," he



said, "but do we believe in representative democracy."

If even one House member had switched his or her vote, the proposal would have died on a 41-41 tie. There is no tie-breaking provi-

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sion in the House. The legislation now goes to the Senate, where it may have a hard time winning its way out of the Local Government and Taxation Committee, headed by conservative Yearl Crystal of Lewisville.

Republicans split on the bill, with 24 in favor and 28 opposing. All of the 20 House Democrats voted for the legislation except Ken Robison of Boise and Leanna Lasuen of Mountain Home.

After voters approved a property tax initiative in 1978, the Legislature eventually imposed a limitation on property tax increases.

Fry contended that has crippled local government's ability to fund public services. The legislation repeals the limitations.

His legislation allows taxing districts to impose higher property taxes, if voters approve at a special election.

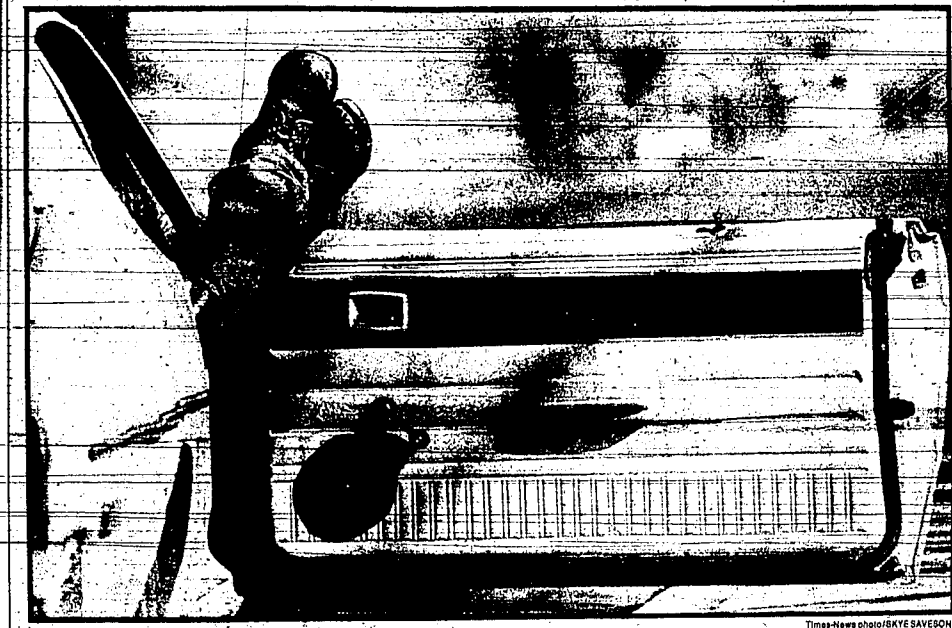
Fry, a former Boise County commissioner, said he is convinced that the best decisions are those made by the representatives closest to the people.

He said the property tax limits have

created "untenable situations," especially in taxing districts that lowered property tax rates early in 1978.

Since then, he said, "there isn't an official who hasn't gotten the message" about the unpopularity of property taxes. "The lesson has been served," he said.

Robison argued that the Legislature last year allowed some areas to impose higher property taxes on new growth, which eased some of the pressure on local government. But other legislators have argued that not all areas have the growth that would allow them to take advantage of that law.



Spring fever time

For those lucky enough to have the day off, Monday's weather was enough to cause spring fever. Paul South Park in Twin Falls. The high day was '60 in Twin Falls Monday, and more of the same is predicted for today. See weather, Page A2.

Easier school levy passage wins approval

The Associated Press

BOISE — Legislation designed to make it easier to pass school taxes has been approved by the House Monday and has been sent to the Senate.

The vote was 53-29 Monday for legislation sponsored by Rep. Steve Herndon, D-Sandpoint.

Some legislators argued it was improper to link two subjects in the same bill. Herndon's bill requires voters to register before they could vote on school taxes. It also sets up a sliding scale for the percentage needed to approve levies.

For districts with low debt, school plant facilities levies could be approved with a 55 percent majority. For high-debt districts, it would continue to require two-thirds approval.

Herndon said schools in his area are in desperate shape, because "a small majority blocks attempts to pass overrides."

"Since 1979, the logging industry has been in a slump. The dollars are no longer there. There is a serious problem in the northern part of the state," he said.

Herndon said if he lived at Coeur d'Alene, and had to attend Coeur d'Alene High School, he wouldn't go, because it is so overcrowded.

And he read a letter from a Moscow music teacher who has to teach in a converted bus, telling about spiders dropping from the ceiling and impossible teaching conditions.

Rep. Robert Geddes, R-Preston, argued Herndon's bill was unconstitutional. He said the Idaho Constitution requires any debt to be approved by a two-thirds majority.

Herndon said the legislation has been approved by the attorney general's office.

Gorbachev's missile offer could gain him domestic support

By CAROL J. WILLIAMS
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — While the Reagan administration is preoccupied with the Iran arms deal, Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev is trying to draw attention to arms control with an offer to negotiate removal of medium-range missiles from Europe.

The Gorbachev proposal drops a condition the Kremlin had set since the Reykjavik summit in October — that any arms accord be a package deal covering space weapons and strategic rockets as well as medium-range weaponry.

It also puts the Soviet government on the offensive, apparently in the hope that Moscow will gain international prestige as a peacemaker and support at home for Gorbachev's domestic reforms.

Analysis

Soviet officials acknowledge they have softened their position on removal of the intermediate-range missiles. But they insist that the Kremlin is compromising in an effort to end the impasse in the Geneva negotiations.

"The Soviet leadership is guided by a high sense of responsibility," said Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Bessmertnykh at a news conference Monday.

The American and West European response to the Soviet proposal has been generally positive.

Should the Geneva negotiating teams succeed in agreeing on the terms of a treaty removing medi-

Arms negotiating teams extend session

The Associated Press

GENEVA — American and Soviet arms control negotiators met in special session Monday as the Soviets presented Mikhail S. Gorbachev's new proposal to eliminate medium-range missiles in Europe.

Searching for a breakthrough in the negotiations, the two sides agreed to extend the talks indefinitely. U.S. officials in Washington said the American side would respond by presenting a draft treaty to eliminate the missiles of intermediate range now aimed at Soviet and European targets.

Soviet officials said Gorbachev made his new offer on Saturday in an attempt to break the Geneva deadlock. The proposal dropped a Soviet demand that the United States restrict its "Star Wars" program before an arms control package could be agreed on.

The missiles that would be scrapped under an agreement include 316 U.S.-made cruise and Pershing 2 missiles already deployed in Western Europe. In all, 572 are to be destroyed.

On the Soviet side, Western officials estimate that 441 medium-range SS-20s have been deployed in the Soviet Union. Gen. Sergei P. Akhromyev, Soviet chief of staff, said on Monday that 243 of the SS-20 missiles were aimed at Europe.

mutually beneficial to the two leaders. Tower said, "It is Reagan's popularity and credibility that have suffered following disclosure of his administration's clandestine arms sale to Iran and the channelling

of proceeds to the Contras fighting the Soviet-allied Sandinista government of Nicaragua.

A meeting with Gorbachev to sign an arms limitation accord would boost Reagan's standing in the foreign policy field and possibly repair some of the political damage caused by the events surrounding the Iran arms sales.

For Gorbachev, an arms control agreement could also be helpful. Gorbachev is facing resistance in his program of economic reform and thus he seeks disarmament agreements to allow him to concentrate effort and resources on domestic problems.

Soviet conditions for removal of the Europe-based missiles have been scaled back over the years.

The Kremlin initially insisted that

IRS brings forth revamped W-4 form

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service, apologizing for its confusing four-page tax withholding form, offered a slimmer, one-page Monday form that will allow half of all taxpayers to complete the chore in 15 minutes.

The Internal Revenue Service has heard the reactions to the long form — from members of Congress, from the media and from individual taxpayers. IRS Commissioner Lawrence B. Gibbs said a news conference. "We have not ignored what we have heard."

What the agency heard was that the four-page W-4 released

last November was incomprehensible. "The IRS defended the form as meeting Congress' requirements for a W-4 that allowed taxpayers to accurately match their withholding with actual tax liability."

"Accuracy is not enough if a form is too complex to understand," Gibbs said Monday, so the new two-page W-4A gives up some accuracy to get some simplicity.

As a result, he cautioned, the latest form is more likely than the four-page W-4 to result in overwithholding — although averages refunds probably would be less than in the past.

If the White House Office of

Reagan pulls CIA chief's nomination

By W. DALE NELSON
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Monday withdrew his nomination of acting CIA Director Robert M. Gates to head the spy agency, saying confirmation hearings at this time "would not be in the interest of the CIA or of the nation."

In a statement read to reporters by his new chief of staff, Howard H. Baker Jr., Reagan said he acted at the request of Gates, whose nomination to head the agency was in jeopardy of being rejected by the Senate. Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., said Gates had become a lightning rod "for discontent with the administration's handling of the Iran-Contra crisis."

Attention immediately turned to Reagan's new choice to run the CIA, and the possibility existed that the president would announce his deci-

sion in a broadcast to the nation scheduled for 7 p.m. MST Wednesday. Baker said Reagan originally intended to make the announcement Monday but "it didn't quite come together that way."

Former Sen. John G. Tower, Texas, who headed the three-member panel that investigated the Iran-Contra affair, was offered the CIA post but turned it down, according to unnamed sources cited in Tuesday's editions of The Washington Post.

Asked Monday night about the report, Tower said, "I have no comment on that."

Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, told reporters, "You couldn't do any better than Brent Scowcroft."

Scowcroft is a retired Air Force brigadier general who once headed the National Security Council in the Ford administration and served on

the Tower commission, which issued its report last week on the Iran-Contra affair.

Gates, in a letter to the president, said, "It is apparent that there is strong sentiment in the Senate to award completion of a minimum of the work of the Senate Select Committee on Iran before acting on my nomination."

"I believe a prolonged period of uncertainty would be harmful to the Central Intelligence Agency, the intelligence community, and potentially to our national security," he said.

Sens. David Boren, D-Okla., and William Cohen, R-Maine, chairman and vice chairman, respectively, of the Senate Intelligence Committee, commended Gates' move. They said it would spare the CIA an extended ordeal and clear the way for quick confirmation of a nominee without ties to the Iranian arms sale.

Both Cohen and Boren said they



ROBERT M. GATES Asked to stay in No. 2 slot

Court agrees to study rent control case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, in two tests of local government powers, agreed Monday to study a rent control case from San Jose, Calif., and a Lakewood, Ohio, dispute over newspaper vending machines.

The court will hear arguments that a San Jose ordinance subjecting all annual rent increases of more than 8 percent to tenant challenges is unfair to landlords.

It also will decide whether Lakewood violated constitutional guarantees of freedom of speech by imposing strict limits on the placement of newsracks.

Both cases will be argued before the justices next fall. Decisions are not expected until sometime in 1988.

In other action Monday, the court:

- Agreed, in an Alabama case, to judge the extent of federal employees' immunity against being sued for personal injuries they may cause while on the job.
- Said it will decide what authority the Interior Department has over water stored in Missouri River Basin reservoirs.

Let stand a \$35.8 million award against a cable television operator for using illegal tactics in trying to retain its franchise in Jefferson City, Mo.

The rent control case stems from a 1979 ordinance passed by the San Jose City Council which subjects rent increases over 8 percent to challenges by tenants.

Hearing officers presiding over such cases have the power to determine what increases above 8 percent, if any, are reasonable. They may consider, among other factors, the "economic and financial hardship imposed on the present tenant or tenants."

The California Supreme Court upheld the ordinance by a 4-3 vote.

The controversy over newsracks in Lakewood, a Cleveland suburb, began in 1982 when The Plain Dealer, a Cleveland newspaper, sought permission to place the coin-operated machines at 18 locations in Lakewood.

The Plain Dealer's request was turned down completely, and the newspaper subsequently filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of

the ordinance that city officials cited in barring the newsracks.

The 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down three key parts of the ordinance. It ruled that:

- The ordinance impermissibly vested the mayor "with unlimited discretion to grant or deny a permit and make it subject to almost any conditions he may choose."

- A provision granted the city's architectural board of review "standardless discretion to approve the design of newsracks" even though such authority is "not narrowly tailored to serve a significant governmental interest."

- The newspaper could not be forced to insure and indemnify the city for personal injury liability that "might result from accidents involving the newsracks because, no such insurance is required for bus shelters, telephone equipment and the like."

The appeals court said, however, that Lakewood could charge rent for newsracks placed on public property, or ban them from residential neighborhoods.

State, local welfare reforms given push

WASHINGTON (AP) — Welfare reform is doomed unless Congress lets state and local governments create their own demonstration programs, Reagan administration officials said Monday in promoting a five-year-plan of experimental welfare projects.

"We are really proposing that we not lock ourselves into one particular mode of reform," said Robert Helms, assistant secretary for planning and evaluation at the Department of Health and Human Resources.

Helms, testifying before the Senate Finance subcommittee on Social Security and family policy, said there is a bipartisan consensus that welfare reform is needed but many areas of disagreement remain.

"Attempting to work them all out again on the national level could once again doom any meaningful welfare reform, as it has several times in

the past," Helms told subcommittee chairman Daniel Patrick Moynihan, D-N.Y.

The administration has proposed an experimentation period during which state and local governments would have broad authority to waive federal anti-poverty programs and use the cash to fund their demonstrations. They would be able to change benefit levels and eligibility requirements.

On the table would be scores of programs ranging from those serving the neediest (Medicaid, food stamps and Aid to Families with Dependent Children) to others with broader target groups (including Head Start, Pell grant college scholarships, VISTA, vocational education grants and social services block grants).

"You've not been shy about it," a bemused Moynihan told Helms and Assistant Agriculture Secretary John Bode as he scanned the list of

programs which could be affected by the welfare reform effort. His comment prompted laughter throughout the hearing room.

Asked whether states could simply abandon food stamps or housing assistance, Bode said they would have to file waiver requests. He said a board would determine whether state proposals adequately met the needs of the poor.

"We've got very responsible officials at the local and state level. They are going to put together plans that are a very good faith effort ... That is our most effective assurance," Bode said later outside the hearing room.

Moynihan, other lawmakers, the administration and the National Governors' Association agree on a number of points, including the need for local flexibility; better child support enforcement; and a work or training requirement for most aid recipients.

No change in smoking rules

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Transportation Department, rejecting a recommendation by a panel of scientists, has formally notified Congress it has no plans to ban smoking on commercial airliners, of-ficials said Monday.

The department's position on the smoking issue was outlined in a letter to congressional leaders by Donald Engen, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, according to department spokesman Bob Marks.

The decision by Transportation Secretary Elizabeth Dole against additional restrictions on smoking aboard commercial jetliners was reported by The Associated Press last week.

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Walsh seeks dismissal of North suit

WASHINGTON (AP) — Independent counsel Lawrence Walsh asked a federal court Monday to dismiss a lawsuit in which Lt. Col. Oliver L. North is seeking to halt Walsh's investigation of the Iran-Contra affair.

North's suit, challenging the "constitutionality" of provisions in the 1978 Ethics in Government Act, is "a considered attempt to disrupt the ongoing criminal investigation," Walsh said in a legal memorandum that sought an expedited hearing on the case.

At a brief hearing on Walsh's motion, U.S. District Judge Barrington Parker scheduled a hearing for March 9.

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Opinion

Drinking-age bill should not be linked to highway funding

If the dust has now settled on all the roadways, highways and byways following Lt. Gov. Uter's veto of the 21-year-old drinking bill, perhaps it is time to reflect on the matter.

I am not interested in spending any time on the strictly moral issue of drinking at any age. If that is a debatable matter, then why stop at age 21? Why not 30 or 50?

The real problem is that setting an age for drinking has absolutely nothing to do with the building, repair and maintenance of our highway system. And yet, that is what the federal tax on gasoline is for. So why link the federal highway system and providing matching funds for our state highway system?

Letters

A new mall can kill a small town's heart

When I returned home today from a visit with relatives in Phoenix and Glendale, Ariz., I learned that my very dear son, William K. (Bill), had, by his outspoken remarks about the new mall, elicited a number of angry responses from Nagle Valley residents.

To me, Bill is, in a sense, a "prophet" often with the words of his hometown country, speaking forthrightly about problems which should concern more thinking people. Because of his chosen detachment from things material, he sees economic and political and social situations from a perspective different from that of many of his fellow citizens.

Personally, I don't like the term "honkey," and wish he wouldn't use it, but I do support his right and responsibility to speak out. And when conservative, mature people tell me they like what Bill has to say, my good opinion of his efforts is reinforced.

With regard to malls, I realize their practicality in places like Phoenix with its rapidly expanding suburban development and population growth. For smaller communities or areas, much whatever their attractions, spell slow death for downtown and hometown shopping, and that, to me, is too high a price.

A town without a "downtown" where merchants, through long-time commitment to community service have created a climate of trust and

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Those are some of the reasons I appreciate Bill Chisholm. Some of you people should quit worrying about who got called what while they were running where, and start worrying about what the hell is going on in this America of ours. By the time the Republicans and their cronies get through, the Russians won't even want this land. Most of them don't anyway. The Russian cup of life may only be half full, but ours is only three-quarters full and you people should not be satisfied. How some of you can be so naive is hard to believe. You worship your leaders in all their pomp and glory. It's like you think life is a bedtime story. And to those of you who really care - I hope you'll have more letters to share. It's time to awake from all this dreamin'; bend some ears and start to scream!!! PAUL CLARK Jerome

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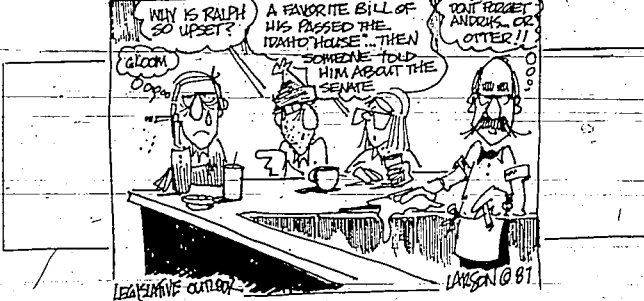
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When I inquired of the federal highway people why they were concerned with beautification of the interstate rather than putting money on the surface that does need help, they pontifically responded by stating that not one cent was spent for beautification. Is that so? I asked then why the new over-pass going across the interstate at Massachusetts Park faced was with lava rock if not for beautification. I was told that was done at the request of the State Department of Parks to "Mitigate the environment." When you find out what that means, then perhaps your concern will come up to mine.

Letters

Playing games with ethics can backfire

Three articles featured on the front page of Sunday's paper dovetailed together quite well. The picture of the students studying possible moves on a chess board was the theme carried over into the article about several states with small populations that were forming an alliance to gain an advantage on the chess board of politics and industry. The third article was about Russia trying to move free world missiles off the European chess board. Russia hopes to take advantage of a disillusioned president who is reeling from public embarrassment.

Material on creation

Recently it was brought to my attention that there is thought to be a reason for the scarcity of creation-based publication of facts which prove it as valid a theory as evolution. The March 1985 issue of Quarterly Review of Biology emphasizes the lack of manuscripts submitted to scientific and educational journals - as does an article by Roger Lewin in Time of 17 May, 1985. Both surprised me. Could the so-called lack of "Empirical evidence" have been made an excuse for non-publication? Having rejected evolution for creation as far as "beginnings" are concerned, I have acquired a considerable amount of creation materials, including Biology: A Search for Order in Complexity, plus the proper materials for teachers and pupils. The title of the above is self-explanatory: is it not? From these I know how near impossible it is to conduct "controlled experiments" regarding the past. Nevertheless, I believe such experiments have been made. Where are they? What resulted?

with state motor fuels tax as a percent of personal income. Each one cent of gasoline tax brings in \$5.3 million, so the 17 1/2 cent per gallon proposed would reap \$92,750,000. If the Legislature would nail down the Department of Transportation's allocation to seal-coating and state

construction programs, we could save 32-percent of each million dollars collected by not going through the federal matching program. It is time more people were involved and knowledgeable about the use of state gasoline tax money. And remember, Lt. Governor Uter was right in stamping a veto on a drinking age bill that should have nothing to do with highway funding. Think about it. T.W. Silvers, Twin Falls, is former speaker of the Idaho House.

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Letters/Reader says Bible clearly states homosexuality is wrong

Show on homosexuals completely appalling

I am a 14-year-old eighth grader at Camas County Junior High School. I was completely appalled at the airing of "Gay in Idaho," a segment presented on Channel 2 on Feb. 23. On the opening comment, Mike Huckman described the Idaho gay community as "a courageous minority." This absolutely disgusted me. The men who fought in wars were courageous. In my eye, it takes no courage whatsoever to be gay. The Bible clearly states that homosexuality is wrong. Ed, a priest, should be one to know this fact. He and Kelly, who have been living together for 11 years, claim to be legally married. How could two people claim to be wed by the vows of holy matrimony when the Lord forbids it? I think it violates the moral rights of all who watch the segment. Normal people who want to stay informed are subject to filth such as this. Innocent families. Please think about this. EDWARD D. HARNESS Corral

Public should have choice on PUC job

I fully agree with Donald McMurrian's letter of Feb. 25, entitled "Time to take a look at PUC's problems." Such important positions as Public

Utilities Commissioners, should not be political appointments for the obvious reasons that were outlined in McMurrian's article. The voting public should have the choice of who they want on that commission, and then let the commission do its job in the manner to protect the public. At next election time can be voted out, just like sometimes done with other elected officials. The way it is now, the public can be stuck with commissioners who aren't doing their job, and there isn't a thing the public can do about it.

Furthermore, I hope the public has the good sense to get in contact with their legislators and have them vote against this bill to deregulate Mountain Bell Telephone. Moreover, it's a lead pipe cinch that should Mountain Bell get this deregulation passed, that within one year, Idaho Governor will offer the same thing at the next legislation session. And then you'll see your utility bills rise faster than a bullet's flight. I urge everybody to call the toll free number in Boise, (1-800-423-3241), and voice your opinion on this very important issue that can effect your financial condition for the rest of your life. As I believe in God, I will. Mountain Bell wants this legislation for one reason only, and that is so they can control what you and I pay to have a phone. Moreover, did you ever figure out just what each phone call costs you every month, by keeping track of the calls that are made,

divided into the cost of the phone for that month. A great many people are going to get the surprise of their life, especially the people who only have the phone for the purpose of an emergency, like many of the elderly. Amen! EARL ETTER SR. Jerome

Most Idaho citizens want tort reform

Sen. James Risch, president Pro Tem of the Senate, announced he would be "waiting on open jaws" for the liability tort reform bill passed Feb. 16 by the House. That the trial lawyers such as Senator Risch are waiting with their jaws open should not be surprising when one considers their voracious appetite for chewing up the victims (including their own clients) of our distorted legal system. Does his "open jaws" policy mean he will swallow the bill (or keep it in the trunk of his SUV) never allowing it to come to the floor of the Senate, thus preventing it from consideration by the rest of our elected senators? Perhaps, and hopefully, there are enough other members of the Senate who will be willing to perform oral surgery on the chief shark and wipe his jaws shut before he reaches his self-interest while ignoring the expressed desire of over 75 percent of Idaho

citizens who want changes in our liability tort system. Dr. J.R. KIRCHER Burley

Deregulation spawns uncontrollable giant

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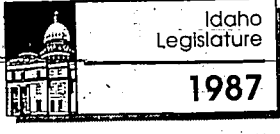
Education pay plan passes initial test



BOISE (AP) — In its first formal legislative test, Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus' multimillion-dollar plan to begin bolstering gross salaries for Idaho's education officials was endorsed Monday by the budget committee.

The governor also won a victory in the House tax-writing committee, where his plan to double the state cigarette tax was sent to the full House for a vote.

Attempts to clear that legislation for floor action were stalled in the Revenue and Taxation Committee on an 8-3 vote last week, but the panel on Monday defeated an attempt to kill the bill by nearly two-to-one before endorsing it.



Meanwhile, the Senate Education Committee, already having recommended more state aid to public schools than the governor has proposed, moved toward a similar recommendation for higher education.

Idaho National Engineering Laboratory. One committee option calls for meeting a more than \$9 million research commitment over three years, the other over two. A final committee decision was expected later this week.

GOP legislative leaders have set out on a budgeting strategy that meets the governor on education spending and still holds total general tax expenditures \$10 million to \$12 million below the \$562.6 million Andrus proposed. The plan is intended to head off the need for another major new tax increase to finance the 1988 state spending blueprint.

In the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee, moderate Republicans and most of the Democrats joined forces behind the governor's four-year plan to bring public school teacher salaries to the national average and college professor salaries up to the average paid by similar-sized institutions.

The committee has before it two options that both exceed the Andrus proposal of \$9.5 million for the four state-run institutions. Each calls for a multimillion-dollar infusion into university research to help bolster the state's case for locating the federal government's \$4.4 billion Superconducting Super-Collider project at the

Prison financing plan wins approval

BOISE (AP) — Legislation giving state public works officials the authority to use so-called lease-purchase agreements to handle major construction projects has been approved by the Idaho Senate.

The Senate sent the measure to the House Monday on a 25-15 vote as the chief of the recent prison system expansion agreement between legislative leaders and Democratic Gov. Cecil Andrus used the measure to again press the decision to locate a new maximum-security state prison in Boise.

"This is another one of those prison - fiascos," said Declo Republican Denton Darrington, who has led the continued assault on the site selection for the new prison.

"They are simply asking us to ratify decisions that have already been made," said Darrington, whose district includes the original prison-site choice of Burley.

The bill is part of a two-bill package intended to give the state as much flexibility as possible in finding ways to finance the prison expansion that is expected to cost up to \$20 million. Earlier, by nearly the same vote, the Public Works Division authority to negotiate financing arrangements with other agencies or private interests, and the latest bill would allow the division to include the lease-purchase among possible alternatives.

Although the state has used lease-purchase in the past, supporters of the bill said there has been some question about their legality, and Senate President Pro Tem James Risch, R-Boise, said the bill would give the legislature the final word on whether such arrangements would be allowed in the future.

Legislators try for change in power suppliers

BOISE (AP) — A delegation of eastern Idaho legislators contends Utah Power and Light's electrical rates are so high that they are blocking economic progress in eastern Idaho.

They won preliminary approval from the House State Affairs Committee on Monday for a resolution designed to clear the way for Idaho Power Co. to take over UP&L's eastern Idaho service area.

An Idaho Power spokesman said later in the day the utility would be willing to negotiate with

UP&L, with the goal of providing eastern Idaho residents lower rates without adversely affecting Idaho Power's existing Idaho customers.

Rep. Stan Hawkins, R-Ucon, sponsored the legislation, but 10 other eastern Idaho legislators attended the committee meeting in support of the proposal.

"Idaho long has been known for its low power rates," said Hawkins. "But a large part of Idaho is currently paying high power rates."

He said high Utah Power and Light rates are

"squeezing the life" out of businesses, farmers and other consumers in what he called "an extreme crisis."

Hawkins presented figures to support his claim that Idaho residents who are on Utah Power and Light lines pay 50 to 200 percent more than Idahoans served by Idaho Power. He said that because most of UP&L's electricity is generated by fossil fuel plants and most of Idaho Power's comes from hydroelectric generating facilities,

Legislative log

- By The Associated Press
Signed By Governor
- HB117 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to fund Idaho's effort to land the federal Superconducting Super Collider.
 - HB138 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation of \$400,000 to Department of Commerce.
 - HB46 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows cities to create local business improvement districts as part of an overall architectural theme.
 - SB107 (Local Government and Taxation) — Provides for the establishment of city boards, commissions and committees and for the appointment of members to such boards, commissions and committees.
 - SB1024 (Education) — Allows the public to inspect instructional materials, except test scores, used in schools.
 - HB2 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides lib. fees of compensation shall not be charged or received by a county officer in performance rendered as part of his or her official duties.
 - HB27 (Local Government) — Deletes requirement that three copies of a county code must be on file with county clerk; allows one copy to meet requirement.
 - HB16 (Appropriations) — Appropriates money for repair and remodeling of Capitol Building.
 - HB20 (Agricultural Affairs) — Increases fees for application for licenses for health care, mechanics, brokers and agents of farm produce.
 - HB24 (Revenue and Taxation) — Clarifies exemptions from sales tax.
 - HB29 (Local Government) — Eliminates requirement that county clerk must verify and certify a taxing district's bonded indebtedness.
 - HB22 (Agricultural Affairs) — Increases to 0.4 cents per dozen the assessment on eggs entering intrastate commerce.
 - HB25 (Revenue and Taxation) — Allows cancellation of an electric's registration while that electric is serving in the armed forces if he has not voted within four years.
 - HB2 (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) — Provides for the issuance of a brewer's retail beer license for the sale of beer at his licensed premises.
 - HB161 (Appropriations) — Supplemental appropriation to the office of the governor for the State Insurance Fund.
 - HB10 (State Affairs) — Allows country skiing facilities to apply for liquor by the drink license if provided facility is at least five miles from city limits.
 - HB29 (State Affairs) — Memorial to President Reagan urging him to accept invitation to visit Idaho during the summer meeting of the National Association of Attorneys General in Coeur d'Alene in June.
 - HB29 (Revenue and Taxation) — Provides schedule of fees, mileage and commissions on warrants of distraint.
 - HB29 (Revenue and Taxation) — Extends sales tax exemption to custom farmers but expressly excludes airplanes from the scope of production exemption or other exemptions.
 - HB29 (Education) — Provides an exception to law prohibiting school district board of trustees from entering into a contract with the spouse of a board member.
 - HB23 (Education) — Provides for appointment, qualifications and removal of a student member of the Board of Education, with no voting authority.

- HB234 (Appropriations) — Provides for automatic funding of the Circuit Breaker tax exemption, allocating funds directly from sales tax account.
- HB25 (Revenue and Taxation) — Repeals sales tax on food stamps effective Oct. 1.
- Introduced in Senate
- SB112 (State Affairs) — Creates a special legislative committee to investigate nepotism and other ethical issues in state government employment.
- SB119 (State Affairs) — Mandates a special legislative study of state retiree medical costs.
- SB119 (State Affairs) — Sets minimum stream flows on stretches of the Henry's Fork of the Snake River.
- SB117 (Judiciary and Rules) — Authorizes revocation, suspension or denial of teaching certificate for convictions or other court judgments involving drug or drug related offenses.
- SB118 (State Affairs) — Sets up system for monitoring and preventing ground water pollution and provides funding for such projects through the Soil Conservation Districts.
- SB119 (State Affairs) — Requires government financing of legal costs incurred by a law enforcement officer in successfully defending himself against criminal charges.
- SB118 (State Affairs) — Revamps bidding preference law for Idaho companies to cover those based in other states but with significant Idaho presence.
- SB118 (State Affairs) — Authorizes the design-build method of construction for public works.
- SB112 (State Affairs) — Creates method for county funds to be matched by federal money to cover Medicaid benefits.

Hispanic commission wins approval

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Hispanic would go a long way toward easing leaders estimate there may be as many as 25,000 illegal aliens in the state.

Without dissent, the committee to become legal residents this spring under the new federal immigration law.

"And they told lawmakers on Monday that a proposed commission to handle hispanic affairs and problems something."

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How they voted

BOISE (AP) — Here is the roll call by which the Idaho House voted 42-40 on Monday for legislation removing a property tax limit imposed because of the One Percent Initiative.

Republicans for (24) — Antone, B. Black, Brimhall, Deckard, Field, Fry, Haegenson, Hansen, Hay, Kelloog, Loertscher, Loveland, Lucas, Mahoney, R. Newcomb, Peters, Reynolds, Robbins, Scates, Steger, Strassner, Stucki, Sutton, Wilde.

Democrats for (18) — Adams, P. Black, Braan, Giovannelli, Givens, Hall, Herndon, Ward, (McDermott), Reid, Stothoff, Tucker, Vickers, Vincent.

Republicans against (33) — Allan-Hodge, Bengson, Boyd, Brocksom, Brown, Burt, Callen, Childers, Clark, Crow, Davis, Duffin, Folsking, Geddes, Gurnsey, Hale, Hawkins, Hill, Hooper, Infanger, Jones, Kennepick, Linton, Martens, Montgomery, Nelbar, D. Newcomb, Parks, Schaefer, Sessions, Simpson, Slater, Smock, Sorensen, Steele, Stone, Taylor, Wood.

Democrats against (2) — Lasuen, Robison.

Absent (2) — Cranc, Hartung.

Republicans against (23) — Allan-Hodge, Boyd, Brimhall, Burt, Crane, Crow, Davis, Field, Geddes, Hale, Hawkins, Hill, Infanger, Kelloog, Linton, Martens, Montgomery, Parks, Schaefer, Sessions, Slater, Steele, Stucki, Sutton, Taylor, Wood.

Democrats against (1) — Hall.

Absent — Callen, R. Hartung, R.

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QUEEN Regular \$379.95	\$268.90	\$298.90	\$398.00
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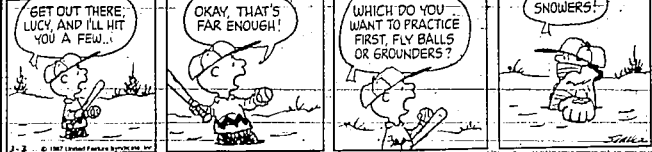
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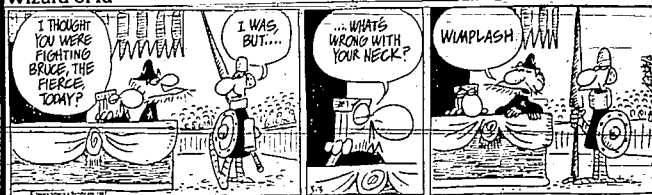
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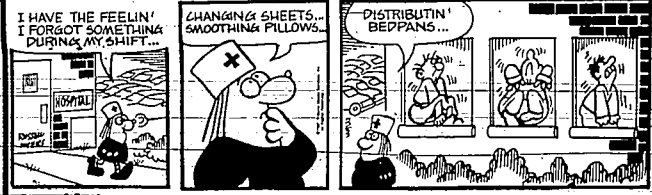
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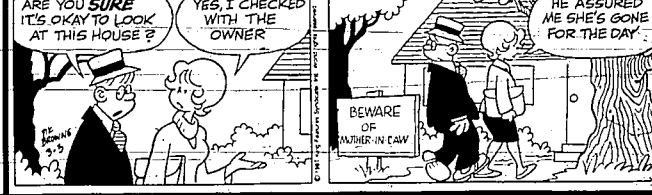
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Hi and Lois



ACROSS

1. Hat
5. Resource
10. Support
14. Cautious
15. Selected
16. Make over
17. Highest point
18. Similarity
20. Affirmative
21. Withered
22. Way in
23. Rental
25. Contract
26. Engrossed
27. TV inter-
28. ructions
29. Girdler
32. Wash lightly
33. Uttered
34. Use oars
36. Doctor
37. Tall slender building
38. Created
39. Moist
40. Satisfies
41. -bagger
42. Bargain hunter
44. Small wave
45. Follow stem
46. Lariat
47. Slow mollusk
50. Studies
51. closely
51. Statute
52. Light motor van
57. Cereal-grain
58. Atop
59. Of hearing
60. Concerning
61. Slight
62. Depression
62. Attractive girl
63. Brief look

DOWN

1. Move to and
2. To
3. Afoot distance
4. Cereal grain
5. Way of entry
7. A few
8. Sixth sense
9. Afternoon affair
10. Impressions
11. Repose
12. Scent
13. Small horse
19. Turn back
21. Rapose
24. Facility
25. Speed contests
26. Slightly open
27. Prepare beer
28. Goes by vehicle
29. Grass cutter
30. Item for acrobats
31. Sing in the
32. Ape
33. Battered
35. Exalted
37. Recording ribbon
38. Back of the neck
40. Period of time
41. Sibilant sound
43. Eat
44. Cause anger
46. Of a place
47. Potato
48. Back of the neck
49. Soon
50. Ringlet
52. Measure of land
53. Calendar
54. Civilization
55. Flap
56. Regret
57. Tear

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Sir, ask your wife to recall the most interesting conversation she's had in the last 30 days. If she remembers any dialogue at all that merits the distinction, odds are slim it'll be something discussed by you. Our Love and War man finds this said, but doesn't doubt it. A woman occasionally might tell her husband, "I had the most interesting talk with—with—" But she almost never

tells a friend, "I had the most interesting talk today with my husband."

BIRDS

Q. Do birds hear with their tails?

A. Sort of. They've got regular ears, but they also have "sensory feathers," these usually in their tails.

When your dad was a lad, fewer than 100 people had ever boated

down the Colorado River. In 1950, plenty big deal. Now about 14,000 a year do that thing.

Q. What are the four things that can make a man go bald?

A. Heredity; nervousness; oil-and-medication.

The bigger the baby's feet, the earlier said lot will start to walk. Usually.

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What nation best provides the social and material needs of its citizens? That's what the survey-takers wanted to know. The United States always used to come out in front on this one. Not anymore. It's No. 27, the researchers claim. The No. 1

country now, they say, is Denmark.

Brazil's giant armadillo, the size of a pig, has about 100 teeth. No other mammal has that many. Did I tell you some armadillos once were as big as Volkswagens? Early people bedded down in their empty shells.

Half your personality is shaped by heredity, the other half by environment. Or so scientists now conclude from their latest studies of identical twins.

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GENERAL TENDENCIES: Today you find that you are able to complete a course that is varied from your usual one. Detail and practicality rule the day as you go about with your plans.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): You know how to get your special talents across. Please your mate before you have that discussion at work.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): Please your own family and then be off to pleasures without any self-

reclamation and be happy.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21): You have an important letter to get out today. Get the aid of an associate so you can get ahead faster.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21): Handle practical affairs first. Plan for more prosperity before you consider pleasures with congenials.

LEO (July 22 to August 21): Study what your true desires are and then be more efficient at whatever is

most important to you.

VIRGO (August 22 to September 22): Plan how to make friends with those who can be of help to you. Make time this evening for romance.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22): A fine friend can be of assistance in furthering your goals. Buy a nice present for you mate.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21): Be sure to handle outside affairs before you work on more intimate matters. Have fun with friends today.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21): Find some new outlet that can be lucrative in the days ahead. Don't neglect public duties.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 20): Study into your responsibilities. Do something thoughtful for your mate and make this person happy.

AQUARIUS (January 21 to February 19): Be more conventional with an outside partner. Finish your work before gadding about town.

RISCES (February 20 to March 20): Get your environment improved. You have a project in mind that needs the OK of a co-worker.

IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY... he or she will get an enterprise firmly planted in the mind, draw a blueprint, and then carry through with it successfully and in the satisfaction of all concerned. Give an education that will be helpful in such matters. Be sure to give this child praise when earned.

Earthquake hits New Zealand

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — An earthquake shook rolling farmland and forests Monday on New Zealand's North Island, opening a fissure more than a mile long and collapsing houses and bridges, according to news reports.

At least five people were seriously hurt. Two were reported missing at Edgcomb, where houses fell down when the tremor shook the town at 1:36 p.m. New Zealand seismologists said it measured 6.5 on the Richter scale and more than 100 aftershocks followed.

Radio Pacific reported "many people" injured by the quake, which was centered about nine miles off North Island in the Bay of Plenty. The radio gave no details about casualties.

A state of emergency was declared. Local authorities commandeered all available helicopters to ferry supplies and help assess damage.

Moslem leaders accept reforms

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Moslem leaders have agreed on political reforms they hope will revive negotiations with Christians on ending the 12-year-old civil war. Prime Minister Rashid Karami said Monday.

Karami, a Sunni Moslem, did not describe the reforms. There was no immediate response from President Amin Gemayel or other Christian leaders.

An-Nahar, an independent Beirut newspaper, said decisions taken in two days of talks in Damascus, capital of Syria, involved three major amendments to the Lebanese Constitution to give Moslems more power.

Karami said in a radio broadcast that Syria would present the reforms to Gemayel's emissaries in Damascus.

Truck runs into Salvador crowd

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A truck carrying a band to a street dance in Salvador plowed into a crowd of people celebrating Brazil's famous carnival Monday, killing seven and injuring 32, police said.

"We think the driver simply abandoned the vehicle and went to have a beer. The brakes slipped, and the truck rolled head-on into the crowd," State Police Lt. Antonio Pelinho said in a telephone interview from Salvador, 1,055 miles northeast of Rio de Janeiro.

In Rio, a shootout erupted during a neighborhood parade in the poor suburb of Sao Joao de Meriti, seriously injuring a boy. But officials in other cities said the celebration was unusually non-violent.

Shultz meets with Chinese

BEIJING (AP) — Secretary of State George P. Shultz, after almost seven hours of talks in Damascus, capital of Syria, involved three major amendments to the Lebanese Constitution to give Moslems more power.

Shultz, speaking at an evening dinner, said the two nations had reaffirmed our common interest regarding some of the major sources of tension within the Asian region, including the wars in Afghanistan and Cambodia.

He said he had been assured that the Chinese would not scrap the reforms he said have brought "unparalleled successes" during this decade.

Gorbachev quietly turns 56

MOSCOW (AP) — Mikhail S. Gorbachev turned 56 on Monday without the usual public adoration and awards afforded Soviet leaders.

Gorbachev apparently spent the day working in the Kremlin. His schedule included a meeting with the visiting prime minister of Iceland.

Gorbachev became general secretary of the Communist Party on March 10, 1985 and his 56th birthday last year also passed without an outpouring of praise in the press.

The new Kremlin leader, while showing an understanding of how to use the domestic and international press to promote his policies, has shunned the "cult of personality" that his elder predecessors practiced.

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Rebels call Aquino's amnesty a farce

MANILA, Philippines (AP) — rebel National Democratic Front, President Corason Aquino's amnesty commutation reported a sharp increase in guerrilla attacks since a cease-fire ended Feb. 8.

Mrs. Aquino announced a general amnesty Saturday for all Communist and Moslem rebels who lay down their arms within six months. She said its purpose was to "bind up the broken-hearted and heal the wounds of our nation."

Antonio Zumel, spokesman for the

rebel National Democratic Front, said in a statement Monday the amnesty was "a sheer farce of surrender which forms part of the government's soft tactics to counteract its naked sword of war."

He said the six-month stipulation was designed to give the armed forces time to resolve internal disputes and build their strength "for an all-out war against the revolutionary movement."

"It further betrays the government's ultimate objective in the peace talks: to lure the revolutionary

Survivor testimony disputed

JERUSALEM (AP) — John Demjanjuk whispered "You are a liar" in Hebrew Monday after a Treblinka death camp survivor testified that the retired Ohio autoworker was the sadistic Nazi guard "Ivan the Terrible."

As Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir watched from a front-row seat at Demjanjuk's trial, witness Ellahu Rosenberg gave a graphic description of naked inmates being burned alive with chemicals for trying to escape Treblinka's gas chambers.

After defense attorney Mark O'Connor asked Rosenberg why he did nothing to help the victims, Rosenberg gestured towards the Ukrainian-born Demjanjuk, then shouted: "Ask him what would have happened to me. Ask the court, in what manner could I have helped them? By screaming? They would have shoved me straight into a pit of blood," Rosenberg said.

At that point, presiding Judge Dov Levine said he heard Demjanjuk say something and asked O'Connor to repeat the defendant's words for the court.

After speaking briefly with his client, O'Connor repeated Demjanjuk's statement, which he said was made in Hebrew.

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Casey released from hospital

WASHINGTON (AP) — William J. Casey, the former CIA director who resigned last month after a cancerous tumor was removed from his brain, was released from Georgetown University Hospital, a spokeswoman said Monday.

Cynthia Byers, a hospital spokeswoman, said Casey was discharged on Saturday, nearly 11 weeks after he was struck by brain seizures and rushed to the hospital.

"I am assuming he was in good condition since he was discharged," Ms. Byers said.

Casey, 73, a close friend of President Reagan, underwent surgery Dec. 18 for removal of a brain tumor that proved to be malignant. The former CIA director resigned Feb. 2.

CIA spokeswoman Kathy Pherson said she would have no comment on Casey.

FHA sends notices to borrowers

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the second straight year, the Farmers Home Administration is informing thousands of delinquent farm borrowers that they need to make arrangements to repay their loans or be prepared to face the possibility of foreclosure.

The letters — called notices of intent to take adverse action — will go this month to about 26,400 farm borrowers who were delinquent on Dec. 31, 1986, informing them to contact local FmHA offices within 30 days "to resolve the delinquency" of their loans.

A year ago, FmHA sent letters to 62,100 borrowers. Of those, according to agency officials, about 26,300 have resolved their delinquencies through new arrangements, including loan consolidation, rescheduling and reamortization. About 9,800 loans, however, are being "accelerated" toward eventual foreclosure.

Nixon seeks payment for papers

WASHINGTON (AP) — An attorney for Richard Nixon argued in federal court Monday that the government should compensate the former president for what he called the illegal taking of private presidential papers now held by the National Archives.

The Justice Department, opposing the move, said any compensation would be "windfall" to former President Nixon. "A department lawyer added that the United States has already paid for the production of these papers."

Nixon lawyer Marty Minsker said the 1974 law passed by Congress to expedite release of the Nixon papers deprived the former president of private property rights that other chief executives have always exercised over their files.

Regulations promulgated by the Archives to enforce the law also deprive Nixon of his property rights over the papers, Minsker said.

Hollywood hero Randolph Scott dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Randolph Scott, the taciturn hero of dozens of Hollywood Westerns, war movies and comedies from the 1930s to the '60s, died Monday at his home. He was 69.

Scott, who in recent months had suffered from a weak heart and several bouts with pneumonia, died peacefully in his sleep, said Sam Tyler, his son-in-law.

Scott started in the movies in 1929 and became a leading man in the mid-1930s with such movies as "She," "The Last Roundup," "The Last of the Mohicans," "High Wide and Handsome" and "Jesse James."

He appeared in such musicals as "Roberta" and "Follow the Fleet," both with Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers, as well as such comedies as "My Favorite Wife" with Irene Dunne and Cary Grant and "Rebecca" with "Sunnybrook Farm" with Shirley Temple. In all, he made about 100 pictures.

During World War II and after, Scott portrayed military heroes in such films as "Corvette K-225," "Bombardier," "Gung Ho!" and "China Sky." But his most lasting career was in Westerns, and he starred in two dozen, including "Santa Fe," "Fort Worth," "Man in the Saddle," "Man-Behind-the-Gun," "Ten Wanted Men," "Ride Lonesome" and "Comanche Station."

"Randolph Scott was great credit to the motion picture industry," said actor James Stewart. "He was a fine actor who enjoyed a wonderful career. His pictures helped audiences to watch the development of the Western frontier of our country. Peckinpah. The movie was about those who knew him as a person or two retired marshals hired to guard through his pictures will miss him a gold shipment."

"He was an outstanding man, and he was a fine actor who made a lot of excellent Western movies," said fellow cowboy star Gene Autry. His last film was "Ride the High Country."

"When we worked together, it was one of the most pleasant experiences I ever had, because he was a Southern gentleman," McCrea said. "I take my hat off to him."

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Dixie receives top spot

CSI, seeded 2nd, to face Cardinals

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer
TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team will meet North Idaho at 7 p.m. Friday to start the Region 10 basketball tournament.
That was officially decided in a telephone conference call among some of the regional hierarchy which finally settled the No. 1 seed on the Dixie Rebels with CSI's No. 2. Dixie will play Ricks College in the 9 p.m. nightcap.
CSI Coach Fred Trenkle said he did not participate in the meeting, noting "I told them it made little difference to us which team we played first — North Idaho or Ricks. We respect both of them but we're ready to play both of them, too."

when they had regionals. But it's not the same thing," Trenkle said.
"Both Ricks and Dixie could have added another 800 to 1,000 people for their final night the last two years. We don't have the problem of getting rid of the tickets. If they don't want to bring the region a check, we can sell them here to our fans."
All proceeds go to the region with CSI getting some back for hosting expenses. The champion will receive \$5,000 to help defray national tournament traveling expenses.
Trenkle said playing the tournament opener was no problem for him in fact, he preferred it.
"This way we get an extra two hours rest for the second night, our fans are coming to the gymnasium to watch us and this way they can make their choice if they want to watch the second game of not. And the 7 p.m. start is closer to our regular season starts. You hope to keep things as normal as possible," he said.
Concerning the opening foe, Trenkle said "Ricks has the more active inside people while North Idaho has the quicker outside players, so that's pretty much a toss up. There are a couple of ways to look at it. This time we will have Joey (Johnson, who sat out North Idaho's game here earlier) and that gives us a much better match up against (6.5 guard) Gale Berry."
"Ricks gave us a close game in Rexburg but I felt that that was really the only bad game we played all year. And we won in Rexburg so it couldn't have been all that bad," Trenkle said with a smile.
"We had great practices Wednesday, Thursday and Friday last week and gave the team Saturday and Sunday off for the first time this year," Trenkle said. "They had a great practice Monday and I think we're probably as healthy as we've been since December. I think we're ready to play and we'll play well."



Wood River's Brad Jaques, left, battles with Buhl's Kyle Davis

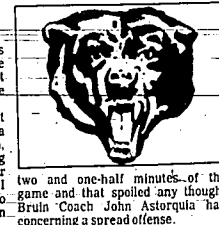
Hot shot Jaques making Wood River Valley forget about Karst

By BRAD BRELAND
Times-News writer

HAILBY — Basketball isn't always a city game. Take the case of Bellevue, population 1,182 and home two of the sunset shooters in southern Idaho.
Bel's Dale Karst, a redshirt freshman point guard at the College of Southern Idaho, led Wood River High School to the top ranking in the final Associated Press Class A-2 boys' basketball poll of the 1984-85 season, establishing most of the school's offensive records in the process. Several of those records have already been broken and the rest are in jeopardy from another Bellevue resident, Brad Jaques.
Jaques, who has twice this season surpassed Karst's previous single-game scoring record, is item 1 on the list of things opposing coaches must deal with to beat the Wolverines.
"He's a great player and he's really matured as the season moved along," said Jerome Coach Ben Allen.
"That's where you start when you play Wood River," said Buhl Coach Tom Chivers, whose team was one of Jaques' 33-point victims.
The 5-foot, 8-inch junior is just one of many of the recent crop of point guards that have come through the Wood River High School system.
"It's seemed like the last five or six years that we've had good point guards. It makes a coach's job easier," said Wood River High Coach Dick Riche.
Tradition has been the key for Wood River through the years with guards like Mike Williams, Tracy Reynolds and Donny and Dale Karst and now Jaques being dominating factors for the Wolverines, who will take on Buhl tonight in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium in Twin Falls in the consolation semifinal of the District 4 Class A-4 boys' basketball tournament.
Jaques was the No. 2 scorer in the South-Central Idaho Contest this season, averaging 20.4 points per contest. He also headed the six assists a contest. That's surprising considering that he plays in a league with more than its share of man-to-man defense and small-quick-point guards including 5-6 Jerome senior Mike Welch and 5-5 Burley High senior Brad Church. Like Jaques, Welch and Church are leaders of their teams on defense, but neither matches his scoring average.
That's been a pattern for Jaques in two seasons as a Wood River starter. Last year he averaged 14 points, along with nine assists and four rebounds per outing.
Jaques' 38-point performances came against Gooding on Dec. 19 and Buhl Feb. 20, both in the Wood River High gym.
"I felt a little hot," said Jaques recalling that night in the Wolverine gymnasium against the Indians. "The coach came up to me and said I had 38. It was a surprise to me."
"But the big games against Buhl and Gooding weren't the highlights in Jaques' basketball career.
"I guess there were two," said Jaques recalling his biggest thrill on the basketball court. "One was in ninth grade when we beat O'Leary (Junior High School in Twin Falls) and one was this year when we beat Snake River (High School of Moreland). Against O'Leary, I had a three-point game with minutes left and won it and against Snake River, just beating them was a big thrill."
—Basketball may just be another winter sport in the Wood River Valley, but for Jaques and his basket- See JAQUES on Page B2

Twin Falls' season down to Highland

By LARRY HOVEY
Times-News writer
POCATELLO — Right now it boils down to one simple thing for the Twin Falls Bruins: They either split with the Highland Rams for the season or the season is over.
The Bruins will take that ultimatum to Pocatello tonight for a 7:30 start. Meanwhile, across town, the Minico Spartans will be invading Pocatello's Indians with the winner of that one claiming the Region III basketball championship and trip to the state A-1 tournament in Boise in another week.
The Minico-Pocatello loser will return to its home court Thursday night to play the Twin Falls Highland winner in another loser-out battle for second place.
On the Thursday night battle will move on to a Saturday meeting against the third-place team from the Idaho Falls area for the eighth and final spot in the state playoffs.
There's little doubt that Twin Falls goes into tonight's battle as the underdog, based on Highland's 9-5 victory in Twin Falls last week. The Bruins had nipped the Rams on the home floor during the season but were beaten in the rematch in the Highland gymnasium.
In their last game, Highland took care of things early and late. They bounced out to an 8-0 lead in the first



two and one-half minutes of the game and that spelled any thought Bruin Coach John Astorquia had concerning a spread offense.
Then when the Bruins did charge back into contention two minutes into the fourth quarter, their shooting touch left again and Highland broke out by as much as 14 points before the final buzzer.
"We certainly don't need another start like the last one," Astorquia said. "That 8-0 was about as bad as it could have been."
But the real key to that game was the inability of the Bruins to keep 5-foot, 9-inch junior center Chris Hoge off the boards and out of the middle. He wound up with 26 points.
"Hoge is the man we have to contain first. And then (Greg) Terch — in that order," Astorquia continued.
"We have to control the tempo. We can't let them run. And we can't let them have all the second and third shots they got against us last time."

1-game NCAA grid championship pushed

The Associated Press
AUSTIN, Texas — The NCAA Football Postseason Subcommittee has recommended that a one-game championship game between the nation's top two major college football teams be played on the Sunday before the Super Bowl in 1989.
The recommendation for a first-ever NCAA Division I-A national championship game emerged from a four-member committee headed by the University of Texas Athletic Director DeLoss Dodds.
The report will be made in April to the NCAA Football Postseason Committee. It must be approved by that group and the NCAA Council before reaching the NCAA convention.
Dodds said the panel, in its meeting Sunday in Kansas City, Mo., suggested that a selection committee of eight pick the two teams from the bowl winners.
"If people are for a playoff, this would be an initial step," Dodds told the Austin American-Statesman. "It wouldn't solve all the problems, and it would be painless, profitable and halfway conclusive."
Dodds' report recommends the selection committee probably athletic directors use "everything they can get their hands on" before picking the two finalists. That would include the polls, the NCAA's power-index computer system and advisory committees from each region.
A one-game playoff, after expenses, would pay each team about \$1.5 million and the 105 Division I-A football-playing schools between \$90,000 and \$180,000, Dodds said.
The game would be played either in a domed stadium or at a location with a warm climate, and the site would be moved annually.
"I think it's good," Dodds said of the report. "I'm not convinced it'll pass, but if they do it, I think we'd have a pretty good start."

Suppose they held a wrestling touerney, and no one came?

It will be a somewhat subdued group of college wrestling coaches and college wrestlers that gathers in the Boise State University Pavilion Thursday for the 24th Annual Big Sky Conference Wrestling Championships.
For starters, there will be no 25th annual tournament — Montana and Montana State have folded their programs for reasons of cost and most observers agree that two of the four remaining programs, Weber State and Northern Arizona, are shaky. That leaves BSU and Eastern Washington, and the NCAA requires five schools for a conference wrestling touerney.
"This," understates Big Sky Commissioner Ron Stephenson, "is not a real good time to be a college wrestling coach. Nor a good time to be a high school wrestler living in Idaho who's interested in competing on the college level."
"Nor for the best high school wrestlers, there will also be schools who are interested," says BSU Coach Mike Young, whose teams have won the last two Big Sky championships and 10 of the "A" national conference titles.
"From the rest, sure, the opportunities are more limited than they used to be."
College wrestling, which thrives in the Midwest, is shrinking rapidly in the West. The latest rash of program cancellations has brought the total of four-year college wrestling programs in the 19 Western states



Steve Crump
for schools that are looking to cut costs, it's a logical place to start."
For most schools on the Big Sky level, there are few other places to look. Wrestling is not now a "core" sport in the Big Sky, required of member schools as a condition of their membership. Most other existing sports are, meaning that wrestling is often the first sport cut.
Second, wrestling isn't a money-maker. Even in its heyday in the Big Sky, it failed to draw more than a handful of people from the old Bronco Gym or to Reed Gymnasium in Pocatello.
And finally, wrestling is a male sport. Although TILLIX is a recently inebriance, no schools are willing to risk potential loss of federal funding by cutting a women's sport while retaining a men's sport.
What frustrates college wrestling coaches is that their sport is still very much alive on the high school level in Idaho. They point out that far more Idaho preps participate in wrestling than in tennis, which the Big Sky has retained.
"Wrestling is a sport that requires a good deal of dedication," says Stephenson. "Going to wrestling practice every day after school or lifting weights before school isn't an infant. Wrestlers don't get the attention that basketball players or football players get. They get the chance to prove they're the best. And those opportunities are shrink-

ing."
"The kid who gets involved in wrestling usually isn't the type of a kid who would switch to basketball because the opportunities are better," says Ricks College Coach Bob Christensen. "There will always be high school wrestlers, but there aren't going to be as many college wrestlers."
For the surviving programs such as Young's and Christensen's, there is also the growing problem of scheduling. Junior college Region 18 is down to five programs, and several of those are in trouble.
"Ours is the junior college level, basically. If you lose the coach, you lose the program," says Christensen. "A lot of guys in this area have been keeping the programs alive over the years with their own fund-raising and their own recruiting. Without them, their programs couldn't sustain themselves."
"Travel is a problem, but not as much of a problem for us as it is for Weber or NAU," says Young. "We already compete with the Oregon schools on a home-and-home basis and it would be pretty easy for us to pick up more matches on the coast. Actually our travel costs would be less if we stayed in the Big Sky."
BSU has already applied for associate membership in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference for next year.
"We're pretty much committed to wrestling," says BSU President John Kaiser.

"With the decreasing number of schools in our conference and our area that have wrestling programs, we think we can attract athletes from a wider area and provide them with some opportunities. They may want to leave, but I think that the fact that wrestling is disappearing elsewhere could make it that much stronger at Boise State."
"Let's think wrestling will be a Ricks for a foreseeable future," says Christensen. "There are a number of schools in Region 9 (Wyoming, Montana and Colorado and Nebraska) that offer wrestling programs, and as long as they do, filling a schedule isn't that much of a problem for us."
Young, who along with Christensen and the coaches at NAU, saw pretty much has a pick of Idaho wrestlers, says the picture is not quite as bleak as it seems for promising preppers.
" There have been wrestlers in Idaho in the past who have attracted the attention of the Iowa and the Iowa States and the Oklahoma States (current and former NCAA champions) and I'm sure there will be more in the future. If you live in Twin Falls, Idaho, and you're good enough to wrestle in the Big Eight, they'll find you."
Steve Crump is the sports editor of The Times-News

UNLV paces college poll as Irish, UCLA, Mizzou join ranks

By JIM O'CONNELL
The Associated Press



Nevada-Las Vegas, the only major-college basketball team with 30 victories, remained No. 1 Monday in The Associated Press poll, which saw three teams fall from last week's Top Twenty.

The Runnin' Rebels, 30-1 and regular-season champions of the Pacific Coast Athletic Association, received 50 first-place votes and 1,244 points from the nationwide panel of sportswriters and broadcasters.

This is the fifth consecutive week, and 11th overall, that Nevada-Las Vegas has had the top ranking.

Kansas, Florida and Providence fell from the ranks of the ranked, being replaced by UCLA, Missouri and Notre Dame, the lat-

est over first place in the Big Ten with vic-

tories last week over Illinois, Indiana and Ohio State.

Indiana, 23-4, which also lost to Illinois last week, dropped one spot to fourth with 946 points, one more than DePaul, 25-2, which lost its only game last week, 73-62 to Notre Dame.

Iowa, 25-1, jumped from seventh to sixth with 533 points, while Georgetown, 23-4, also improved one place from last week with 914 points. The Hoyas finished in a three-way tie with Pittsburgh and Syracuse for the regular-season title in the Big East and will receive the top seed in the tournament on a tie-breaker system.

Temple, the Atlantic 10 regular-season champion, fell from fifth to eighth. The Owls, 29-3, lost their final conference game to West Virginia and received 848 points. Alabama, 23-4, the regular-season cham-

plion in the Southeastern Conference, jumped one spot to ninth with 759 points, while Syracuse, 24-5, rounded out the Top Ten with 654 points.

Pittsburgh, 23-6, led the Second Ten with 582 points, followed by Illinois, Clemson, Duke, Texas Christian, New Orleans, Oklahoma, UCLA, Missouri and Notre Dame.

Last week's Second Ten was Syracuse, Oklahoma, Clemson, Illinois, Texas Christian, Kansas, Duke, Florida, New Orleans and Providence.

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, total points based on 20 19-18 17-16 15-14 13-12 11-10 9-8 7-6 5-4 3-2 1 record through March 1 and last week's ranking:

Rank	Team	Points	Record	Pls	Prs
1	Nev-Las Vegas	1561	30-1	134	1
2	North Carolina	1137	27-2	131	2
3	Purdue	1113	23-4	111	4
4	Illinois	946	23-4	111	3
5	Indiana	946	23-4	111	5
6	Iowa	914	25-1	111	6
7	Georgetown	914	23-4	111	7
8	Temple	848	29-3	111	8
9	Syracuse	759	24-5	111	9
10	Pittsburgh	582	23-6	111	10
11	Illinois	582	23-6	111	11
12	Clemson	582	23-6	111	12
13	Duke	582	23-6	111	13
14	Texas Christian	582	23-6	111	14
15	New Orleans	582	23-6	111	15
16	Oklahoma	582	23-6	111	16
17	UCLA	582	23-6	111	17
18	Missouri	582	23-6	111	18
19	Notre Dame	582	23-6	111	19
20	Syracuse	582	23-6	111	20

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21	Florida	582	23-6	111	21
22	Providence	582	23-6	111	22
23	Memphis	582	23-6	111	23
24	San Diego	582	23-6	111	24
25	Marshall	582	23-6	111	25
26	Georgia Tech	582	23-6	111	26
27	Tulsa	582	23-6	111	27
28	Arkansas	582	23-6	111	28
29	Kentucky	582	23-6	111	29
30	Pennsylvania	582	23-6	111	30

Briefly in Sports

Co-ed softball holds meeting

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Co-ed Softball League will hold an organizational meeting Thursday at the City Hall.

Scott takes top trap honors

KIMBERLY — Jeff Scott of Kimberly won the top honors at an ATA trap shoot Sunday at the Twin Falls Gun Club.

3 BYU players won't practice

PROVO, Utah (AP) — Three Brigham-Young football players charged in December with altering drug prescriptions for the painkiller Percodan were not allowed to suit up for spring practice, an official says.

Finley proposes USFL-CFL merger

TORONTO (AP) — Former Oakland Athletics owner Charles Finley is said to have joined forces with Chicago real estate developer Jerry Wexler, who is interested in buying the CFL's Hamilton Tiger-Cats, says he has spoken about a merger with several CFL executives.

Rizzuto, Gordon leading Hall list

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Phil Rizzuto and Joe Gordon, the slick double-play partners for the New York Yankees in the 1940s, are among the leading candidates for election to baseball's Hall of Fame this week by the Veterans Committee.

Center David Wood has been named the Big Sky Conference basketball player of the week.

Wood, a native of Vancouver, Wash., helped guide the Wolf Pack to a pair of wins at home last week over Boise State and Idaho. In the 74-69 victory over the second-seeded Broncos he scored 10 points along with five rebounds and one steal.

In defeating the Vandals 76-68, Wood scored 22 points and grabbed 20 rebounds, the second-best Big Sky rebounding performance of the season. He was 9-10 from the field, including a three-point goal and 3 of 3 from the free throw line.

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Toledo coach calls it quits after 22 seasons

TOLEDO, Ohio (AP) — Bob Nichols resigned Monday as head men's basketball coach at the University of Toledo, a position he held for 22 years.

Nichols, 55, who compiled a career record of 377-211 during his tenure, resigned on the heels of an 11-17 season which ended Saturday. He posted winning records in his first 20 seasons in charge of the Rockets, before falling to 12-17 a year ago.

His 377 career victories are the most by a Mid-American Conference coach. Nichols' record included five straight seasons of more than 20 victories (1976-1981) and three consecutive MAC titles. He also won MAC titles in 1966-67 and 1971-72.

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Serta Perfect Sleeper Super Premium		
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Business

Non-financial productivity holds line in '86

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time in six years, the nation's corporations — including banks and other financial institutions — failed to improve their productivity in 1986, the government said Monday.

While overall business productivity rose 0.7 percent for the year and manufacturing productivity increased 1.6 percent, non-financial corporations were unable to show any efficiency improvement, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

Non-financial corporations, which are responsible for 59 percent of the nation's gross national product, produced 1.6 percent more goods and other services in 1986 than 1985. But to accomplish that required a like 1.8 percent increase in the number of hours worked by their employees.

Increases in hourly compensation for those employees in 1986 averaged 2.4 percent, the smallest since the government began collecting in 1959 on the productivity of non-financial corporations. After adjusting for inflation, the real wage and benefit gains of their employees totaled only about 1 percent.

In another economic report Monday, the Commerce Department reported that construction spending rose 1 percent in January, the biggest increase in nine months, to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$78.5 billion.

Most of the increase was from large boosts in spending on highway services in 1986 than 1985. But to accomplish that required a like 1.8 percent increase in the number of hours worked by their employees.

figures released last month, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Monday that efficiency gains by manufacturers dropped at an annual rate of 0.1 percent in the fourth quarter of last year instead of rising at a 0.2 percent rate as previously reported.

The quarterly decline in manufacturing productivity was the first since the last three months of 1985 and compared with an average annual increase of 3.1 percent in the first nine months of 1986.

The revisions were not significant enough to reduce the 2.7 percent productivity gains among manufacturers for all of 1986. The 2.7 percent yearly increase recorded for the total business and non-financial business sectors, as reported earlier.

Nonetheless, Allen Sinal, chief economist for Shearson Lehman

Bros., a New York investment house, called the report "dismal and disappointing."

"Since the U.S. economy is now largely in services, one has to be concerned about higher labor costs that are appearing, that could be distinctly inflationary," Sinal said.

"What it suggests is that, if the economy does not turn up, American businesses are going to have to go through a seven year in a row of heavy cost-cutting."

All of the revisions are due to the economy performing more poorly in October, November and December than preliminary figures indicated.

Business output increased at 1.7 percent annually during the fourth quarter instead of the 2.1 percent gain reported earlier, but it required a 4.6 percent increase in hours worked to achieve the higher production.

Among manufacturers, the revised figures show an increase in output of 3.3 percent — compared with 3.8 percent in the preliminary figures.

Wall Street investment house, and formerly chief economist for the White House Office of Management and Budget, said a "snapback" in manufacturing productivity is occurring right now.

"Productivity last quarter fell for all the right reasons, mostly because the total hours worked went up quite a bit," Kudlow said. "Manufacturers started re-employing workers in the fourth quarter, but the increases in output haven't shown up yet. That's probably going to register this quarter."

According to Kudlow, that devalued dollar has given American businesses the ability to greatly expand their output and competitiveness in the world market.

"The big surprise of 1987 will be how our exports improve," he predicted. "By adding large, our labor costs and hourly compensation very low now and competitive on a worldwide basis."

Albertson's says earnings up

BOISE (AP) — Albertson's Inc. said a tight rein on expenses and conversion to a one-price system in many of its markets helped the food and drug chain earn \$100.2 million during the year that ended Jan. 29.

That is an increase of 18 percent over the year before.

Warren McCain, chairman and chief executive officer, said sales for the 52-week period rose 6 percent to \$5.4 billion. Earnings per share jumped to 43, up 45 cents a share from a year earlier.

Sales for the 13 weeks that ended Jan. 29 were \$1.4 billion, up 7 percent from the same period the year before. Earnings for Albertson's fourth quarter were \$30.8 million, or 39 cents per share, an increase of 12 percent from the fourth quarter of 1985.

Also on Monday, Albertson's board of directors announced a 14-percent increase in the company's regular quarterly dividends.

The jump from 21 cents to 24 cents raises the annual dividend rate to 96

cents and marks the 16th consecutive annual dividend increase declared by Albertson's.

McCain said the latest quarterly dividend will be payable on May 25 to stockholders of record on May 8.

Albertson's board also announced adoption of a stockholders rights plan to help thwart most unfriendly corporate takeover bids.

Company officials said the plan was not in response to any known effort to take control of the nation's eighth-largest food and drug chain.

Under the plan, stockholders will receive a dividend distribution of one voting right for each share of common stock held on March 23. The rights will expire on March 23, 1997.

The rights would only become exercisable 10 days after someone acquires 20 percent or more of Albertson's common stock or announces a tender offer for 30 percent or more of the company's common stock.

Albertson's may redeem the rights at 5 cents each any time prior to 10 days after someone acquires 20 per-

cent or more of the company's common stock, or in certain other circumstances.

Full details of the plan are outlined in letters being mailed to Albertson's stockholders, who will hold their annual meeting Friday in Garden City.

McCain said Albertson's opened 21 new stores and closed 13 older stores during the year, bringing its total number of stores to 452. The company also remodelled 17 stores during the year.

The chain planned to open 33 to 35 new stores during the coming year, more than half of them in California. Construction also will begin on a full-line distribution center in Portland, Ore., to serve some 100 stores in Oregon and Washington, McCain said.

Albertson's remodeling effort also will be stepped up to include 20 to 25 stores in 1987, he said, adding that the company's total capital expenditures in the coming year would be more than \$200 million.

Wall Street posts minor losses

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market posted some small losses Monday at the close of a quiet, erratic session.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up more than 11 points in the early going and down 9 at mid-market, finished with a 3.35-point drop at 2,220.47.

Volume on the New York Stock Exchange came to 156.63 million shares, against 142.80 million last Friday.

American Express climbed 2 3/4 to 76 1/2 in active trading. The company confirmed reports that it was considering several options for its Shearson Lehman Brothers subsidiary, including the possibility of selling part ownership of it to the public.

Elsewhere among the blue chips, General Electric rose 1 1/2 to 100 3/4. International Business Machines dropped 1 to 138 3/4; Eastman Kodak fell 1 1/2 to 75 3/4; and American Telephone & Telegraph was unchanged at 22 1/2.

Viacom International jumped 2 1/2 to 50 1/4.

company said two bidders to acquire it had sweetened their offers.

Energy issues were mostly lower as the price of oil continued to sag. Amoco lost 1/4 to 70 3/4. Atlantic Richfield fell 1/2 to 65 1/2; Chevron 3/4 to 49 3/4; and Occidental Petroleum 3/4 to 31. An exception was Exxon, which edged up 1/4 to 78 3/4.

Fluor Corp. jumped 1 1/2 to 14, recording one of the day's biggest percentage declines. The company suspended its dividend, saying it would use some of the money conserved to expand its North American gold operations.

Stone Container gained 1 1/4 to 84 3/4. The company declared a 2-for-1 stock split and raised its cash dividend from 15 to 20 cents for each pre-split share.

Declining issues slightly outnumbered advances in the overall tally on the NYSE, with 765 up, 805 down and 384 unchanged. The exchange's composite index of all its listed common stocks dropped .43 to 151.58.

Severe economic stress shows up in surge of bank failures

Why are more banks failing now than in any other year in our history?

In the first month of 1987, about 17 banks across the country failed. Substantial increases are anticipated in this year's total over last year's record-breaking figure of 138 bank failures.

And that's not all. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. (FDIC) reports that 1,486 banks are on its problem list. The general filing of liquidation petitions of the banks on this list is expected to fall.

Deposits in federally insured banks are insured up to \$100,000 per depositor. The FDIC insures 14,822 banks with deposits of over \$2 trillion. Unlike the dwindling funds of the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp. (FSLIC), which has been seeking reauthorization in Congress, the FDIC's reserves of \$18 billion are considered sufficient to cover the increasing number of bank failures.

But the expected increase in failing banks in 1987 may cause the first loss the FDIC has ever experienced. Simply put, its total cost



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may exceed its income for this year.

Q. Why is this happening now?

A. Hard economic times, poorly managed banks that have lost their way and are most often cited as the major culprits.

The overriding reason, the severe economic stress experienced in certain sectors of the country. Agriculture, energy and commercial real estate suffered the greatest losses.

"Banks that have failed are almost exclusively in the Mississippi, Mississippi-Delta and Ohio valleys," says Sylvia Porter, a spokeswoman for the FDIC.

Due to declines in oil prices since the OPEC cartel was weakened, loans based on oil were hard hit. For 1985, the price of crude oil was down about 20 percent and, in 1986,

dropped by more than 50 percent, notes Richard W. Nelson, an economist at the State University of New York at Binghamton.

Depression in the farm belt has affected banks in that area. Drop in agricultural prices have taken their toll. Corn, for example, dropped about 20 percent in 1985 and 40 percent in 1986; wheat was down 10 percent in 1985 and 20 percent in 1986. When farmers went into debt, so did the banks that lent to them. Severe losses occurred when land prices plummeted, as well.

Major shifts in interest rates and big swings in interest rates have made the last few years hard for all involved.

Q. Could bank managers have done something?

A. While economic conditions are clearly the main reason, they are not the only factors that contributed to bank failures. Managers seeking higher yields invested in more speculative and riskier vehicles. Some bet, and they did not.

"This period has presented the most

severe test for managers," remarks Nelson. "The good managers were careful in granting credit, diversifying portfolios and applying higher credit standards. Poor managers, on the other hand, were doing what they've always done before, and as a result, they've been clattered."

"Failures have not come from banks doing innovative things; instead, they operated in traditional ways in severe times," concludes Nelson.

Q. What about fraud?

A. The most recent study conducted by a subcommittee of the House Government Operations Committee for the period January 1980 to June 1983 revealed that 61 percent of the banks that failed were involved in actual or probable criminal misconduct by officers, directors and insiders (such as shareholders, attorneys, etc.). In addition, criminal conduct was a major factor in 45 percent of the failed banks.

As of February 1986, the FBI was involved in investigating allegations of criminality in 206 failed banks and thrifts. For 1985, the

FBI completed approximately 7,000 bank fraud and embezzlement investigations involving losses of about \$841 million, reports Steve Learned of the criminal division of the U.S. Department of Justice. In 1986, another 7,000 investigations were completed; and this figure jumped to over 81,000.

"You often don't know if a crime's been committed. It could border on negligence or mismanagement. Unlike murders, with failed financial institutions; there are no dead bodies," Learned adds.

Of the 138 banks that failed last year, about 90 percent were taken over by healthy banks and the rest were liquidated. As the number of failing banks skyrockets, steps must be taken to address the problem. Capital requirements must be boosted, our insurance system strengthened, and crooked, incompetent parties held accountable. But for many financial institutions, these long-neglected actions will come too late.

Sylvia Porter writes on matters of interest to consumers.

Closing prices

NEW YORK (AP) — Monday 4 p.m. National prices for New York Stock Exchange	PE	Ratio	High	Low	Close	Change
AAA	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
AA	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
A	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
B	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
C	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
D	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
E	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
F	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
G	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
H	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
I	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
J	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
K	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
L	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
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N	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
O	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
P	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
Q	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
R	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
S	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
T	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
U	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
V	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
W	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
X	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
Y	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4
Z	7.11	11.04	70 3/4	68 1/4	69 1/2	+ 1/4

Markets

Commodity futures

Table with columns: Month, Commodity, Prev, Close, High, Low, Close P.M. Includes items like May Malnes, Apr. live cattle, Jun. live cattle, etc.

Livestock

POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho range and feedlot report. Slaughter steers 1,050-1,250 lbs. 63.50-64.00...

Livestock futures

Table with columns: CHICAGO (AP) - Futures trading on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Monday. Open, High, Low, Settle, Chg.

Grain futures

Table with columns: CHICAGO (AP) - Most grain and soybean futures prices dipped stronger Monday on the Chicago Board of Trade.

Table with columns: FRI'S OPEN IN 1,535, 1,014, 518. DAI 1,527 1,530 1,531 1,534 -02 1/2

Local interest stock quotations

Table with columns: Closing prices from the New York Stock Exchange and the NASDAQ. Includes Albertson, Sara Lee, Community Psych, etc.

Today's stocks

Table with columns: SPokane, Wash. (AP) - Selected closing quotations on the Spokane Stock Exchange Monday.

Metal prices

Table with columns: ALUMINUM - Spot nonferrous metal prices Monday. Aluminum - 50 lb cents per pound, NY COMEX...

Chicago grain

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) - Truck and rail bids for grain delivered to Chicago. Quotations from the ICGA...

Produce

DENVER (AP) - Egg market steady and unchanged. Demand fairly good. Offspring fully set...

Valley grains

Soft white wheat 2.30, barley 2.75, mixed grain 1.75 and oats 1.20, and corn 3.50.

Valley beans

Great northern: Mostly \$18.00 - \$19.00. Pinus: \$14.00 - \$14.50. Small reds: \$14.50 - \$15.50.

Sugar futures

Table with columns: NEW YORK (AP) - Sugar futures trading on the New York-Coffee-Sugar-and-Cocoa Exchange Monday.

D-J averages

Table with columns: NEW YORK (AP) - Final Dow-Jones averages for Monday, Mar. 2.

Denver beans

DENVER (AP) - Bean market Monday. Grower bids on Pinus steady to weak. Great Northern...

Commodities

Table with columns: CASH POTATOES - 20,000 lbs. dollars per 50 lbs. May 5.05 5.05 4.90 4.92 +02

Apple unveils brace of new computers

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Apple Computer Inc. on Monday unveiled a new generation of computers it hopes will take a bigger bite out of the corporate market dominated by International Business Machines Corp.

Gold futures

Table with columns: GOLD - Open high low settle - Chg. May 408.40 407.40 404.20 407.60 -1.80

Most actives

Table with columns: NEW YORK (AP) - Sales 4 p.m. price and net change of the 15 most active New York Stock Exchange issues ending Monday, March 2.

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Advertisement for The Times News with the headline "New, low per line rates for all!" and "375 per line for 7 days."

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054—Units, Apts. & Duplexes
Apartments For Rent
Studio and 1 bedroom...

060—Warehouses / Storage Rentals
For rent or lease, 1350 sq ft
or warehouse-separate...

072—Antiques
1690s antique, pine good with
insets, 2 chairs, 2...

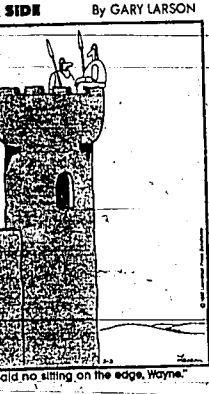
079—Appliances
15 cu ft chest freezer, \$250
with 4 door, 24 in...

080—Heating and Air Conditioning
RED CEDAR, fencing, post,
siding, interior wall cover...

097—Hay, Grain & Feed
250 ton excellent quality 1st
cutting alfalfa, Phone 427-2222...

102—Cattle
TWIN FALLS LIVESTOCK
COMMISSION COOK
RETAIL SALE...

114—Farm Implements
Fernald 350 diesel, 2 bottom
roll-over, 6 inch hitch...



068—Wanted To Rent
Antique oak finish piano
small upright, 1930s, 725-1992...

068—Mobile Home Spec.
Nice quiet park near college
and shopping center, no...

074—Musical Instruments
Antique oak finish piano
small upright, 1930s, 725-1992...

082—Building Materials
RED CEDAR, fencing, post,
siding, interior wall cover...

083—Garage Sales
Alfalfa, 40 & 45/ton
Approx. 100 ton lot, 160 ton...

084—Tools
Mechanics tools w/ 30 boxes
delivered, 2000 tools...

103—Cattle
2 year old, Angus beef,
100 lb, 1200 lbs, 1000 lbs...

114—Farm Implements
Fernald 350 diesel, 2 bottom
roll-over, 6 inch hitch...

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